
Adria Marissa Poljak
3 WENTWORTH CHAMBERS

Admissions

Admission as a barrister: 2012

Admission as a solicitor: 2009

Qualifications

Bachelor Medical Science (B.MedSc) majoring in Molecular Biology (genetics), University of Technology Sydney.

Master of Law and Legal Practice (MLLP), University of Technology Sydney

Specialist subjects completed for Masters: Negotiation; Law and Medicine; Patent Law (Biotechnology); Global Aspects of Intellectual Property; Intellectual Property: Law and Policy (Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology); International Trade Law (Pharmaceutical).

Biography

Adria was called to the Bar in 2012 at Three Wentworth Chambers. Her practice consisted mainly of appellate, commercial, insurance and administrative law/judicial review.

Before coming to the Bar, Adria worked as a hospital scientist in multi-disciplinary pathology laboratories and later as an ethics officer for medical research at Royal North Shore Hospital (Human research ethics committee (HREC)).

From May 2016 to October 2024, Adria was appointed as a full time Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) in the General & Other Division (General, Security, Small Business and Tax, Taxation and Commercial), and Migration Division. In the period during her appointment, Adria was concerned with a wide range of review proceedings in the field of public law covering a vast array of jurisdictions, predominantly in tax and commercial, regulatory, civil aviation, workers compensation, customs, social security, national security, health and therapeutic goods, and migration (s501 visa cancellations). Adria was the national practice leader at the AAT for all Regulatory matters since May 2021 to October 2024.

Between May 2016 and October 2024, Adria was appointed as a nominated member to issue warrants and was also an approved examiner under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2022* (Cth).

Adria was an accredited mediator from October 2023 to October 2024.

Adria returned to the Bar in October 2024 at 12 Wentworth Selbourne Chambers.

On 1 December 2025, Adria rejoined Three Wentworth Chambers.

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Areas of Practice

Administrative and public law, appellate, regulatory, tax (research and development tax offset), commercial, civil aviation, therapeutic goods/health law, intellectual property, customs, insurance, human rights, worker's compensation, social security and national security.

Previous Experience

Before coming to the Bar, Adria worked as a hospital scientist in multi-disciplinary pathology laboratories and later as an ethics officer for medical research (Human research ethics committee (**HREC**)). Once admitted to legal practice, she sat as a legal member of a HREC for a couple of years. The HREC is charged with reviewing the ethics of medical research and approving its conduct in a relevant health district.

SELECTED MATTERS:

Recent Matters:

Rangiua and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (Migration) [2024] AATA 3550 (Raper J)

Reid v AAI Limited t/as GIO [2025] NSWSC 1308 (Free JA)

Selection of Significant Decisions at AAT:

Wiseway Logistics Pty Ltd and Secretary, Department of Home Affairs [2024] AATA 2250

Fragmentary Pty Ltd and Screen Australia (Taxation) [2024] AATA 3316

Active Sports Management Pty Ltd and Industry Innovation and Science Australia [2023] AATA 4078

Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd and Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, Re [2022] AATA 992

Electracom Pty Ltd and Comptroller-General of Customs [2022] AATA 2539

Pioneer International Pty Ltd and Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Regulator, Re [2022] AATA 1587

Coal of Queensland Pty Ltd and Innovation and Science Australia (Taxation), Re (2020) 168 ALD 561; [2020] AATA 126

Humane Society International (Australia) Inc V Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority [2019] AATA 617

TFS Manufacturing Pty Ltd and Minister for Health [2018] AATA 4456

People with Disability Australia Incorporated and Australian Human Rights Commission [2018] AATA 1863

Rix's Creek Pty Ltd; Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd and Innovation Australia, Re [2017] AATA 645

NSW Court of Appeal

Roads and Maritime Services v Porret [2014] NSWCA

Pham v NRMA Insurance Ltd [2014] NSWCA 22

La La Land Byron Bay Pty Ltd v Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority [2015] NSWCA 254

Botany Bay City Council v Minister for Local Government [2016] NSWCA 74

Botany Bay City Council v Minister for Local Government (No.2) [2016] NSWCA 127

NSW Supreme Court

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Allianz Insurance Ltd v Larriera (2016) 76 MVR 249
Averkiou v CIC Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd (2016) 74 MVR 540
Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd v Zein (2016) 74 MVR 438
AAI Ltd (t/as GIO) v McGiffen (2016) 77 MVR 348
Insurance Australia Ltd (t/as NRMA Insurance) v Asaner (No. 3) [2016] NSWSC 1201
Insurance Australia Ltd (t/as NRMA Insurance) v Asaner (No. 2) (2016) 77 MVR 233
Insurance Australia Ltd (t/as NRMA Insurance) v Asaner [2016] NSWSC 614
Judd v Insurance Australia Ltd (2016) 76 MVR 228
QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd v Davies (2016) 75 MVR 381
Allianz Aust Insurance Ltd v Habib & Ors [2015] NSWSC 1719
Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd v Habib (No 2) [2015] NSWSC 1870
NRMA Insurance Ltd v Buckley (2016) 75 MVR 303
Botany Bay City Council v Minister for Local Government (No.2) [2016] NSWLEC 73
Mackenzie v Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd (No 2) [2015] NSWSC 1320
Pham v NRMA Insurance Limited [2015] NSWSC 1205
Mauger v Wingecarribee Shire Council [2015] NSWSC 1022
Mauger v Wingecarribee Shire Council (No 2) [2015] NSWSC 1191
AAI Limited v Fitzpatrick [2015] NSWSC 1108
AAI Limited v Fitzpatrick (No 2) [2015] NSWSC 1272
Bradley v Insurance Australia Ltd t/as NRMA Insurance (2015) 71 MVR 496
Peachey v Allianz Australia Insurance Limited (2015) 71 MVR 477
Insurance Australia Limited t/a NRMA Limited v Michael (Woclaw) Kresan [2015] NSWSC 422
Dunbar v Allianz Australia Insurance Limited [2015] NSWSC 119
Allianz Australia Insurance Limited CAN 000 122 850 v Moo Ok Park [2015] NSWSC 122
Farr v Insurance Australia Limited t/as NRMA Insurance Ltd (2014) 68 MVR 445
De Gelder v Rodger (No 2) [2014] NSWSC 1355
Insurance Australia Limited T/as NRMA Insurance v Parisi [2014] NSWSC 1248
La La Land Byron Bay Pty Ltd v Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority [2014] NSWSC 1798
Kahwach v Perri, Perri v Kahwach [2014] NSWSC 198
Galea v Stromer [2013] NSWSC 1720
Pham v NRMA Insurance Ltd (2013) 63 MVR 326; [2013] NSWSC 468
Bis Industries Ltd v Toll Holdings Ltd and Anor (2012) 228 IR 284; [2012] NSWSC 1427
AAMI Ltd v Ali (2012) 62 MVR 12; [2012] NSWSC 969
Nelkovska v Motor Accidents Authority of New South Wales [2012] NSWSC 819

Pharmacy Tribunal of New South Wales

HCCC v Dhall [2012] NSWPHT 2

NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)

Hijazi v Commissioner of Police [2014] NSWCATAD 148

NSW Land and Housing Corporation v Lesniewski [2015] NSWCATAP 185

Memberships and Activities

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- Member Drummoyne Occasional Childcare Centre Committee, 2023-2024; President 2024-current.
- Member Information and Technology Governance Committee, AAT, 2019-2020.
- Board member, Third Floor Wentworth Chambers, 2014-2015
- Legal Member, Sydney Adventist Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) appointed May 2011 to May 2014.
- Member Equal Opportunity Committee NSW Bar Association appointed 1 July 2013 to 1 July 2015.
- Member Health, Sport and Recreation Committee NSW Bar Association appointed 1 July 2013 to 1 July 2014.

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