

Alessandra Steele | Special Counsel

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Practice areas

Defamation and media
Litigation
Intellectual Property
Commercial

Profile

A senior lawyer with 16+ years' experience, specialising in media and defamation law, intellectual property, broadcasting and litigation, Alessandra also practises commercial and employment law. With almost 10 years of top-tier experience and 7 years in-house as the former General Counsel of Macquarie Media (Nine Radio), Alessandra was ranked in the top 20 In-House IP and TMT lawyers in Australia by *Doyle's Guide* in 2019 and 2020. Before returning to private practice at Banki Haddock Fiora, Alessandra completed her Master of Laws (LLM) with an achievement level of excellence, receiving the prize for best performing student across all postgraduate programs in 2020.

Alessandra also provides prompt, concise and strategic prepublication and ad-clearance advice to various news outlets, including dealing directly with key talent, and has been actively involved in

law reform initiatives via the Australia's Right to Know coalition and Commercial Radio Australia. Current clients include Radio 2GB, Network Ten, Nine publications, AAP and Sports Entertainment Network.

Qualifications

BEC (Hons I) (majors economics and politics)
– 2000
LLB (Hons) – 2002
LLM (Media and Communications, Excellence level) – 2020

Experience

Defamation and media law: pre-publication and litigation
Advertising clearance
Copyright licensing and litigation
ACMA investigations and disputes
Corporate governance; ASX listed company secretarial
Commercial agreements (media, sporting rights, technology, services)
Employment disputes and agreements
Advising on internal compliance processes and procedures

Year of admission

2003 – NSW courts
2008 – High Court of Australia and Federal Court of Australia