

# LOUISE KRUGER

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Native Title
- Public Law
- Regulatory and Enforcement
- Commercial Law
- Energy and Resources
- Environment and Property Law

## OVERVIEW

Louise is a barrister who appears regularly in the Federal Court of Australia (including the Full Federal Court), the Supreme Court of Queensland and specialist tribunals. Her practice encompasses complex litigation and advisory work for governments, Native Title Representative Bodies, Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate, Traditional Owners, mining companies, landholders, corporations and not-for-profit organisations. She is frequently briefed as junior counsel in significant, sensitive and novel matters involving contested native title claims and compensation proceedings, judicial review, regulatory enforcement, shareholder disputes and charitable trust administration.

She also has substantial experience in public and regulatory law, including acting for government departments in judicial review proceedings raising complex questions of statutory interpretation and administrative power. She has advised on environmental, planning and resources legislation, appeared in regulatory and enforcement proceedings, and acted for the Attorney-General in matters concerning the administration of charitable trusts.

Louise is a University Medalist in Law from the Queensland University of Technology and holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in French and Spanish from the University of Queensland. She is a member of the Indigenous Affairs Committee of the Queensland Bar Association and is also admitted to practice in New York, United States.

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## SELECTED CASES

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### Native Title

- ***Blucher on behalf of the Gaangalu Nation People v State of Queensland* [2025] FCAFC 177**  
Appeal from negative native title determination
- ***North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 1996) v Harris* [2025] FCAFC 70**  
Appeal from negative native title determination made in non-claimant application
- ***Smallwood on behalf of the Bindal People #2 v State of Queensland* [2025] FCA 1668**  
Determination of persons comprising native title holders
- ***Melville on behalf of the Pitta Pitta People v State of Queensland (No 2)* [2025] FCA 753**  
Interlocutory application regarding joinder of non-party to native title compensation application
- ***Illin on behalf of the Bindal People #2 v State of Queensland* [2024] FCA 1242**  
Interlocutory application regarding authorisation of applicant to amend native title determination application
- ***Harris v State Minister for the State of Queensland* [2024] FCA 1059**  
Non-claimant application by pastoral landholder opposed by native title representative body.
- ***Pitta Pitta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v Melville on behalf of the Pitta Pitta People* [2022] FCAFC 154**  
Interlocutory application seeking summary dismissal and strike out of native title compensation application.

### Public Law

- ***Smith v Chief Executive, Queensland Corrective Services* [2024] QSC 288**  
Judicial review of decision not to allow prisoner access to assisted reproductive technology while incarcerated

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Doyle's Guide to Legal Profession

2026 – Leading Native Title Law Barristers – Recommended

## CAREER

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<b>2021</b>	Called to the Bar
<b>2018 – 2020</b>	Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills (Brisbane)
<b>2014 – 2018</b>	Associate, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (New York)
<b>2011 – 2014</b>	Lawyer, Ashurst (Sydney)
<b>Jan 2013 – July 2013</b>	Civil Lawyer, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (Katherine)

## EDUCATION

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**QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**, Brisbane, Australia

Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and University Medalist), received December 2010

**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND**, Brisbane, Australia

Bachelor of Arts (Major in French and Spanish), received February 2007

## ADMISSION

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First District of New York, United States, 11 May 2015.

New South Wales Supreme Court, Australia, 2 December 2011.

## MEMBER

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Indigenous Affairs Committee Member, Queensland Bar Association

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- Facilitator of Environmental Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association event - Opportunities to Raise *Public Awareness about Climate Change Impacts* – March 31, 2016.
- Presenter at the 11th Annual Environmental Transactional Roundtable in Philadelphia - *Conquering Polluted Waters: An Associate's Primer for Navigating Challenging Deals* – June 5, 2015.
- Petrie, Nicholas and Kruger, Louise, *Child Protection Matters in the Northern Territory* (July 1, 2014). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2473466>.
- Maguire, R & Kruger, L (2013) "*The International Regulation of Persons Displaced by Climate Change*" in Angus, F and Maguire, R (eds) *The Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Asia Pacific Region*.

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