Rebekah Rodger

*Maurice Byers Chambers T: 8233 0300*

*Level 60 MLC Centre, 19-29 Martin Place F: 8233 0333*

*Sydney NSW 2000 M: 0403 300 664*

*DX: 1070 Sydney* r.rodger@mauricebyers.com

Qualifications

*Aug 2014* Called to the Bar

*July 2005*Accredited as criminal law specialist by the Law Society of NSW

*Jun 1997* Admitted as solicitor to the Supreme Court of NSW

*Jun 1996* Graduated Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law (Hons)

 Macquarie University

Experience

***Barrister - Maurice Byers Chambers***

**Areas of Expertise:**

* Court of Criminal Appeal
* Federal Court
* Supreme Court
* District Court
* Coroner’s Court
* Police Integrity Commission
* NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal
* Junior Counsel Assisting Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory
* Bail expert called in the Inquest into the deaths arising from the Lindt Cafe siege

Professional Background

***Legal Aid NSW***

*Solicitor in Charge, Snr Solicitor*

Criminal Law Practice – Appear for accused in Supreme, District and Local Courts on defended hearings; sentence matters, bail applications, interlocutory applications, sentence and conviction appeals. Instruct on appeals to the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeal. Advise Department of Justice, Attorney General and the New South Wales Law Reform Commission criminal law issues.

***Department of Justice and A-G / Criminal Law Review Division***

*Policy Manager, Policy Officer*

Criminal Law Policy - Advise Attorney General regarding current law and options for reform and develop criminal law policy. Respond to Cabinet Minutes, draft second reading speeches and attend Parliament to instruct the Attorney General regarding new legislation. Consult Parliamentary Counsel on drafting legislation. Chair of Apprehended Violence Legal Issues Co-ordinating Committee (AVLICC) and the Youth Conduct Orders Advisory Committee (YCOAC). Draft Sexual Offences Working Party Report.

***Joan Baptie Solicitors***

*Solicitor*

Criminal and Civil Practice - Instruct and appear as advocate in the Supreme, District and Local courts.

***Office of the DPP (NSW)***

*Associate to the Director, Legal Officer*

Criminal Law Practice - Prepare briefs and instruct on prosecution of matters in

the District Court and appeal proceedings in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Committees Chaired

***Apprehended Violence Legal Issues*** *Apr 2009 – Aug 2010*

***Coordinating Committee***

***Youth Conduct Orders Advisory Committee*** *Apr 2009 – Aug 2010*

Papers

*Mar 2016 Recent Bail Decisions in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and Court of Criminal Appeal*

(Reasonable Cause CLE Conference)

*Oct 2015 2015 Bail Decisions in the Court of Appeal, Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court* (updated)

 (NSW Young Lawyers Advocacy Continuing Professional Development Seminar)

*July 2015 2015 Bail Decisions in the Court of Appeal, Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court*

(Legal Aid NSW Criminal Law Conference and Aboriginal Legal Service Criminal Law Conference)

*May 2015 2015 Bail Decisions in the Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court* (Legal Aid NSW Lismore Criminal Law Conference)

*Dec 2014 Bail Act 2014 Amendment* (Legal Aid NSW statewide presentation)

*July 2014 Bail Act 2013 Decisions in the Supreme Court of NSW* (Legal Aid NSW Criminal Law Conference)

*Mar 2014 The New Bail Act 2013* (Legal Aid NSW statewide presentation)

*Aug 2013 Criminal Appeals – Submission on behalf of Legal Aid NSW to the NSW Law Reform Commission* (assisted in preparing)

*July 2013 Appealing from the Local Court and the Children's Court to the District Court* (revised paper for Legal Aid NSW in-house CLE program)

*July 2011 Bail – Submission on behalf of Legal Aid NSW to the NSW Law Reform Commission* (assisted in preparing)

*July 2010 Sexual Offences Working Party Discussion Paper* (DJAG presentation)

*Nov 2008**Appealing from the Local Court and the Children’s Court to the District Court* (Legal Aid NSW in-house CLE program)

*Aug 2006 Recent Supreme Court Cases Relevant to Local Court Practice* (Legal Aid

 NSW Criminal Law Conference)

*May 2006**District Court Appeals* (Legal Aid NSW in-house CLE program)

*Sept 2005**Bail – Recent Decisions* (Legal Aid NSW Criminal Law Conference)

*April 2005* *Character* (Legal Aid NSW in- house CLE program)

*May 2003**New Specialist Child Sexual Assault Jurisdiction for New South Wales*

 (Australian Institute of Criminology Major National Conference *Child Sexual Abuse: Justice Response or Alternative Resolution,* Adelaide)

Referees

Justice Reginald Blanch Sophia Beckett

Former CJ District Court NSW Barrister, Forbes Chambers

(02) 9287 7456 (02) 9390 7777

rblanch@courts.nsw.gov.au Sophia.beckett@forbeschambers.com.au

Judge Antony Townsden Sophie Callan

District Court NSW Barrister, 12th Floor Chambers

(02) 9895 4322 (02) 9232 6785

Antony\_townsden@agd.nsw.gov.au scallan@12thfloor.com.au

Cases of Note

*R v Kugor [2015] NSWCCA 14*

*EF v R [2015] NSWCCA 36*

*DPP (NSW) v Boatswain [2015] NSWCCA 185*

*R v Boatswain [2015] NSWSC 878*

*Singh v R [2015] NSWCCA*

*R v BG [2015] NSWSC 2098*

*Trinh v R [2016] NSWCCA 110*

*Usher v R [2016] NSWCCA 276*

*Walker v R [2016] NSWCCA 224*

*Batty v R [2016] NSWCCA 121*