Bronwyn has considerable experience domestically and internationally, representing clients in complex human rights, discrimination and administrative law matters. Her focus is on domestic and international human rights law and federal and state anti-discrimination law.

Most recently, she has played a key role providing advice to, representing, and appearing on behalf of the Australian Human Rights Commission, President and Commissioners as respondent (merits review), intervener and amicus curiae in various courts and tribunals across Australia and has appeared multiple times in the High Court of Australia and Court of Appeal.

Bronwyn holds a Master of Laws (with Honours) from Cambridge University where she was a British Chevening Scholar, and a Bachelor of Laws (with First Class Honours) and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Queensland, where she was a University Medalist in Law. She authors various publications, delivers papers on topical issues and regularly keeps apprised of legal developments in her fields of practice.

**ADMISSIONS**

* 2005 Admitted as a Solicitor: England and Wales
* 2004 Admitted as a Solicitor and Barrister: Western Australia
* 2003 Admitted as a Solicitor: High Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia and

Supreme Court of New South Wales

**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

* 2005 Master of Laws (Honours): Cambridge University
* 2002 Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours): University of Queensland
* 2001 Certificate in Foreign, Comparative and International Law: Marquette University, USA
* 2000 Bachelor of Science (Psychology): University of Queensland

**ACCOLADES**

* 2004 British Chevening Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship
* 2001 John Hughes Wilkinson Memorial Prize in Law for Graduating First in Class
* 2001 University of Queensland Medal

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

* 2008 - 2017 Lawyer, Australian Human Rights Commission

Sydney

* 2007 - 2008 Research and Policy Advisor, Amnesty International, International Secretariat, London
* 2005 - 2007 Solicitor (Employment and Discrimination Law), Fisher Meredith Solicitors,

London

* 2003 - 2004 Lawyer and Law Graduate (Litigation Department and Corporate Law Departments), Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens Linklaters), Perth
* 2002 Intern at various human rights organisations, including the Cambodian Women’s Crisis Centre in Cambodia, M.S.S.S. Sex Workers and Truck Drivers HIV/AIDS Project in India and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Kenya

**PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE**

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| * Discrimination Law * Human Rights Law | * Administrative / Public Law * Employment Law |

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

* Committee Member Discrimination Lawyers Group (2009 - present)
* Advisor International Affairs Committee, Amnesty International Australia (2008 - 2010)
* Committee Member and Co-ordinator Solicitors International Human Rights Group (Human Trafficking sub-committee) (2005 - 2007)

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

* *Exploring the Proportionality*, Australian Human Rights Commission in Sydney: 9 March 2016
* *Counter-terrorism and human rights*, China-Australia Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program, Kunming: 6 May 2016
* Editor of the chapter on Human Rights in the Northern Territory Law Handbook and New South Wales Law Handbook: 2016
* Editor of the chapter on *Discrimination and Human Rights*, in the Fitzroy Legal Service Law Handbook: (editions 2014, 2015, 2016)
* *AB v Western Australia*: September 2012 Brief 28 – High Court rules “gender characteristics” are to be considered from a social perspective
* *Transsexualism: Legal hurdles and protections*, Australian Human Rights Commission in Sydney:

12 July 2012

* *Stronger protection against Sexual Harassment*, 49 (2011) NSW Law Society Journal,48
* *Divided over Racial Equality*, 48 (2010), NSW Law Society Journal, 38

**SELECT CASES**

Bronwyn has extensive experience acting for clients in complex hearings and appeals in a wide variety of jurisdictions. Significant cases are as follows.

**High Court of Australia**

* *Maloney v Queensland* [2013] HCA 28 *–* Challenge to provisions of the *Liquor Act 1992* (Qld) applying alcohol restrictions to the mostly Aboriginal residents of Palm Island under s 10 (equality before the law) of the *Racial Discrimination Act* 1975 (Cth)
* *AB / AH v Western Australia* [2011] HCA 42 – Successful appeal of the Gender Reassignment Board’s interpretation of the term ‘gender characteristics’ in the *Gender Reassignment Act* 2000 (WA) by two transsexual men who were refused gender recognition certificates

**Supreme Court of Queensland Court of Appeal**

* *Aurukun Shire Council v Chief Executive, Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing in the Department of Treasury [2010] QCA 037 –* Challenge under s 10 (equality before the law) *of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)* to provisions of the *Liquor Act 1992* (Qld) removing the Arukun Shire Council’s liquor license

**Fair Work Commission**

* *2016 Four yearly review of modern awards AM2015/*1 –supporting the ACTU’s claim to insert family and domestic leave clauses into all modern awards

**Federal Circuit Court**

* *Kienle v Commonwealth* [2011] FMCA 210 – A claim of direct and indirect race discrimination under s9 and 10 of the *Race Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) by non-residents denied payments under the GEERS scheme.

**Administrative Appeals Tribunal**

* *Einfeld v HREOC [2009] AATA 414* – A merits review of HREOC’s decision granting access to certain records containing personal information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth)

**Western Australian Mining Wardens Court**

* Submissions supporting the objections by Applicants for the Martu Idja Banyjima Native Title Claim to Applications for mining leases by BHP Billiton Minerals Ltd and Ors

**International**

Whilst practising in London, Bronwyn conducted litigation on behalf of corporate and individual clients and regularly represented clients at pre-hearing reviews before the Employment Tribunal, Employment Appeal Tribunal and Courts. Select cases include as follows.

* *Oedemelam v Whittington Hospital NHS Trust* [2007]: represented the Appellant in a test case for the application of the statutory grievance procedures to individuals in a race discrimination claim heard by the Employment Appeal Tribunal
* *Rose v Royal Mail* [2005]: successfully represented the Claimant in a claim of race and sex discrimination before the Employment Tribunal

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