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PRACTICE

Laura Heit was called to the Bar in 2025. She practises in all areas of commercial, regulatory and public law, with a particular focus on contractual disputes, equity and trusts, Admiralty and maritime law, administrative law, and statutory construction

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

MinterEllison

November 2019 – September 2022; November 2023 – August 2024

- Lawyer, Graduate and Research Clerk in the Dispute Resolution Team
- Involved in a wide range of complex litigation (including arbitration) and advisory matters, across the areas of tort, property, defamation, contracts, corporations and public law.

Federal Court of Australia

September 2022 – November 2023

- Associate to the Hon Justice Steven Rares of the Federal Court of Australia

Australian Law Reform Commission

January 2021 – October 2021

- Researcher and drafter for the Australian Law Reform Commission's *Review of Judicial Impartiality*

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) - Jesus College, Oxford

Awarded 2025

- Options: Commercial Remedies, Restitution of Unjust Enrichment, Conflict of Laws, Civil Procedure
- Awarded Oxford Law Faculty – Jesus College Scholarship

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, College of Law

Awarded 2022

Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) - The University of Queensland

Awarded 2021

- University Medal in Law
- Valedictorian (Semester 2, 2021)
- First in Year, with associated prizes

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) - The University of Queensland

Awarded 2021

Queensland Certificate of Education - Biloela State High School

Awarded 2015

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Bar in 2025
- Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2022

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- Oxford Law Faculty – Jesus College Scholarship for the BCL
- John Hughes Wilkinson Memorial Prize in Law (Highest Results in Law Courses) (2021)
- MinterEllison Prize in Law (Highest Overall Marks in LLB) (2021)
- Virgil Power Prize in Law (Highest Marks in Compulsory Level 3 and 4 Law Courses) (2021)
- Women Lawyers of Queensland Una Prentice Award (Highest Graduating Female Law Student at The University of Queensland) (2021)
- University Medal in Law (2021)
- Valedictorian, Semester 2 (2021)
- Kay Young Memorial Prize in Jurisprudence (2021)
- Pro Bono Award (2021)
- David Leeder Davies Prize in Competition Law (2020)
- UQ and Bar Association of Queensland Best Oralist in a Moot Prize (2019)
- Ron Salter Award, International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (2018)
- UQ Academic Excellence Scholarship (2016-2019)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Heit and Walpole, 'Sunken Treasure in the Supreme Court', Law Quarterly Review (2025) 141(1) 39-43
- Heit and White OAM QC, 'Cargo Lost Overboard in Australian Waters: Their Management and Australian Law', Australian Law Journal (2021) 95 ALJ 427
- Heit, 'Alize 1954 and CMA CGM SA v Allianz Elementary Verischerungs Ag & Ors [2021] UKSC 51', Australian and New Zealand Maritime Law Journal (2021) 35 ANZMLJ 1

LEGAL COMPETITIONS

Philip C Jessup Moot Competition

2018 – 2019

- Member of the UQ Team awarded Best Overall Respondent Side (International Rounds), Best Overall Memorials (Australian Rounds), Best Respondent Memorial (Australian Rounds)
- Sixth-Best Oralist (International Rounds), Fifth-Best Oralist (Australian Rounds), and awarded UQ and Bar Association of Queensland Best Oralist in a Moot Prize



International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

2017 – 2018; Coach of 2022 and 2024 teams

- Member of the UQ Team that were Winners of the International Oral Rounds and awarded Best Claimant Written Memoranda
 - Ron Salter Award for the Best Speaker in the Finals
 - Coach of the 2022 and 2024 UQ International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Teams
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LEADERSHIP ROLES & VOLUNTEER WORK

- Deputy President (2021) and Vice President (External Competitions) (2020) of the University of Queensland Law Society, a registered charitable corporation
- Careers Director (2020) and Education Director (2019) of the University of Queensland International Law Society

