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Special Counsel



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Jess was admitted into practice as a solicitor in 2016 and has specialised in family law and wills and estates (including estate litigation) in that time.

Jess' experience extends to complex parenting and property matters. Jess has extensive experience in high net worth complex property matters involving trusts, corporate structures and third-party intervenors. Jess has dealt with all manner of loan disputes, constructive trusts, tax issues as well as combatting family corporate, trust and shareholder structures designed to limit entitlements under the Family Law Act 1975.

As a mother Jess understands the difficulties surrounding parental disputes and has spent years both defending and prosecuting claims of coercive control, family violence, child abuse, parental alienation and psychiatric or mental illness concerns in highly contested child related proceedings.

Jess takes a practical and sensible approach to all matters and assists clients with resolving disputes outside of court wherever possible and as quickly as possible. She regularly advises and drafts Binding Financial Agreements (commonly known as pre-nuptial or post-nuptial agreements), Applications for Consent Orders and parenting plans. Jess is collaboratively trained and is able to work in collaborative law cases.

In addition to her family law practice, Jess assists clients with their estate planning needs from drafting Wills, Wills incorporating testamentary trusts, Wills incorporating special disability trusts, binding death benefit nominations, powers of attorney and appointments of enduring guardian. Jess tailors her approach to assist clients with their individual needs including wealth protection, blended families and vulnerable beneficiaries. She is also able to assist clients with their duties as executors in administering estates and as well as contesting wills or family provision claims.

In 2024 Jess became an accredited AIFLAM mediator and she takes on all property and post-filing parenting matters.

EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 – Lawyer at WMD Law
- 2017-2018 – Lawyer at Nolan Lawyers
- 2018-2024 – Lawyer, promoted to Associate then Senior Associate at Russell Kennedy Lawyers

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice UNSW (2013)
- Bachelor of Laws UOW (2015)
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice ANU (2015)
- Collaboratively trained (2017)
- AIFLAM Mediation training (2024)