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BIOGRAPHY

Alex is an Australian Solicitor who advises clients on a variety of corporate and commercial matters and specialises in superior court litigation as well as matters in alternative litigation forums.

Alex has experience acting in a variety of commercial disputes in particular contentious matters arising from insolvency situations. Alex has also acted in large regulatory matters on behalf of individuals and financial institutions including acting in government inquiries into the Australian banking industry and matters before the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Alex is a Partner in the firm's Business and Commercial Disputes department and a leading contentious lawyer for the firm's extensive public procurement practice. Leveraging a wider business and commercial dispute experience, Alex has a wealth of contentious and regulatory expertise, and

is known for fighting the clients' corner in procurement disputes. She specialises in large scale, highstakes public procurement challenges which always require urgent action and expert strategic advice to be provided in often very short-timescales. She is lead associate on numerous of the most significant public procurement cases acting for national and international clients including acting on behalf of an unsuccessful bidder in respect of a high-profile High Court challenge to the procurement run by the Gambling Commission for the operation of the Fourth UK National Lottery Licence (the largest UK public procurement in 25 years).

In 2015, Alex was recognised as one of the top 30 lawyers in Australia under 30 in dispute resolution.

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