

Samantha Renwick

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Areas of Practice

Children's Court / Criminal / VOCAT / Family / Intervention Orders / Wills and Estates / Coronial

General profile

Samantha practices in child protection, criminal law, family law and succession law. She appears in court on a daily basis.

In the Family Division of the Children's Court of Victoria, Samantha has appeared at all stages of proceedings on behalf of children, parents, extended family members and the Department of Health and Human Services.

In her criminal law practice, Samantha has appeared in the Criminal Division of the Children's Court of Victoria, the Magistrates' Court of Victoria and the County Court of Victoria in bail applications, pleas, summary hearings, committal hearings, appeals and contravention of CCO proceedings, on behalf of the defence and prosecution. She is currently completing an Indictable Crime Certificate.

In Samantha's family law practice, she has appeared at the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia in the Duty List, at Conciliation Conferences and at Interim Hearings in applications for parenting orders, property orders, spousal maintenance, consent orders, contravention and enforcement, as well as international child abduction from a country not a

party to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. She also has a research interest in special medical procedure cases, in particular the right of children to consent to treatment for gender dysphoria.

Samantha has appeared in contested final Intervention Orders and acted as Family Violence Duty Lawyer at the Magistrates' Court. She has also appeared in applications to be deemed not to be a prohibited person to hold a firearms licence under section 189 of the *Firearms Act 1996* (Vic).

Samantha also has experience appearing at the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal, in the Guardianship List of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and has also appeared at the Supreme Court of Victoria in the Costs Court in relation to disputes following deceased estate litigation.

She has completed the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Course on Cultural Competency in Working with Aboriginal Families within the Court System.

As an Accredited Mediator and Collaborative Practitioner, Samantha is available to mediate family law or de facto parenting arrangements following separation, and disputes arising from deceased estates, including applications for family provision claims under Part IV of the Administration and Probate Act 1958 (Vic).

Samantha read with Ms Elizabeth M Brimer and her senior mentor was Her Honour Judge Marks.

Previous occupation

Prior to being called to the Bar, Samantha received an Australian Postgraduate Award scholarship to complete a Doctoral thesis at Monash University, examining the concept of family violence as a defence to homicide, in particular the admissibility of expert evidence of family violence as credibility evidence under sections 9AH and 322J of the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic) and sections 79 and 108C of the Evidence Act 2008 (Vic).

She was also a researcher with the **Out of Character? Legal Responses to Intimate Partner Homicides by Men in Victoria 2005 - 2014** project and the **Australian Feminist Judgments Project**.

Samantha has also completed a Masters thesis, which analysed the entire body of family provision precedent heard under Part IV of the Administration and Probate Act 1958 (Vic), with the aim of identifying consistent trends in decisions. Her published research was cited by the Victorian Law Reform Commission in the Final Report of the Inquiry into Succession Law.

Memberships and Associations

VicBar Student Engagement Committee - Member
 Children's Court Bar Association - Committee Member
 Women Barristers' Association – Committee Member
 Commercial Bar Association
 Criminal Bar Association
 Family Law Bar Association

Academic Position /

In addition to her practice, Samantha is a Teaching Associate at Monash

Published Articles:

University Law School, where she teaches legal reasoning and statutory interpretation in the Juris Doctor postgraduate law degree.

Samantha has also presented Continuing Professional Development seminars in-house and for Legalwise.

Samantha enjoys mentoring students, and is an active member of the Victorian Bar Student Mentoring and Work Experience Scheme, the Victorian Women Lawyers and Women Barristers Association Law Student Mentoring Program and also volunteers as a judge of the Monash JD Law Students' Society Client Interview, Negotiation and Mooting Competitions.

Selected publications are available on the Social Science Research Network.

Publications:

'Responsibility' to Provide: Family Provision Claims in Victoria, (2013)
18(1) Deakin Law Review 159, Monash University Faculty of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2013/28

Significant cases:**Pro bono practice**

Samantha regularly accepts briefs from Justice Connect through the Victorian Bar Pro Bono Scheme, participates in the Victorian Bar Duty Barristers' Scheme, was a member of Julian Burnside AO QC's Myki Flying Squad and is also a member of the Barristers' Animal Welfare Panel.