

# AMANDA STOKER\*

YEAR OF CALL: 2011

Amanda is experienced in all areas of commercial law, including general contractual disputes, trade practices issues, corporations law, equity and trusts, property and insurance.

She has a particular interest in administrative law and statutory interpretation. She has advised and acted in proceedings of this kind for and against Commonwealth and State agencies, particularly in the Federal Court, Federal Circuit Court and Supreme Court of Queensland.

Amanda was admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales in 2006. She practiced at MinterEllison in Sydney, and worked with the Commonwealth in Brisbane prior to commencing at the bar in 2011. She is a former associate of then Justice IDF Callinan AC QC of the High Court of Australia, and of Justice PD McMurdo on the Supreme Court of Queensland, when his Honour was on the commercial list.

She is a sessional academic at Central Queensland University, and has lectured in contract, evidence and statutory interpretation.

\*(Non-practising. Currently serving as a Senator for Queensland in the Federal Parliament.)

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation.

## CASES

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***SEQ Homemaker 1 Pty Ltd v SPAR Corporate Pty Ltd***[2017] QDC 46

March 2017, Contract, Land Law & Property

***Telstra Corporation Ltd v State of Queensland***[2016] FCA 1213

October 2016, Land Law & Property

***Nugent v Stewart***[2016] QCA 223

September 2016, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

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TWENTY  
SEVEN

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***Harding v Quirk*[2016] QSC 072**

March 2016, Commercial Equity, Judicial Review & Administrative

***2040 Logan Road Pty Ltd v Body Corporate for Paddington Mews*[2016] QSC 40**

March 2016, Land Law & Property

***Nugent v Stewart*[2015] QSC 338**

December 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative

***ACCC v Davies (No 2)*[2015] FCA 1290**

November 2015, Appellate, Competition & Consumer

***ACCC v Davies (No 1)*[2015] FCA 1017**

September 2015, Appellate, Competition & Consumer

***Burke v State of Queensland*[2015] HCATrans 86**

April 2015, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

## EXPERIENCE

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- › Junior counsel for the State of Queensland in the Queensland Health Payroll System Commission of Inquiry. A report of the inquiry can be found here;
- › Defended the State of Queensland as junior counsel in Federal Court proceedings in which a major telecommunications carrier claimed discrimination in the way in which it was charged rent for its Crown leases;
- › Defended a major insurer in litigating alleging unconscionable conduct in its dealings with contracted suppliers;
- › Experienced in litigation arising from property and leasing, construction contracts, insurance and corporate insolvency;
- › Briefed by the ACCC to appear in its enforcement role;
- › Briefed to advise and appear in civil litigation for multiple Commonwealth and Queensland Government agencies;
- › Experienced in judicial review proceedings, particularly in the Federal Courts. Regularly briefed by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection in judicial review proceedings;
- › Briefed by Queensland Government agencies in statutory interpretation and judicial review matters;
- › Briefed by the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines in relation to enforcement of environmental laws and judicial review matters;
- › Briefed to advise and appear in relation to several prosecutions of a commercial/corporate nature, including

Corporations Act offences investigated by ASIC, Commonwealth and Queensland Criminal Code frauds and Commonwealth offences relating to taxation avoidance schemes investigated by the ATO;

› Appearances in the High Court and Queensland Court of Appeal on statutory interpretation questions;

› Briefed by a range of commercial clients in litigation and for advice work dealing with statutory and contractual interpretation, commercial disputes (including ACCL issues), administrative law, and the discharge of director's duties.

## APPOINTMENTS

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**2018** Senator for Queensland, Commonwealth Parliament

**2016-2018** Vice-President, Women Lawyers Association of Queensland

**2014-2018** Director of the Australian Institute for Progress, a public policy think-tank

**2012-present** Trustee of the Enid Dowling Foundation, which provides bursaries for the education and development of young people with leadership potential

## MEMBER

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Bar Association of Queensland

Women Lawyers Association of Queensland

Selden Society (legal history)

Samuel Griffith Society (Constitutional law and Federalism)

## CAREER

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**2014 to present** Sessional Academic, Central Queensland University

**2011 to present** Barrister

**2009-2011** Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

**2008** Associate to Justice PD McMurdo, Supreme Court of Queensland, Commercial List

**2006-2007** Associate to the Hon Justice IDF Callinan AC QC, High Court of Australia

**2004-2006** Minter Ellison, Sydney

## **EDUCATION**

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Sydney University, Bachelor of Laws (Hons 1)(2006), Bachelor of Arts (2004)

Griffith University, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (2006)

## **AWARDS**

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Undergraduate academic scholarship from Sydney University for the study of law and arts

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