

# CHARLOTTE SMITH

Year of call - 2009

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate  
Criminal Law  
Administrative Law  
Public Law  
Inquests and Commissions of Inquiry

## EDUCATION

BA (Hons), University of Queensland  
LLB (Hons) University of Queensland

## CAREER HISTORY

Charlotte was admitted as a solicitor in 2006 and called to the Bar in 2009.

Charlotte began her career at Legal Aid Queensland, reaching the position of Deputy Public Defender before moving to the private bar in 2024.

Charlotte has extensive experience in complex criminal matters including homicides, drug matters and sexual offences. She has regularly appeared in the Queensland Court of Appeal for many years. She has junior'd Senior Counsel in two Special Leave Applications to the High Court of Australia. She also regularly appears before the Supreme Court in relation to applications under the *Dangerous Prisoner (Sexual Offences) Act* and in the Mental Health Court. Charlotte has public law experience including inquests, judicial reviews and a *parens patriae* application.

She is a member of the Legal Aid Queensland complex case panel.

Charlotte is a member of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee and Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee. She is also a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland Criminal Law Section Committee. Charlotte was a member of Bar Council between 2022-2024, as the employed member.

Charlotte regularly presents seminars for the Bar Association, Legal Aid Queensland and the Queensland Law Society.

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## NOTABLE CASES

### Appeals

*R v Coleman* [2015] QCA 176  
*R v TAO* [2020] QCA 4, [2022] 7 QLR  
*R v CCO* [2020] QCA 231,[2020] 45 QLR  
*R v Volante* [2021] QCA 109  
*R v Kowalczyk* [2021] QCA 154, [2021] 31 QLR  
*R v Cook* [2021] QCA 209, (2021) 9 QR 101  
*R v CCS* (2021) 293 A Crim R 1  
*R v Grace* [2022] QCA 10  
*R v RBF* [2022] QCA 33  
*R v Bui* [2022] QCA 67  
*R v SDR* [2022] QCA 93  
*R v Pashen* [2022] QCA 111  
*R v Campbell* (2022) A Crim R 360  
*R v DBZ* [2022] QCA 200  
*R v Evelyn* [2022] QCA 211, [2022] 44 QLR  
*R v SDV* [2022] QCA 220  
*R v DAB* [2022] QCA 268, (2022) 13 QR 217  
*R v Wallace* [2023] QCA 22  
*R v SDZ* [2023] QCA 30  
*R v BDY* [2023] QCA 40  
*R v LAZ* [2023] QCA 46  
*R v HCN* [2023] QCA 97  
*R v BEB* [2023] QCA 105  
*R v SEG* [2024] QCA 95  
*R v Lee* [2024] QCA 36  
*R v PBO* [2024] QCA 238

### Supreme Court

*R v Walker* [2016] QSC 262  
*Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service v AT & Anor* [2018] QSC 147, [2018] 29 QLR  
*R v Fels* [2019] QSCPR 14  
*R v Fels* [2020] QSCPR 6  
*MH v HJ* [2023] QSC 176; (2023) 15 QR 449  
*R v LZY & Porter* [2024] QSC 237

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### Mental Health Court

*Macfarlane, Re* [2015] QMHC 13

### Dangerous Prisoner applications

*A-G (Qld) v Sands* [2016] QSC 225

*A-G (Qld) v Jackway* [2018] QSC 137

*A-G (Qld) v Nemo* [2018] QSC 202

*A-G (Qld) v Holroyd* (2020) 5 QR 80

*A-G (Qld) v Jackway* [2020] QSC 377

*A-G (Qld) v Tiers* [2021] QSC 115

*A-G (Qld) v Giddy* [2021] QSC 222

*A-G (Qld) v Berndt* [2021] QSC 289

*A-G (Qld) v Cobbo* [2022] QSC 31

*A-G (Qld) v Fisher* [2022] QSC 127, [2022] 26 QLR

*A-G (Qld) v ZBA* [2025] QSC 241

### District Court

*MTJ v Commissioner of Police* [2015] QDC 330

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