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EXPERTISE

Alternative Dispute Resolution | Commercial Law | Criminal Law | Equity & Trusts Law | Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions | Property Law | Wills & Estates Law

PROFILE

Eleanor signed the bar roll in October 2012, reading with Stephen Russell. Prior to coming to the bar Eleanor served her articles under Tony Hargreaves at Kenna Croxford & Co in 1999. She remained at the firm, which became Kenna Teasdale Lawyers in 2004, for 13 years with a broad practice heading up the Wills and Probate department whilst maintaining her practice in Criminal Law.

Eleanor has vast experience in Testator's Family Maintenance claims together with broader Probate cases including proof of informal Wills and other such complex Probate applications. Eleanor regularly undertakes the role of mediator, having completed her accreditation as a Mediator in December 2010, becoming nationally accredited in 2011. She was described by the assessors "a natural mediator". Eleanor is also a member of the Single List of External Mediators ("SLEM") with the Magistrate's Court of Victoria.

Eleanor has also had extensive experience in criminal practice. She has been involved in criminal defence work on behalf of The Police Association in defence of members charged with serious criminal offences, officers giving evidence at coronial inquests and also appearing at the Office of Police Integrity as well as private client defence work. She also has experience as a prosecutor undertaking prosecutions on behalf of

the Department of Human Services under the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981. Eleanor also appears in the Coroner's Court where she is able to make use of Science degree in understanding medical and scientific evidence. Eleanor regularly appears as defence counsel in Occupational Health and Safety matters.

Eleanor has a Bachelor of Science (Pharmacology) and Bachelor of Laws with Honours. Whilst at Monash University Eleanor was awarded both the Butterworths Prize and the Baldwins Prize for Wills and Probate and was on the winning team of the Governor General's Moot (1997).

Eleanor is on the Victoria Legal Aid Preferred Trial Counsel List and has obtained her Indictable Crime Certificate.

Eleanor was named Recommended Junior Counsel on the Doyle's Guide to Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Barristers – Melbourne, 2015

<https://doylesguide.com/leading-wills-estates-litigation-barristers-melbourne-2015/>

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Eleanor was named Leading Junior Counsel on the Doyle's Guide to Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Barristers – Melbourne, 2017 <https://doylesguide.com/leading-estates-litigation-barristers-victoria-2017/>... and Recommended for all of Australia <https://doylesguide.com/leading-wills-estates-litigation-barristers-australia-2017/>


Eleanor was named as Preeminent Junior Counsel on the Doyle's Guide to Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Barristers – Melbourne, 2018 <https://doylesguide.com/leading-wills-estates-litigation-barristers-victoria-2018/>

Eleanor was again named Leading Junior Counsel on the 2019 Doyle's Guide to Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Barristers – Melbourne <https://doylesguide.com/leading-estates-litigation-barristers-victoria-2019/>

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