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Professional experience

- 2019- **Barrister, Tenth Floor Chambers**
- 2018-19 **Counsel Assisting the Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth**
- 2015-18 **Senior Legal Officer/Legal Officer, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department**
- 2017 **Tutor, Australian National University** (Australian Public Law, International Law)
- 2013-14 **Lawyer, Allens, Sydney** (Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Competition Law)
- 2012-13 **Associate to the Hon Justice Susan Kiefel AC, High Court of Australia**

Academic qualifications

- 2015 **Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction), St John's College, University of Oxford**
- Awarded the Sir Ninian Stephen Scholarship by the Sir Robert Menzies Foundation
- 2011 **LLB (Hons I)/Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Sydney**
- Pitt Cobbett and C A Hardwick prizes for Federal Constitutional Law

Areas of practice

Christine has a broad practice, advising and appearing for both commercial and public sector clients in regulatory matters, commercial disputes, public law matters and insurance matters.

Selected appearances

High Court and Federal Court

- *Taylor v Attorney-General* [2019] HCA 30 (for the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, led by S Donaghue QC, T Begbie and K Evans)
- *Lordianto v Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police; Kalimuthu v Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police* [2019] HCA 39 (for the Australian Federal Police, led by S Donaghue QC and L Livingston)

- *TX Australia Pty Ltd v Australian Competition and Consumer Commission* [2020] FCA 1100 (for the intervener in an access dispute under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* (Cth), led by K Morgan SC)
- *Krejci, in the matter of Union Standard International Group Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)* [2020] FCA 1110; [2020] FCA 1111 (for the voluntary administrators, led by R Scruby SC)
- *BNL20 v Minister for Home Affairs & Ors* [2020] FCA 1180 (for the respondents) (led by P Knowles)

State courts and tribunals

- *Hurford Hardwood Kempsey Pty Ltd v Kempsey Timbers (Sawmilling) Pty Ltd (No 5)* [2020] NSWSC 287 (for the defendants in an application for a third party costs order, led by R Scruby SC)
- *Lavigne v Kumar* [2020] NSWSC 1120 (for the defendant in a property dispute, led by S Lawrance)
- *Calacoci v Calacoci* [2020] NSWSC 476 (for defendants in a partnership dispute, led by S Balafoutis SC)
- *In the matter of Merlin Diamonds Limited (Provisional Liquidator Appointed)*, NSWSC no. 2019/335350 (for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission intervening, unled)
- *DYN v Children's Guardian* [2019] NSWCATAD 271, NCAT (for the Children's Guardian, unled)

Peer-reviewed publications

- Stephen Donaghue QC and Christine Ernst, 'The Engineers' Case and Intergovernmental Immunities: A Century On' (2020) 31 *Public Law Review* 46
- David Kinley and Christine Ernst, 'Exile on Main Street: Australia's Legislative Agenda for Human Rights' (2012) 1 *European Human Rights Law Review* 58
- Mary Crock, Christine Ernst and Ron McCallum, 'Where Disability and Displacement Intersect: Asylum Seekers and Refugees with Disabilities' (2012) 24(4) *International Journal of Refugee Law* 735