

# BELINDA EPSTEIN

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## BARRISTER

### INTRODUCTION

I was called to the Bar in 2017. My core expertise is in civil litigation, with a particular interest in common law matters, acting on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants.

I have had significant legal experience in medical negligence and have represented clients in health-related matters such as superannuation and total and permanent disability claims, as well as coronial inquests and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

I have also practiced as in-house counsel at a NSW State-owned corporation, worked as a solicitor in national practices and lectured and tutored at the University of Newcastle in Civil Procedure and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

I am available to advise and appear in matters in Newcastle, Sydney and regional New South Wales.

### CHAMBERS

Newcastle      Hunter Street Chambers, Newcastle

Sydney          Maurice Byers Chambers, Sydney

### QUALIFICATIONS

2017              Called to the New South Wales Bar

2000              Admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales

1999              Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales

1996              Bachelor of Arts, University of Newcastle

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2013-2017      *Catherine Henry Lawyers*  
Senior Associate, Health Law, Medical Negligence

2006 – 2012    *Transport for New South Wales*  
In-house counsel, general and litigation; part time Lecturer and Tutor at the University of Newcastle in Civil Procedure and Alternative Dispute Resolution

2000 – 2005    *Dibbs Barker Gosling and Minter Ellison*  
Solicitor, Commercial and Insurance Litigation

1999-2000      *NSW Crown Solicitor's Office*  
Paralegal, Tort Law team

## PRACTICE AREAS

- ◇ Commissions of inquiry
- ◇ Disciplinary proceedings
- ◇ Family Law/parenting
- ◇ Inquests
- ◇ Intentional torts
- ◇ Judicial review/administrative law
- ◇ Medical negligence
- ◇ Mental Health Review Tribunal
- ◇ Personal injury including MVA, dust diseases, workers compensation/work injury damages
- ◇ Professional and other negligence
- ◇ Regulatory

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

I participate in regular meetings of the University of Newcastle's Clinical Unit in Ethics and Health Law and am a legal member of the University of Newcastle's Human Research Ethics Committee.

I have presented at national conferences and am on the editorial board of, and have been published on several occasions in, the Lexis Nexis Civil Liability Bulletin.

I am actively involved with the University of Newcastle law school, judging mooted competitions and presenting seminars from time to time.

## CONTACT

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