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## OVERVIEW

Hannah accepts briefs to advise and appear in all areas of law including: commercial law, equity, administrative and public law, competition and consumer law, employment law, human rights, common law, and inquests and inquiries. Hannah thrives on the challenge of untangling complex legal problems to provide concise and accessible advice to a wide range of clients. She appears led and unled in all NSW state courts, the Federal Court of Australia, the Federal Circuit and Family Court, and Fair Work Commission.

Hannah previously worked as Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Michael Ball of the Supreme Court of NSW and at Ashurst Australia, gaining experience across Ashurst's commercial litigation, employment, and banking practice groups. Immediately prior to her call to the Bar, Hannah worked as a senior lawyer in the community legal sector, advising clients from low socio-economic backgrounds on contract and consumer law, employment law, family law, victim's compensation, the National Redress Scheme, and common law claims, among other areas. A significant part of her practice involved advising complainants of family, domestic, and sexual violence, including regularly attending the NSW Local Court in a duty lawyer capacity.

## ADMISSIONS

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| 2023 | Barrister, New South Wales Bar              |
| 2018 | Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales |

## EDUCATION

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| Ongoing (commenced 2021) | <b>Master of Public Policy</b><br>Australian National University, Canberra                     |
| 2016                     | <b>Bachelor of Laws Hons 1</b><br>Macquarie University, Sydney                                 |
| 2016                     | <b>Bachelor of Arts (Politics and International Relations)</b><br>Macquarie University, Sydney |

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| 2023 - present | <b>Barrister</b><br>11 St James Hall, Sydney  |
| 2022 – 2023    | <b>Supervising Solicitor</b><br>Central Tablelands & Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre, Katoomba                |
| 2021 – 2022    | <b>Lawyer</b><br>Knowmore Legal Service, Sydney   |
| 2019 – 2021    | <b>Generalist and Law Reform Solicitor</b><br>Western NSW Community Legal Centre (WNSWCLC), Dubbo                   |
| 2018 – 2019    | <b>Graduate/ Associate</b><br>Ashurst, Sydney   |
| 2017           | <b>Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Michael Ball</b><br>Equity Division, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Sydney |
| 2015 – 2016    | <b>Paralegal</b><br>Dispute Resolution, Ashurst, Sydney   |

## **SELECT ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS**

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| 2016 | Dean’s Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement                                 |
| 2016 | Semi-finalist, Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) Championship Moot       |
| 2016 | Winner and Best Advocate, Macquarie University Senior Mooting Competition         |
| 2015 | Winner, Margaret Cunneen SC Witness Examination Competition                       |
| 2015 | Quarter-finalist, ALSA Witness Examination Competition                            |
| 2014 | Grand finalist and Best Advocate, Macquarie University Junior Mooting Competition |

## **SELECT CASES**

### **Federal jurisdiction - Federal Court, Federal Circuit and Family Court, Fair Work Commission**

*ASG Maintenance Pty Ltd v Scott Picton* [2020] FWC 6161: (as instructing solicitor) acting for the Respondent employee in relation to an employer’s application under s 120 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) not to pay redundancy entitlements.

*Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Wendy Hampshire* (Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Division 2, October 2023): (unled) acting for the debtor in Creditor Petition proceedings.

*Hillsworth & Kantawong (No 2)* [2023] FedCFamC1F 904: (unled) acting for the Applicant Father in a successful stay application of final parenting orders pending an appeal.

*Secretary, Department of Health and Aged Care v Vapor Kings Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 1297: (led by T Glover) acting for the Secretary in an application for declarations, injunctions, pecuniary penalties, and costs for contravention of *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (Cth) involving advertisement of nicotine vaping products.

## **Supreme Court**

*Cynthia Maalouf atf Maalouf Family Trust v Christine Haddad and others* NSWSC 2019/00168365: (led by M Hall, instructed by Sparke Helmore Lawyers) acting for the Third and Fourth defendants (the certifier) in a building dispute, defending claims for breach of contract, negligence, and misleading or deceptive conduct (settled).

*Hall v Hall* [2023] NSWSC 1230: (led by Francois R) acting for the Plaintiff in an application to set aside the decision of a Registrar ordering production of the whole of a solicitor's file. Application succeeded on basis that documents sought as part of production were subject to legal privilege.

*Perpetual Corporate Trust Ltd v Owners Corporation SP6534* NSWSC 2022/0098817 (ongoing): (led by M Hall, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons) acting for the mortgagee in a matter concerning construction of strata by-laws under the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* (NSW), among other issues.

## **Appeals**

*Huynh v Attorney-General (NSW) (No 2)* [2023] NSWCA 268: (led by T Glover) acting for the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, responding to an application for judicial review of a decision refusing to refer a conviction under s 78 of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2002* (NSW).

## **Other**

*Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, 2018*: (as graduate solicitor) acting for ANZ in relation to the superannuation and insurance rounds of hearing, including drafting and preparation of ANZ witness statements.

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS**

Hannah Robinson, '[Going Bush](#)' – [Legal assistance and pro bono support in regional, rural and remote areas](#)', Pro Bono Voco (publication of the Australian Pro Bono Centre) (2021) no. 5.

Western NSW Community Legal Centre, [Submission to NSW Government Inquiry into Coercive Control in Domestic Relationships](#), February 2021.

Western NSW Community Legal Centre, [Submission to NSW Government Inquiry into Child Protection and Social Services System](#), January 2021.

Community Legal Centres NSW, '[No-one will hear me scream: Domestic violence in regional, rural and remote NSW](#)', October 2020.