

Elise Vrijens

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OVERVIEW

Elise Vrijens is a senior associate in the dispute resolution team, focusing on commercial litigation with experience in insurance, contract, and tort matters.

Elise has carriage of matters in which she advises insurers, companies, and individuals across a range of Australian jurisdictions. She has instructed in trials in the Supreme Court, Supreme Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Appeal, and the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. Her clients value her excellent technical legal skills and strategic advice in the resolution or advancement of a claim.

Elise is also a member of the Women in the Profession (WIP) Committee in Melbourne.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Elise joined the firm as a summer clerk and then as a graduate, completing the graduate program and gaining exposure to insolvency and restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, financial services and commercial litigation.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Women in the Profession Committee at K&L Gates
- Victorian Women Lawyers member
- LIV member

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, 2018
- B.A., Monash University, 2017
- LL.B., Monash University, 2017 *(Hons)*

ADMISSIONS

- Federal Court of Australia
- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Victoria

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 1 October 2024, The New Australian Statutory Tort for Serious Invasions of Privacy–What Does It Currently Look Like?
- 11 November 2018, Australian Gift Cards – Additional Consumer Protections
- 8 November 2018, Collateral Warranties: A Reminder of Their Importance
- 23 October 2018, The Rise of PayWear
- 10 October 2018, Life Insurance – Some Sales Tactics Exposed
- 27 September 2018, ASIC Continues to Monitor “Unfair Contract Terms”
- 5 September 2018, Design & Distribution Bill: A Reflection of the Current "Consumer-Centric" Climate
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AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for Victorian Managed Insurance Authority defending common law claims.
- Acting for Crown Melbourne Limited defending public liability claims.
- Acting for Legal Practitioner's Liability Committee, the compulsory indemnity insurer for lawyers in Victoria, defending Victorian lawyers in professional negligence matters in all Victorian jurisdictions.
- Acting for an individual, Adele Moleta in a Facebook defamation claim.