

ELEVEN WENTWORTH



Caroline Spruce

Caroline joined the NSW Bar in 2008. She has appeared several times in the High Court of Australia, and has conducted several appeals unled in the NSW Court of Appeal. She also regularly appears in other intermediate appellate courts, superior Courts, tribunals and commissions of Inquiry. In 2013, Caroline was appointed Junior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse. A selection of cases in which Caroline has appeared is set out below.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Caroline was a Senior Solicitor at the New South Wales Crown Solicitor's Office practicing in the Administrative Law, Government Law and Criminal Law Groups. She also served as Research Director to the former Chief Justice of NSW, James Spigelman AC QC.

Caroline was awarded the University Medal in Law by the University of Sydney. Between 2015 and 2019 Caroline took a break from full time practice to spend time with her children.

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Admission to the Bar:

May 2008

**Principal areas
of practice:**

- Administrative law
- Appellate
- Commissions of Inquiry
- Constitutional Law
- Coronial inquiries and tribunals
- Disciplinary Proceedings
- Environment, planning and property law
- Human Rights Law
- Industrial Law
- Public and Private International law

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Laws (University Medal, First Class Honours) (University of Sydney)
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Charles Sturt University)

Academic Prizes and Awards:

- University Medal in Law 2004
- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation 2004
- Rose Scott Prize for Proficiency at Graduation by a Woman Candidate 2004
- R G Henderson Memorial Prize (NSW Bar Association) 2004
- John George Dalley Prize 2004
- Harmers Workplace Lawyers Prize for Labour Law 2003
- Sir Alexander Beattie Prize in Industrial Law 2003
- Pitt Cobbett Prize for International Law 2002
- Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property 2002
- Edward John Culey Prize for Real Property and Equity 2002
- George and Matilda Harris Scholarship for Law 2002
- Channel 7 Scholarship for Broadcast Journalism 1998

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Selected Cases:

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

- *Paramatta Girls Case Study* (unled), Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission
- *YMCA Case Study* (led by G Furness SC), Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission
- *Swimming Australia Case Study* (led by G Furness SC), Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission

High Court of Australia

- *Queanbeyan City Council v ACTEW Corp Ltd* (2011) 244 CLR 530 (led by J Gleeson SC)
- *Wainohu v New South Wales* (2011) 243 CLR 181 (led by S J Gageler SC)
- *Cumerlong Holdings Pty Ltd v Dalcross properties Pty Ltd* (2011) 243 CLR 492 (led by JE Griffiths SC)

NSW Court of Appeal

- *Avery v Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages; Avery v State of NSW* (2010) 79 NSWLR 354 (unled)
- *Motor Accidents Authority of New South Wales v Mills* (2010) 78 NSWLR 125 (unled)
- *Motor Accidents Authority of NSW v Mills* [2009] NSWCA 397 (unled)
- *Martin v New South Wales (No 2)* [2011] NSWCA 272 (unled)
- *Martin v State of New South Wales (No 3)* [2011] NSWCA 273 (unled)
- *Martin v State of New South Wales (No 4)* [2011] NSWCA 274 (unled)
- *Wilson v Attorney-General NSW* [2011] NSWCA 10 (unled)
- *Cumerlong Holdings Pty Ltd v Dalcross Properties Pty Ltd* (2010) 175 LGERA 433 (led by JE Griffiths SC)
- *Laurie v New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council* (2010) 175 LGERA 247 (led by J Kirk SC)
- *New South Wales v Public Transport Ticketing Corp (No 3)* (2011) 81 NSWLR 394 (led by R Lancaster SC)
- *Victims Compensation Fund Corporation v JM* [2011] NSWCA 89 for the Appellant (led by N Hutley SC)

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Full Federal Court of Australia

- *SZJBD v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* (2009) 179 FCR 109 (unled)
- *Kutlu v Director of Professional Services Review* (2011) 280 ALR 428 (led by T Howe QC)
- *Hogan v Australian Crime Commission* (2009) 177 FCR 205 (led by F Kunc SC).
- *Australian Capital Territory v Queanbeyan City Council* (2010) 188 FCR 541 (led by JE Griffiths SC)