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Following her admission to the bar in 2006, Rachael worked in the litigation department of a leading national law firm for two years. She went on to work with a senior barrister for four years on a range of serious criminal and regulatory proceedings.

Rachael's regulatory experience has included investigations and prosecutions by the Financial Markets Authority, the Commerce Commission, the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Before joining Richmond Chambers in June 2019, Rachael spent five years at a boutique insurance law firm, where her focus was predominantly on professional indemnity matters, including both civil and disciplinary proceedings for solicitors, accountants, real estate agents, financial advisers and engineers.

Rachael combines a practical strategic approach with incisive legal analysis and an eye for detail. Rachael was recognised in the 2019 Asia-Pacific Legal 500 as a "Next Generation Lawyer", with clients describing her as "*highly intelligent, very thorough and extremely well-organised*".

## CAREER HISTORY

Jun 2019 to date	Richmond Chambers, Auckland, Barrister,
Apr 2014 to May 2019	Robertsons, Auckland, Solicitor
Sep 2008 to Aug 2013	Chambers of Paul Davison QC, Auckland, Employed Barrister
Sep 2006 to Sep 2008	Bell Gully, Auckland, Solicitor in Litigation Department
Mar 2006 to Sep 2006	Bell Gully, Auckland, Law Clerk in Litigation Department

## RECENT EXPERIENCE

- **Civil litigation** – acting on claims involving professional negligence, breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, and claims arising under companies, trustee and administration legislation.
- **Insurance - Professional Indemnity** - acting for a range of professionals (including solicitors, accountants, real estate agents, financial advisers and engineers) in civil and disciplinary proceedings, including appearing in courts and relevant tribunals.
- **Insurance – General** – acting on a variety of matters arising under General Liability and Material Damage policies, including proceedings taken to the Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman.

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- **Regulatory proceedings** – acting for corporates and individuals in relation to regulatory investigations and prosecutions, including proceedings brought by the Financial Markets Authority, the Commerce Commission, the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

## RECENT CASES

- *Li v 110 Formosa NZ Limited & Ors* [2018] NZHC 3418 – Acted as junior counsel, in successful defence of a multi-million dollar claim against solicitors in relation to sale and purchase of substantial Auckland property.
- *GG & GE Blackburn Trustee Limited v Crowe Horwath* [2018] NZHC 366 – Acted in successful defence of summary judgment against firm of accountants in a claim in breach of contract and negligence.
- *Roband v O'Sheas & Anor* [2017] NZHC 2468 – Acted as junior counsel, in successful defence of claim in negligence and breach of fiduciary duty against a firm of solicitors, in relation to their advisory and trusteeship roles. Following trial, a substantial costs award was obtained, including indemnity costs for part of the proceeding.