



Extended Profile

Jessie Taylor BA(Hons) LLB(Hons) MSc(HA) is a trusted advisor and accomplished advocate for a diverse range of clients including corporations, government and statutory agencies, industry bodies, healthcare providers, private sector enterprises, individuals and advocacy organisations.

Jessie first signed the roll of counsel in 2011. Between 2016 and 2020 Jessie took up a role as a Public Defender (Civil Justice) and then Associate Director at Victoria Legal Aid Chambers. She returned to the Bar in 2021 after a secondment to an Executive role in the Department of Health (Victoria).

Prior to being called to the Bar in 2011, Jessie was Associate to Justice Bromberg in the Federal Court of Australia.

Areas of expertise

Jessie enjoys a distinguished career in public law, common law & personal injury, regulatory compliance and trade law.

She is adept at handling a wide range of matters, providing advice and representation in contractual disputes and general civil law matters. Her expertise extends to advising on complex civil litigation, ensuring her clients receive comprehensive strategic and legal support tailored to their specific needs.

Jessie provides expert advice and representation in public law matters, with a particular interest in health law, executive power, statutory interpretation, and human rights.

In respect of her common law & personal injury practice, she has a particular interest in institutional liability, medical negligence, and the intersection of injury law with human rights and racism. Jessie takes a trauma-informed approach to her work.



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Jessie also practises in regulatory compliance and trade law, including supply chain hygiene, due diligence, disputes arising between parties in import transactions, and other regulatory compliance issues. She acts for the Australian Timber Importers' Federation in a range of advisory matters and in litigation.

Education

Jessie holds Honours degrees in Law and Arts (Honours in Jewish Civilisation) from Monash University, and a Master of Science (Humanitarian Action) (University College Dublin & Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille III through the EU's [Network On Humanitarian Action](#)) with specialisations in Public Health & Epidemiology, Social Anthropology, Geopolitics, International Humanitarian Law and Management of Non-Government Organisations.

In 2018 she participated in the Justice & Society Symposium at the Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership.

Teaching & other work

Jessie has been a lecturer in the LLB, JD and LLM programs at Monash University since 2015, in subjects including Evidence, Ethics, Public law and Statutory Interpretation, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Non-Adversarial Justice, and Legal Reasoning and Methods. She is passionate about holistic legal education that embraces the diversity and difference of students, and encourages young lawyers to embrace and pursue their intrinsic motivations in the study and practice of law.

She is co-creator of the documentary [Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea](#).

She has been a Visiting Fellow at the Australian Human Rights Centre & an Honorary Research Fellow at the Monash Asia Institute. She has worked as a researcher in the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, and as a tutor in the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme at Monash University.



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Governance roles & memberships

Jessie was first elected to the Victorian Bar Council in 2022, and is currently serving her third consecutive term (2024-25).

Jessie was the President of the [Victorian Council for Civil Liberties \(Liberty Victoria\)](#) from 2016 to 2019. She is a former Director of Donkey Wheel Ltd (2018-2024) and a founding member of The Justice Project Inc (2003).

Jessie is a member of the Australian Lawyers' Alliance, the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and the Law (ANZAPPL), the Australian Institute of Administrative Law (AIAL), and the Australian-Hazara Lega Network.

She was Chair of the LIV's Refugee Law Reform Committee and sat on the Executive Committee of the LIV Administrative and Human Rights Law section (2009 & 2010).

Jessie has sat on the Victorian Bar Council since 2022. She speaks French and Hazaragi (Dari).

And finally...

In her spare time, Jessie wrangles three hectic sons and a commensurate number of stray Lego pieces and orphaned football socks, and always has multiple books on the go. She is the proud Inaugural Chair of the [Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club](#).

Jessie is a Foundation Member of Parnell's Barristers. She read with Bill Gillies, and her senior mentor is Julian W K Burnside AO KC. She won the Daniel Pollak Pro Bono Award in her first six months at the Bar.