

Natalie Blok - CV

Overview

Natalie is a Melbourne-based barrister with a broad and diverse practice in public law, environment, planning, and employment law. Her clients include government agencies, water authorities, ministers, councils, developers, individuals, and objectors.

With extensive experience in judicial and merits review, regulatory matters, inquests, and investigations, Natalie is a skilled advocate who regularly appears both led and unled in courts, tribunals, planning panels, and boards of inquiries in Victoria.

Water law, environmental law, and waste regulation are key areas of focus for Natalie, who is particularly passionate about the intersections of regulation, policy, and sustainability. She welcomes briefs that explore these critical issues.

Additionally, Natalie is an accredited mediator (AMDRAS), having completed the Victorian Bar's Lawyer's Mediation Certificate in 2025, broadening her practice to include alternative dispute resolution.

Natalie holds a Master of Public and International Law from the University of Melbourne and is currently pursuing a Master of Planning and Environment at RMIT.

Before being called to the Bar, Natalie worked in the disability sector in both the UK and Australia, which provided her with a keen understanding of the sector. She continues to apply this expertise, regularly advising and representing the NDIA in disability matters before the Administrative Review Tribunal and Federal Court.

Beyond her legal practice, Natalie is a regular reporter for the *Victorian Reports* and has taught statutory interpretation and administrative law at La Trobe University. She has also instructed at the Leo Cussen Tribunal Advocacy Course.

Her current after-work passion is throwing pots on the wheel and learning about glazes.

Areas of Practice

- Judicial and merits review
- Restrictive covenants
- Water, waste & environmental regulation
- Planning law & local government
- Disability law
- Employment law (public & private sectors)
- Administrative law & statutory interpretation
- Mediation and alternative dispute resolution

Available for:

- Advocacy in courts and tribunals
- Regulatory and disciplinary matters
- Planning panels and inquiry appearances
- Mediation

Location: Victoria-based, available for work across Australia

Academic & Professional Qualifications

Accredited Mediator – AMDRAS - 2025

Master of Planning and Environment – RMIT, 2020–ongoing

- Strategic planning; Urban Economics; Statutory Planning

Master of Public and International Law – University of Melbourne, 2018

- Planning and Development Law, Water Law, Current Issues in Administrative Law, Royal Commissions and Public Inquiries, Executive Power, Statutory Interpretation, Citizenship Law, Workplace Health and Safety

Governance Essentials – Governance Institute of Australia, 2018

Bachelor of Arts/Law – University of Melbourne, 1998–2003

Scholarships and Awards

Melbourne Equity Scholarship – University of Melbourne (BA/LLB 1998–2003)

Top Student - Jessie Leggatt Scholarship – History & Philosophy of Law, 1998

Top Student - Mallesons Stephen Jacques Ruth Campbell Prize – History & Philosophy of Law, 1998

Top Student – History 1996, Sex Crime and Law 1996, Critical Issues in Criminology, 1997

Appointments and memberships

- Victorian Planning & Environmental Law Association
- Planning Institute Australia
- Australian Institute of Administrative Law
- Women Barristers Association – Assistant Convenor (2021-2) Membership Officer and Subcommittee Chair (2018-2021)
- Commercial Bar Association
- Australian Labour Law Association
- Industrial Bar Association
- Migration Law Bar Association
- Sessional Tutor – La Trobe University (Administrative Law and Statutory Interpretation)
- Spensley Street Primary School – Councillor & Education Policy Committee Chair

Dated: October 2025