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Career Summary

Lauren Sims was called to the Bar in 2020.

Prior to coming to the bar, Lauren worked as a solicitor in private practice, government and in-house roles. She commenced her legal career as a tipstaff and associate to a judge of the Land and Environment Court.

Lauren has experience in a broad range of areas of law including environmental law, planning, mining law, energy and resources, work health and safety, native title, and property.

She has conducted litigation in civil, administrative and criminal proceedings and resolved disputes through alternative dispute resolution including mediation, conciliation and negotiated settlements

Employment History

September 2020 – present	Barrister Martin Place Chambers
April 2018 – September 2019	Director – Compliance and Investigations NSW Department of Planning and Environment
December 2013 – April 2018	Principal Legal Officer and other legal roles NSW Department of Planning and Environment
September 2010 – December 2013	Corporate Lawyer – Environment and Safety Snowy Hydro Limited
July 2010 – September 2010	Deputy Registrar Supreme Court of NSW
September 2007 – February 2009	Lawyer Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst)
January 2007 – September 2007	Lawyer Sparke Helmore
June 2005 – January 2007	Associate and Tipstaff, Land and Environment Court of NSW

Admissions and Qualifications

2020	Called to the NSW Bar
2006	Admitted as a Legal Practitioner in the Supreme Court of New South Wales
2004	Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws, University of Newcastle

Selected Appearances as Solicitor Advocate

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Final hearings:

- Billinudgel Property Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning [2016] NSWLEC 139 – Judicial review proceedings
- Snow Culture Pty Limited v Anthony Roberts t/as Minister for Planning; Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment v Snow Culture Pty Limited [2017] NSWLEC 125 – judicial review and civil enforcement proceedings

Interlocutory matters:

- Hoxton Park Residents Action Group Inc (No 3) v Liverpool City Council [2015] NSWLEC 198 – costs
- Hoxton Park Residents Action Group Inc v Liverpool City Council [2014] NSWLEC 42 – application to transfer proceedings to Supreme Court
- Ocean Shores Community Association Inc v Byron Shire Council (No 4) [2015] NSWLEC 175 – interlocutory injunction
- Neale v NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure [2017] NSWLEC 61 – summary dismissal and application for leave to amend
- Sell & Parker Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning [2017] NSWLEC 1586 – conciliation conference in class 1 proceedings
- David DeBattista v Minister for Planning [2018] NSWLEC 8 – expert evidence and interrogatories