



## Brooke Hall-Carney

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## Expertise and Practice

Brooke Hall-Carney is an experienced commercial litigator, who has worked on some of the largest and most complex litigation and government inquiries in Australia in the last 15 years, including all of the commonly referred to “mega litigations”. Her areas of expertise include insolvency, trade practices, contracts, financial services and general commercial disputes. Brooke also consults on cybersecurity and data breaches and regularly presents to third parties and sits on panels in this regard.

Brooke specialises in the management of large-scale litigation projects, including building documentary databases and drafting document exchange protocols. She is an expert in litigation technology and uses this insight to navigate the complexities of large disputes, tailoring the use of technology to her clients, their matters and budgets.

Brooke is responsible for Lipman Karas’ technology and litigation technology resources. Her expertise in this area is recognized in the industry, with software developers seeking her input on their designs, and the courts soliciting her views in relation to practice notes and rules regarding disclosure and electronic trials.

## Project Highlights

Brooke has extensive experience in some of the most challenging and complex litigation and government inquiries in Australia. Examples of these projects include:

- **One.Tel Limited (in liq) v Packer & Ors**  
Represented the special purpose liquidator of One.Tel in a dispute in the Equity

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Division of the New South Wales Supreme Court in relation to the company's 2001 collapse following the withdrawal of an AU\$132 million renounceable rights issue. The proceedings concerned claims against entities connected to some of the company's former high profile directors for breaches of directors' duties and in connection with the abandonment of the rights issue. The matter settled favourably before trial.

- **Investigation into the Construction of South Australian Water Desalination Plant**  
Retained by the South Australian Government to undertake an investigation into the delays, defects, claims and exposure of the government arising out of the construction of the State's AU\$2 billion desalination plant. Brooke oversaw the coordination of the documentary evidence, statements and production of the final investigative report.
- **Bell Group Limited**  
Representing Australian liquidator of Bell Group NV, a Netherlands Antilles incorporated company within the Bell Group (an offshoot of Bond Corporation), which collapsed with a deficit of more than AU\$1 billion. Lipman Karas led the appeal by Bell Group NV in the Western Australia Court of Appeal, increasing the compensation payable to the Bell Group from AU\$1.7 billion to AU\$2.8 billion. Subsequent High Court of Australia proceedings were discontinued following a multi-party mediation to settle the claims against the banks. Litigation involving distributions entitlements of shareholders continues.

Brooke was the principal case manager, with direct responsibility for the installation and implementation of the electronic courtroom for the appeal.

- **Seven Network Limited v News Limited & Ors**  
Represented a large telecommunications company and its subsidiaries in the trial and Full Court of the Federal Court Appeal of the high profile C7 pay television dispute, the largest ever media lawsuit in Australia, which alleged anti-competitive conduct in the pay TV market and misleading and deceptive conduct by various parties. Brooke was the principal case manager for the trial and appeal. She was the representative on the Federal Court electronic courtroom committee that was responsible for implementing and installing the electronic courtroom for the trial and the appeal.
- **Various Commercial**  
Acted for a large telecommunications company and its subsidiaries in various contractual disputes involving unpaid monies, third party engineering claims and large misleading and deceptive conduct and anti-competitive conduct claims. Also advised a large telecommunication company in relation to various contractual, access and commercial disputes at both the advisory and litigation stages.
- **Data & Cybersecurity**  
Acts for clients in relation to data breaches under Privacy laws, including NPPs and regularly presents on cybersecurity, data and directors' duties and sits on panels in this regard.

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## Career

Prior to joining LK in early 2009, Brooke worked for many years in the Sydney office of King & Wood Mallesons. Before commencing private practice, she was an Associate to the Honourable John von Doussa QC, then a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. Brooke was subsequently a research assistant for members of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia in the Ben Ward Native Title Appeal in the Federal Court in Perth and for the late Justice O'Loughlin in relation to *Cubillo v Gunner* (the "stolen children case"). Brooke was the recipient of a Commonwealth fellowship to teach and study a Masters of Law at the University of British Columbia, Canada.

## Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts (1993)
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (1998)
- Master of Laws, University of British Columbia, Canada (2002)
- LEADR

## Admissions

- Supreme Court of South Australia (1998)
- Supreme Court of New South Wales (2000)
- High Court and Federal Court of Australia (2000)

## Industry and Community

- LEADR
- ILTA
- Ringtail Stakeholders User Group
- Women Lawyers Association
- The Orana Foundation
- Active in pro-bono matters and leading pro bono initiatives; most recently involved in the Aboriginal Law Studies Program run by TAFE SA Justice and Policing Studies and the Law Society of South Australia