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Meg comes to the Bar following a career as a solicitor at a magic circle firm, where she worked on high profile cases including Camelot's challenge to the Fourth National Lottery Licence and Annington Home's multi-billion pound judicial review against the Ministry of Defence.

Meg now practises across all areas of public and human rights, public international, commercial, employment and information law. She has already worked on cases at the forefront of these areas. She has assisted on a judicial review challenging the use of live facial recognition by the police, an upcoming Supreme Court data protection appeal and is currently instructed for the Republic of Ghana in a maritime delimitation dispute before ITLOS.

Meg holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Sydney, where she ranked third overall, placed first in public international law and participated in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot (her team were Australian National Champions and she was ranked 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds). She also studied the BCL at the University of Oxford, specialising in international law and human rights.

Expertise

Public International Law

Meg has particular interest and experience in public international law. She has worked on disputes before the ICJ, ITLOS and regional human rights bodies, as well as investor-state arbitrations. Meg's work includes:

- Currently instructed as counsel for the Republic of Ghana in the maritime delimitation case against Togo before an ITLOS Special Chamber (led by Prof. Philippe Sands KC, Paul S. Reichler, Ruth Kennedy and Remi Reichold).
- Assisting on The Gambia's case before the ICJ alleging that Myanmar committed genocide against the Rohingya people (as a pupil, assisting Prof. Philippe Sands KC, Paul S. Reichler, Ruth Kennedy and Aliya Al-Yassin).
- Advising a state on the prospects of potential interstate proceedings on issues of immunity and international cooperation (as a pupil, assisting Remi Reichold).
- *Kingdom of Spain v Infrastructure Services Luxembourg S.à.r.l. & Anor*: recognition and enforcement proceedings in Australia for a €101 million award turning on issues of foreign state immunity (as a judicial assistant to a Federal Court judge).

As a solicitor, Meg acted for and advised a variety of NGOs pro bono on international law, in particular on human rights and environmental issues. She has prepared submissions to a variety of human rights bodies (including the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Australian Human Rights Commission) and reviewed evidence for reports to UN bodies on Ukraine by eyeWitness to Atrocities. Most recently, she advised an NGO on issues of "loss and damage" under the COP29 New Climate Finance Goal.

At university, Meg received the University of Sydney's Pitt Cobbett prize for placing first in Public International Law and was an Australian National Champion in the Phillip C. Jessup Moot, receiving 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds. She also interned at the Sydney Centre for International Law. Meg specialised in international law on the BCL, taking courses in International Environmental Law and International Law and Armed Conflict.

Climate finance advice

Advising Legal Response International on issues of "loss and damage" under the New Climate Finance Goal.

Submissions to ACHPR

Assisting REDRESS in drafting submissions to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Ukraine evidence review

Reviewing evidence captured in Ukraine for the preparation of reports to UN and human rights bodies for eyeWitness to Atrocities.

Australian Human Rights Commission

Drafting submissions to the Australian Human Rights Commission regarding a proposed national Anti-Racism Framework.

Achievements

Education

- Bachelor of Civil Law, Christ Church College, University of Oxford
  - Courses: Comparative Human Rights, International Environmental Law, Legal Concepts in Environmental Law and International Law and Armed Conflict.
- Juris Doctor, University of Sydney (Distinction average, ranked third overall).
- Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Political Science), University of Western Australia.

Awards and Scholarships

- Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance (University of Sydney).
- Various awards for placing first in subjects, including the Pitt Cobbett Prize for placing first in Public International Law and the prize for first in Ethics (University of Sydney).
- Australian National Champions in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds.
- Christ Church Scholarship to study the BCL at University of Oxford.
- Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group

Career

- Judicial Assistant to the Hon Justice Perram at the Federal Court of Australia, Sydney, 2019-2021.
- Solicitor at Allens (Disputes and Investigations), Sydney, 2021-2022.
- Solicitor at Linklaters LLP, London, 2022-2025 (with a one-year leave of absence to study the BCL at the University of Oxford).