

# KAREN GASTON

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## EDUCATION

QLS Accredited Specialist  
Succession Law  
2013

Masters of Laws  
QUT  
2013

Bachelor of Laws /  
Bachelor of Arts  
(Journalism)  
QUT  
2001

## AWARDS

HIGHEST ACHIEVER  
QLS Specialist  
Accreditation  
2013

PREEMINENT LAWYER  
WILLS + ESTATE  
LITIGATION  
Doyle's Guide  
2020 & 2021



## SUMMARY

- I am an experienced civil litigator, bringing nearly 18 years as a solicitor to my practice at the bar.
- I have an established reputation for excellence in wills, estates, trusts and equity litigation.
- I have a particular interest in trust and estate litigation involving broader commercial and equitable remedies.
- In litigation that often involves complex law and is factually dense, I am known for both my strategic approach and attention to detail.
- I have a well-established network of professional contacts.
- My practice has involved many family provision applications, solemn form probate proceedings, statutory will applications and other "classical" succession proceedings.
- I was ranked as "preeminent" by Doyles on their list of Wills and Estate Litigation Lawyers in 2020 and 2021.
- Thynne & Macartney was ranked as "First Tier" in Doyle's for Wills and Estate Litigation Firms in 2020.
- I am a QLS Accredited Specialist in Succession Law.
- I have a demonstrated interest in the education of other members of the profession.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PARTNER & HEAD OF PRIVATE CLIENTS  
Thynne & Macartney, 2015-2021

LAWYER, ASSOCIATE, SENIOR ASSOCIATE  
de Groots wills & estates lawyers, 2006-2015

ARTICLED CLERK, LAWYER  
Thynne & Macartney, 2002-2006

ASSOCIATE, JUDGE O'SULLIVAN  
District Court of Queensland, 2001

## **A D M I S S I O N**

Admitted as a solicitor  
Supreme Court of  
Queensland  
2004

Admitted as a solicitor  
High Court of Australia  
2004

Admitted as a barrister in  
Queensland  
2022

## **M E M B E R S H I P S**

QUEENSLAND LAW  
SOCIETY

SOCIETY OF TRUST AND  
ESTATE PRACTICIONERS  
(STEP)

FAMILY LAW  
PRACITIONERS  
ASSOCIATION (FLPA)

WOMEN LAWYERS  
ASSOCIATION  
QUEENSLAND (WLAQ)

## **E X P E R T I S E**

Civil Litigation

Succession Law

Trust & Estates Disputes

Alternative Dispute

Resolution

## **D E C I S I O N S**

I have been principally or substantially involved in the following:

- *Blumke v Campbell & Hook* [2020] QCA 217
- *Re Graham (deceased) (No 2)* [2020] QSC 168
- *Re GEW* [2020] QSC 119
- *Campbell & Hook v Blumke & Ors* (2020) Queensland Supreme Court, Bradley J, unreported, 15 March 2020
- *Campbell & Hook v T L Clacher (No2) Pty Ltd & Ors* [2020] QSC 35
- *Re Graham* [2020] QSC 27
- *Spink v Russell* [2019] QCA 107
- *Spink v Russell* (2019) Queensland Supreme Court – Ryan J, unreported, 4 February 2019
- *Campbell & Hook v T L Clacher (No2) Pty Ltd & Ors* [2019] QSC 218
- *Roberts v Pollock (No2)* [2019] QSC 188
- *Roberts v Pollock* [2019] QSC 184
- *Allingham v Fuller* [2013] QSC 81
- *Catelan v Herceg* [2012] QSC 320
- *Micallef & Anor v Micallef & Anor, Arrowsmith v Micallef & Ors* [2012] QSC 239
- *Johnston & Anor v Herrod & Ors* [2012] QSC 98
- *O'Donnell v Gillespie & Anor* [2010] QSC 22
- *Lamond v Public Trustee of Queensland & Ors (No2)* [2009] QSC 313
- *Lamond v Public Trustee of Queensland & Ors* [2009] QSC 247
- *Hensler v Padget & Ors* [2008] QSC 82

## **I N V O L V E M E N T**

QLS SUCCESSION LAW COMMITTEE  
Committee Member, 2020-present

QLS SPECIALIST ACCREDITATION SUCCESSION LAW  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Committee Member, 2019-Present

QLS SUCCESSION AND ELDER LAW CONFERENCE  
Committee Member, 2020-present