

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Nicola accepts briefs in all areas of commercial law and has a particular focus on insolvency and insurance.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Nicola was a senior associate at Johnson Winter & Slattery in insolvency litigation. She has 10 years' experience as a solicitor in litigation, having worked in firms at both the boutique and national level.

Nicola has frequently acted for liquidators, receivers and managers, and bankruptcy trustees in respect of their powers and obligations under the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, including the conduct of public examinations, actions for voidable transactions and applications to Court for guidance under section 90-15 *Insolvency Practice Schedule*.

Nicola has also advised and acted in insurance matters, contract disputes and matters involving the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009*. She has appeared in Federal and State courts of various jurisdictions.

## **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Advanced Certificate in Insolvency (2018): ARITA and University of Technology, Sydney
- Juris Doctor (2010): University of Technology, Sydney
- Bachelor of Arts/Master of Nursing (2008): The University of Sydney

Called to the Bar: 2021

Admission to Supreme Court of NSW as Solicitor: 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL ROLES & MEMBERSHIPS**

- ARITA NSW Young Professionals Committee – Deputy Chair (2019-2021)
- Law Council of Australia – member (from 2019)
- St John Ambulance (NSW) – various roles from divisional to state level (from 2001)
- The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem – member (admitted 2015)
- NSW Young Lawyers (NSWYL) – member (2011-2021)
- Mentor in the King & Wood Mallesons / Sydney University Law Society Women's Mentoring Programme (2020-2021)
- Mentor in the NSW Young Lawyers Graduate Mentoring Programme (2018)

## **SELECTED SOLICITOR EXPERIENCE EXAMPLES**

- **(2021)** ASIC-funded examinations into alleged phoenix activity.
- **(2020)** Acting for the liquidators of Babcock & Brown Ltd (In Liq) on appeal regarding breaches of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and ASX Listing Rules.
- **(2020)** Acting for an examinee and associated entities in the liquidation of Plutus Payroll Limited (In Liq).
- **(2020)** Acting for a financing corporation in a claim for misleading and deceptive conduct and misrepresentation.
- **(2019)** Obtained an injunction on behalf of a secured creditor and sought relief relating to perfection of the security interest.
- **(2019)** Advising an AFSL holder regarding its obligations and responsibilities under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) in light of disclosure requests following the Royal Commission into Banking.
- **(2018-2019)** Acting for a solicitor in three sets of proceedings involving a partnership dispute, professional negligence claim and a claim against the receivers and managers appointed to the dissolved partnership.
- **(2017 – 2019)** Acting for a liquidator against a company's former insurer including an alleged breach of section 67 of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth).
- **(2015 – 2021)** Advising and acting for various liquidators and corporations in respect of claims brought under sections 588FA-E of the Corporations Act in NSW and VIC.
- **(2015 – 2019)** Advising and acting for surety providers, including drafting deeds of guarantee and indemnity and acting in recovery and enforcement proceedings in NSW, VIC, SA and QLD.

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

- **2021:** Presented at the UNSW Edge Corporate Counsel Intensive Programme on SME Restructuring and Insolvency Matters
- **2020-2021:** Working with Marrickville CLC to develop an ADR Assistance Pilot Programme
- **2019:** Presenter at St John Ambulance (NSW) 'Empowerment of Young Women' Summit
- **2018:** NSW Young Lawyers submission: ALRC Inquiry into Class Action Proceedings and Third-Party Litigation Funders
- **2017:** *Change as Good as a Holiday: Legislative Reform in 2017* (Civil Litigator)