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Called to the Bar in 2005, Louise has developed considerable experience in a broad range of civil jurisdictions. Her areas of practice span across equity, succession and family provision, common law, personal injury, administrative law, family and children's law, native title law and defamation.

Regularly appearing in both the Supreme Court and District Court of New South Wales in the Common Law and Defamation Lists, and an experienced advocate in matters at first instance and on appeal, Louise often represents clients in high-profile and complex matters concerning the care and protection of children, as well as family law matters where serious sexual assault allegations are made. She has also been led by a highly-esteemed Senior Counsel in a number of complicated and technical defamation disputes. With a strong interest in advocating for social justice and human rights, Louise often acts on a pro bono basis. She is currently on the Board of the Women's Legal Services in NSW, a community legal centre providing women with a range of free legal services.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Louise practised extensively as a solicitor in criminal law and native title law in New South Wales and Queensland. Previous experience also includes acting as a past judicial member of the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Louise is a contributing editor to the *Infants and Minors* Chapter of the LexisNexis Australian Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents. She graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Laws, Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2005 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 1992 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 1992 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1992 Bachelor of Laws: University of New South Wales
- 1988 Master of Arts: University of New South Wales
- 1987 Bachelor of Arts: University of New South Wales

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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Administrative Law
- Common Law, Personal Injury and Medical Negligence
- Children's Care and Protection, Child Welfare and Adoption
- Defamation
- Equity and Trusts
- Family Law and Matrimonial Property
- Human Rights, Equal Opportunity and Discrimination
- Native Title
- Succession and Family Provision

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005 – present Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 2010 – 2014 Part-time Judicial Member of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (NCAT)
- 2011 – 2012 Part-time Lecturer in Evidence and Criminal Procedure and Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibilities, University of Western Sydney
- 2006 – 2007 Part-time Lecturer in Practice and Procedure, University of Technology, Sydney
- 2005 CROC Project Co-ordinator, National Children's and Youth Law Centre
- 2003 – 2005 Principal Solicitor, National Children's and Youth Law Centre
- 1997 – 2001 Principal Legal Officer, Cape York Land Council, Cairns
- 1996 – 1997 Solicitor, Craddock Murray & Neumann Solicitors
- 1995 – 1996 Senior Case Manager, National Native Title Tribunal, Sydney Registry Commonwealth Government
- 1994 – 1995 Legal Officer, Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales, Parramatta
- 1994 Legal Officer, Director of Public Prosecutions, Violence Against Women Unit, Townsville
- 1992 – 1994 Legal Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Centre, Townsville

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- Member, New South Wales Bar Association Bar Council: 2009 – 2010
- Member, Women Lawyers Association of New South Wales
- Secretary, New South Wales School Band Festival Ltd
- Board Member, Women's Legal Services New South Wales

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Editor to the LexisNexis Australian Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents, Infants and Minors Chapter
- Contributing Case Note Author to the LexisNexis Civil Procedure News, New South Wales

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Louise has delivered the paper entitled "*Does Australia need a Human Rights Act?*" at a number of forums