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PRACTICE

Hannah Williams was called to the bar in 2026. She practices in all areas of commercial, regulatory and public law. Her commercial practice is broad ranging, including contractual disputes, competition litigation, property, equity and trusts, and bankruptcy and insolvency.

Hannah accepts briefs in all State and Federal courts and tribunals.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP, London

October 2022 – February 2026

- Associate in the Dispute Resolution practice.
- Involved in a wide range of litigation and advisory matters, including in the energy & resources space, competition law disputes, class actions, and public inquiries.

University of Cambridge

September 2022 – July 2023

- Supervisor (tutor) in Intellectual Property Law for various colleges at the University of Cambridge.

MinterEllison, Brisbane

March 2020 – September 2021

- Lawyer (previously Graduate) in the Dispute Resolution team.
- Involved in a wide range of complex litigation, including across the areas of contract, tort, property, corporations and public law.

Supreme Court of Queensland

January 2019 – December 2019

- Associate to the Hon Justice John K Bond in the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Bar in 2026
- Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2020

EDUCATION

Master of Law (First Class Honours) - Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge

Awarded 2022

- Papers: Advanced Private Law, History of English Civil and Criminal Law, Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law
- Studio Legale Cappelli RCCD Scholarship

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice - Australian National University

Awarded 2020

Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) - The University of Queensland

Awarded 2018

- University Medal in Law
- First in Year, with associated prizes

Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry and Microbiology) - The University of Queensland

Awarded 2018

MAJOR AWARDS AND PRIZES

- First Class Prize, Gonville & Caius College at the University of Cambridge
- University Medal in Law, University of Queensland
- Una Prentice Award, Women Lawyers Association of Queensland (Highest Graduating Female Law Student)
- The MinterEllison Prize in Law, University of Queensland (Highest overall marks in LLB)
- John Hughes Wilkinson Memorial Prize in Law, University of Queensland (Highest results in Law Courses)
- The Bill Blake Prize in Construction Law, University of Queensland (Highest results in Construction Law)
- Biochemistry Alumni Prize 2, University of Queensland (Highest overall marks in third year biochemistry courses)
- Australian Student Prize, Australian Government

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Hannah Williams and Benjamin Teng 'Beyond "But-for" Once More' (2025) 84(2) *Cambridge Law Journal* 237.
- Benjamin Teng and Hannah Williams, 'A "Curious Order" and the Inherent Power to Order Stays Pending Arbitration: *Rex International Holding Ltd v Gulf Hibiscus Ltd* (2020) 30(4) *Australasian Dispute Resolution Journal* 295.
- Benjamin Teng and Hannah Williams, 'A Post-Aon Doctrine of Abuse of Process: *UBS AG v Tyne (as trustee of the Argot Trust)* (2018) 360 ALR 184; [2018] HCA 45' (2020) 47(2) *University of Western Australia Law Review* 354.

