

Rachel Walsh is an experienced litigator focused on practical results. She is briefed regularly in the areas of:

- Judicial review.
- Merits review.
- Public law.
- Civil penalty claims.
- OHS.
- Coronial inquests.
- Inquiries and investigations including:
  - Commissions of Inquiry and Royal Commissions.
  - Parliamentary inquiries.
  - Anti-corruption inquiries (such as before IBAC in Victoria).
  - Disciplinary inquiries.
  - Conducting internal investigations.
  - Conducting compulsory examinations.

Previously a solicitor in private practice for 20 years (including 12 as a partner in a large commercial firm), Rachel understands the demands of a busy legal practice and is known for giving timely, practical and strategic advice that is tailored to the individual needs of the client.

The following are examples of reported matters in which Rachel has appeared since coming to the Bar:

### ***Court of Appeal***

- *Chopra v Department of Education and Training* [2019] VSCA 298

### ***Supreme Court of Victoria***

- *Chopra v Department of Education and Training* [2019] VSC 488
- *Hird v Chubb Insurance Co of Australia* [2016] VSC 174

### ***Federal Court***

- *Australian Building and Construction Commission v Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union and Ors (Bendigo Theatre Case)* [2018] FCA 122
- *Australian Building and Construction Commission v Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union and Ors (The Brooker Highway Case)* [2018] FCA 1081
- *Australian Workers' Union v Registered Organisations Commissioner* [2017] FCA 1554
- *Hird v Chief Executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority* [2015] 227 FCR 95
- *Hird v Chief Executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority* [2014] FCA 1090

### ***Federal Circuit Court***

- *Australian Building and Construction Commissioner v SWAT Building Pty Ltd (in Liq) & Anor* [2020] FCCA 1360
- *Ritson v Director of Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate & Anor* [2016] FCCA 2933
- *Ritson v Director of Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate & Anor (No 2)* [2016] FCCA 3466

## ***IBAC***

- *Operation Sandon*
- *Operation Ord*
- *Operation Dunham*
- *Operation Lansdowne*

## ***VCAT***

- *Chopra v Department of Education and Training* [2020] VCAT 334
- *Tucker v Commissioner of State Revenue (No 2)* [2020] VCAT 273
- *Tucker v Commissioner of State Revenue* [2019] VCAT 2018
- *Department of Education and Training v Australian Education Union* [2019] VCAT 1667
- *CFA v Bryant* [2019] VCAT 1141
- *CFA v Lockyer* [2019] VCAT 667
- *Chopra v Department of Education and Training* [2019] VCAT 174
- *RXF v Department of Health and Human Services* [2019] VCAT 65
- *Colonial Range Pty Ltd v Victorian Building Authority* [2017] VCAT 1198
- *Department of Health and Human Services v Herald and Weekly Times P/L* [2015] VCAT 906
- *CFA v Hicks* [2017] VCAT 1880
- *CFA v McGregor* [2017] VCAT 582
- *Harrison v Victorian Building Authority* [2017] VCAT 108
- *Hon Robert Clark MP v Department of Justice and Regulation* [2015] VCAT 1348
- *Smeaton v Transport Accident Commission* [2015] VCAT 1130
- *Smeaton v Transport Accident Commission* [2015] VCAT 1705

- *Harrison v Victorian Building Authority* [2015] VCAT 1791
- *Munday v Transport Accident Commission* [2015] VCAT 2023

### ***AAT***

- *Gary Morgan v Australian Building and Construction Commissioner* [2020] AATA 651
- *Western Institute of Technology v Australian Skills Quality Authority* [2019] AATA 657
- *Hansell v Repatriation Commission* [2016] AATA 893
- *Elliott v Repatriation Commission* [2015] AATA 894

### ***Coroners Court of Victoria***

- *Inquest into the Death of Rohan Grindrod* regarding operation of medical alert systems (finding delivered on 6.6.18).
- *Inquest into the Death of Robert Love* regarding cause of death and sufficiency of post-death investigation (adjourned part heard for further investigation).

### **Memberships:**

- Convenor and founder of Inquire Australia.
- Inaugural member of the Victorian Bar's Innovation and Technology Committee.
- Member of the Victorian Bar's CPD sub-committee
- Previously an inaugural member of the LIV's Administrative Law Specialisation Committee.
- Previously Chair of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law (Victoria).
- Previously President of Reprieve Australia (and a Reprieve intern in Texas in 2002/3).