



### Catriona Martin

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As Asia Pacific Pro Bono Director, Catriona Martin manages DLA Piper's pro bono programme across 13 office locations in eight countries in Australia, Asia and New Zealand.

#### RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate

Catriona works closely with UN agencies, governments, international NGOs, non-profit organisations and charities, and community legal centres to develop pro bono programs that address unmet legal need and improve access to justice in communities. Catriona also partners with governments and universities to support the rule of law and build legal capacity within the Asia Pacific region, in particular, in Pacific Island Nations. Catriona is a trusted adviser to the non-profit sector with a particular focus on child rights.

#### EXPERIENCE

Catriona has extensive experience in public interest litigation, legal education, law reform and implementation of community programs. At DLA Piper, Catriona's key pro bono clients include UNICEF, the Government of Vanuatu and the University of South Pacific.

Catriona has previously acted as a criminal defence advocate for homeless and disadvantaged young people and has been actively involved in juvenile justice law reform, including having sat on the Youth Justice Coalition Committee. Catriona has also worked for an Indigenous organisation in Central Australia, NPY Women's Council, on stakeholder engagement frameworks and tools for evaluating the success of domestic and family violence programs.

#### CREDENTIALS

##### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

##### Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Catriona was a Senior Associate in the Disputes Group for an international law firm where she worked on significant, complex class actions and regulatory investigations for financial institutions, large resources companies and medical device manufacturer. Catriona also spent time working in Paris for another international law firm in international commercial arbitration.

## Education

- Bond University, QLD, Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), 2008
- Bond University, QLD, Bachelor of Commerce, Major in Finance, 2008

## Memberships

- Association of Pro Bono Counsel
- Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Law Asia
- Australian Child Rights Taskforce
- Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (Child Rights Subcommittee)

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper Partners With UNICEF To Assist The UN Global Study On Children Deprived Of Liberty**

13 November 2018

DLA Piper has partnered with UNICEF in East Asia and the Pacific to respond to the United Nations Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

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### **DLA Piper named Corporate Citizen Firm of the Year at 2018 Australasian Law Awards**

18 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has been named Corporate Citizen Firm of the Year at the Australasian Law Awards held in Sydney on Thursday 17 May 2018, in recognition of the firm's pro bono and responsible business initiatives.

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### **DLA Piper launches latest Pro Bono partnership with The University of the South Pacific**

13 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has launched a new pro bono partnership with the Law School at The University of the South Pacific (USP), as part of its commitment to protecting and promoting the rule of law in the Pacific region.

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