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Curriculum Vitae



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Biography

Before joining Richmond Chambers as a junior, Nikki worked as a criminal defence solicitor in Scotland. That provided valuable Court-room experience, working with top advocates in the Scottish legal profession and on a wide range of proceedings (including murder-trials, sexual offence cases, and misuse of drug offences).

Nikki has since re-qualified in New Zealand and brings that trial focus to her commercial/civil practice. Nikki works with the senior barristers at Chambers in a variety of different specialties. She has a particular interest in regulatory and judicial review proceedings.

Nikki also has an excellent academic record, having obtained a Masters in Law from Trinity College, Dublin. Nikki is dual qualified in Scotland and New Zealand.

Recent Experience

Wanaka Stakeholders Group Inc v Queenstown Lakes District Council [2021] NZHC 852

Assisted senior counsel for the plaintiffs in a judicial review proceeding regarding a proposed jet-capable airport at Wanaka.

NZME Limited v Nine Entertainment Co. Holdings Limited [2020] NZHC 1565, 1567

Assisted senior counsel in relation to submissions made by Stuff NZ (interested third party) with regards to access to, and publication of, commercially sensitive court documents.

Lindsay v Civil Aviation Authority 2018-085-453, District Court, Wellington

Acted, with senior counsel, for the appellant, in relation to a decision by the Director of the CAA to impose conditions on the appellant's medical certificate on the grounds the appellant's personality traits posed a threat to aviation safety.

*Her Majesty's Advocate v Gadecki**

Acted, with senior counsel, for an individual facing double murder charges.

*Her Majesty's Advocate v Russell**

Acted, with senior counsel, for an individual facing a murder charge (outcome-downgraded to culpable homicide).

*Her Majesty's Advocate v McLeod**

Acted, with senior counsel, for an individual facing multiple charges of rape against a number of individuals and assault.

*Her Majesty's Advocate v Simpson & Anor**

Acted, with senior counsel, in relation to charges around the misuse of drugs (significant intra-UK drug offending).

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**whilst acting as a Solicitor in Scotland*

Education

September 2015- June 2016- University of Edinburgh, Scotland, Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Studies.

September 2014- June 2015- Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, LL.M. International and Comparative Law.

Sep 2010-June 2014- University of Abertay, Dundee, Scotland, LL.B. (Hons) Law.