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Admissions

Signed the Victorian Bar Roll on 26 October 2016.

Admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria on 15 February 2011. Also entitled to practise in the High Court and the Federal Court.

Qualifications

Masters of Tax, University of Melbourne

Graduate Diploma in Taxation Law, University of Melbourne

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws, Monash University

Professional Experience

Senior Associate, tax, Norton Rose Fulbright (2010 – 2016)

Senior Analyst, corporate tax, Deloitte (2007 – 2010)

Profile

Mia practices predominantly in taxation and revenue law. She acts for taxpayers and the Commissioner in a wide range of Federal and State tax and revenue matters. She provides advice and assists with tax investigations, formal interviews, objections and all stages of litigation.

Mia has advised clients in privilege disputes and has acted as an independent reviewer to resolve privilege disputes. She has also been engaged in a range of civil and commercial matters including equity and trust disputes, contract and negligence claims and disciplinary/professional licensing disputes.





Before coming to the Bar, Mia was a Senior Associate in the tax group at Norton Rose Fulbright where she advised corporate, government and not-for-profit clients on tax, commercial and corporations law matters.

Before being admitted to practice as a solicitor, Mia worked in the corporate tax group at Deloitte where she provided compliance and structuring advice and advised on high profile transactions for large corporate groups.

Select cases

- *The Bell Group Limited (in liquidation) v Federal Commissioner of Taxation* (Federal Court of Australia): Dispute regarding the tax treatment of proceeds received from the settlement of the Bell Group litigation against the banks (with P D Crutchfield QC, M J O'Meara, S B Rosewarne and C Ensor for the Commissioner of Taxation, ongoing).
- *Woodings as liquidator of the Bell Group Ltd (in liquidation) and Bell Group Finance Pty Ltd (in liquidation) v WA Glendinning & Associates Pty Ltd and Ors; Insurance Commission of Western Australia v Woodings as liquidator of the Bell Group Ltd (in liquidation) and Ors* (Supreme Court of Western Australia): Dispute relating to how the proceeds of the liquidation of the Bell Group of companies should be distributed to creditors under s 564 of the *Corporation Act 2001* (with P D Crutchfield QC, S B Rosewarne and S Majteles for the Commonwealth, ongoing).
- *Commissioner of Taxation v Brandi* (Federal Court of Australia): Dispute over legal professional privilege claims (unled for the Commissioner of Taxation, ongoing).
- *Brandi v Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police and Commissioner of Taxation* (Supreme Court of Victoria): Dispute over the execution of search warrants and the seizure of material (with Peter Hanks QC for the Commissioner of Taxation and the Commissioner of the AFP, proceeding discontinued).
- *Commissioner of Taxation v Goh and Ors* (Federal Court of Australia): with A J Myers AC QC and F D O'Loughlin QC for the taxpayer, resolved after filing of evidence but before hearing.
- *NQZG and Commissioner of Taxation* (AAT): Dispute over the characterisation of payment received under a share sale agreement (unled for the taxpayer, decision reserved).
- *Ho, Loh, Low & Orr and Commissioner of Taxation* (AAT): Dispute over GST treatment of the sale of subdivided property and the application of the margin scheme (unled for the Commissioner of Taxation, [2018] AATA 3911).





- *Clarson Holdings Pty Ltd v Hindle, Buckley v Hindle* (Supreme Court of Victoria): Negligence claim against former tax advisor relating to Division 7A compliance (with F D O'Loughlin QC for the plaintiffs, resolved before hearing).
- *Mansfield and Commissioner of Taxation* (AAT): Dispute over excess non-concessional contributions tax and the exercise of Commissioner's discretion (unled for the taxpayer, resolved before hearing).

Memberships and academic activities

Mia is a Senior Fellow of the Law Faculty at the University of Melbourne where she lectures in the Masters of Tax program.

Mia is a member of the Victorian Bar's Tax Bar Association Committee and the Tax Institute's Breakfast Club Committee. She is a former member of the LIV Charities and Not-for-profit law Committee.

Areas of Practice

- Tax and revenue law
- Commercial law
- Bankruptcy and insolvency
- Administrative law and merits review
- Professional negligence
- Equity and trusts

