

BIOGRAPHY

Clare came to The Bar with 20 years' experience as a solicitor, working in the fields of environment, planning and climate change. Clare has been involved in cases in all classes of the Land and Environment Court as well as the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Federal Court, District Court, Local Court and NCAT. She brings her expertise to civil and administrative matters, judicial review and criminal matters. Clare is also regularly briefed to appear in mediation and conciliation conferences.

ADMISSIONS

2025	NSW Bar
2005	Admission as a solicitor

QUALIFICATIONS

2003	Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Hons I), University of Sydney
2009	Graduate Diploma in Communications, Charles Sturt University
2016	Certificate in Governance, Governance Institute of Australia

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2025 – Present	Barrister , Martin Place Chambers
2019 - 2025	Mills Oakley , Special Counsel, Planning and Environment Team
2017 – 2019	Johnson Winter & Slattery , Senior Associate, Planning and Environment Team
2013 - 2016	McCullough Robertson , Senior Associate, Planning and Environment Team
2008 – 2010	Cth Department of Climate Change , Acting General Counsel/Senior Lawyer
2006-2008	King & Wood Mallesons , Solicitor, Litigation and Environment Team
2004-2006	Ashurst , Environment and Planning

SAMPLE OF CASES

Land and Environment Court:

Class 1: Development appeals

- *Tamworth Council v Independent Planning Commission and Hills of Gold Pty Ltd [2026] NSWLEC 1161*
- *Chan v Sutherland Shire Council [2026] NSWLEC 1329*

- *Boulos v Northern Beaches Council* [2026] NSWLEC 1386
- *57 The Avenue v Northern Beaches Council* [2026] NSWLEC 1125

Development Control Order Appeals

- *Karnauchow v Penrith City Council* [2026] NSWLEC 1289

Class 2: Trees and dividing fences

- *Nagaya & Boonnu v Athreiya and Athreiya* [2026] NSWLEC
- *Armstrong v The Owners of Strata Plan 5548* [2026] NSWLEC

Class 3: Strata renewal; compensation; easements

- *The Owners – Strata Plan No 38065 v Xi Zhang; Yan Shi; Bertram Residential Pty Ltd atf the Bertram Residential Trust; Bertram Commercial Pty Ltd atf the Bertram Commercial Trust* [2026] NSWLEC 83 – Led by Lazarus SC

Class 4: Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement

- *Levi Investments 17 Pty Limited v Minister for Planning and Public Spaces & Ors* [2026] NSWLEC 88 – Led by M Seymour SC

Section 56A Appeals

- *Save the Robots v The City of Sydney* [2025] NSWLEC 149 – led by A Pickles SC

Interlocutory Matters

- *Strathfield Municipal Council v Ghaleb* [2025] NSWLEC 122 – Notice of motion to stay proceedings
- *Fred Caterson Champions Inc (No 2) v The Hills Shire Council* - Notice of Motion seeking a stay and opposing subpoenas
- *Fred Caterson v The Hills Shire Council* [2025] NSW:EC 139 – Notice of motion to commence out of time; notice of motion seeking leave to rely upon expert evidence

Court of Appeal:

- *Fred Caterson Champions Inc v The Hills Shire Council* – led by Michelle Painter SC

Federal Court:

- *SYG2133/2023 Ishaq Muhammad & Ors v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship & Anor* – led by M Seymour SC