

Rachael Murray

Partner | Family Law

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Rachael co-manages the Brisbane Family and Relationship Law practice. She provides exceptional advice with emotional intelligence to help clients make the best decisions at the start and end of their significant relationships. The technical skills Rachael offers are highly sought after and highly regarded among clients needing support through sensitive, high-net wealth and complex settlements.

Having worked solely in family and relationship law since 2002, Rachael specialises in complex property and other financial matters arising from relationship breakdowns. Rachael has particular expertise and interest in cases involving parties' interests in corporate and trust structures and relationship planning by use of Binding Financial Agreements. Her practice has a specific focus that includes complex parenting matters involving international parenting disputes, drug and alcohol abuse, cases involving mental health issues and children with special needs (particularly matters involving ASD, ODD, PDA and other elements of neurodiversity).

Rachael is also trained in collaborative law, mediation and parenting coordination. In her work as a parenting coordinator, Rachael coaches parents in post-separation communication strategies and conflict resolution. Rachael arms parents with the tools they need to make positive and constructive contributions to their child's development, and helps them avoid the poor outcomes traditionally associated with children who have been exposed to parental conflict.

Rachael is consistently recognised by her peers as a leading family lawyer and has ranked highly in the Doyle's Guide and Best Lawyers in Australia list since 2016 and 2018 respectively.

Expertise

- Divorce and relationship breakdowns – including court and non-court based dispute resolution, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Appeals, de facto relationships, domestic violence, international disputes, same sex relationships, separation and spousal maintenance.
- Property settlements – including advising high net wealth individuals and those with trusts, corporate entities and family businesses.
- Non-court based conflict resolution in family law matters – including parenting coordination, mediation and collaborative law.
- Financial Agreements – including structuring and planning prenuptial agreements and cohabitation agreements.
- Children's issues – including high conflict residence disputes, interstate and international relocation, Hague Convention cases, parenting agreements, surrogacy, adoption, child abuse, child support, grandparents' rights and step-parents' rights, IVF and gender dysphoria cases.
- International matters – including assisting Australian expatriates living abroad, cross-border prenuptial agreements and property settlements and liaison with leading international family law practices in most jurisdictions.

Recognitions

- Recognised Lawyer - Family Law, Family Law Mediation and Non-Profit/Charities Law - *Best Lawyers in Australia 2026*
- Lawyer of the Year, Family Law, *Best Lawyers in Australia 2025*
- Recognised Lawyer, Family Law Mediation and Non-Profit/Charities Law, *Best Lawyers in Australia 2025*
- Preeminent Lawyer, Parenting & Children's Matters – *Brisbane, Doyle's Guide 2025*
- Leading Lawyer, Family & Divorce Law – Australia, *Doyle's Guide - 2024 & 2025*
- Preeminent Lawyer, Family & Divorce Law – Brisbane, *Doyle's Guide 2024 & 2025*
- Leading Lawyer, High Value & Complex Property Matters – Brisbane, *Doyle's Guide 2024 & 2025*
- Leading Lawyer, Parenting & Children's Matters – Brisbane, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

Other roles and associations

- Member, Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland
- Member, Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia
- Member, Parenting Coordination Australia
- Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- Member, Association of Therapeutic Family Law Professionals
- Member, Queensland Association of Collaborative Practitioners
- Member, Australian Association of Collaborative Practitioners
- Member, Queensland Law Society

Professional qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Griffith University - 2001
- Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) (Politics and Public Policy), Griffith University – 2001