Carmel Lee

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Carmel Lee is a barrister with a broad practice encompassing commercial law and equity, conflict of laws (private international law) and public interest litigation. She has a strong reputation for her ability to problem-solve, frame solid arguments, think on her feet, and

Before coming to the bar, Carmel worked in the NSW Crown Solicitor's Office as part of a team that prepared evidence and the defence on behalf of NSW Government and NSW Rural Fire Services. From 2009 until 2010, Carmel was Deputy Registrar of the NSW Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeal.

Between 2010 and 2012, Carmel was also a Tipstaff and Acting Judge's Associate for judges in the NSW Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, including the Hon M J Slattery in the Equity Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Hons D L Davies, L McCallum and G J Bellew in the Common Law Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Hon R D Giles in the Court of Appeal New South Wales. She wrote preliminary drafts of judgments and assisted the court with legal research on contentious matters, often at short notice. The role provided Carmel with a unique perspective on litigation in a variety of jurisdictions.

Carmel has lectured in Conflict of Laws at the University of Sydney, in Advocacy and Strategic Litigation at Macquarie University, and in Evidence Law at University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). She has also lectured in Legal Ethics at the University of New South Wales and UTS.

Carmel regularly represents foreign and domestic corporations, individuals and charities. She is willing to consider pro bono briefs in areas of significant public interest, and has advised on matters concerning human rights, the rights of asylum seekers and civil liberties.

