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OVERVIEW

Bethany Wellington is a litigation lawyer, practising in the areas of insurance litigation and medical negligence. She has worked on a range of coronial inquests and litigious matters, acting for hospitals, healthcare providers, correctional facilities and other state entities. Bethany also has experience advising on indemnity and disputes relating to insurance policies.

Bethany previously completed a secondment to the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry as Legal Advisor, to assist with the Inquiry's investigation and report into the health implications of the Hazelwood mine fire in the Latrobe Valley.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*™ for Medical Negligence, 2023-2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Australian Insurance Law Association member

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Health Management, Monash University, 2023
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, Australia, 2014
- B.A., University of Melbourne, 2013
- Diploma in Modern Languages, University of Melbourne, 2013 (*French*)
- LL.B., University of Melbourne, 2013 (*First Class Honours*)

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Victoria

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Reparations for Violations in Armed Conflict and the Emerging Practice of Making Amends, chapter in the Routledge Handbook of the Law of Armed Conflict, 2015

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for care agencies in relation to historical sexual abuse claims.
- Acting for disability service providers with respect to litigated claims and Coronial inquests regarding deaths of residents in care.
- Acting for public health care organisations in respect of claims for breach of privacy and assisting with the complaints process in the Health Complaints Commission.
- Assisting with defence of public liability claims arising from injuries sustained on government property, including disputes involving application of defences pursuant to the Road Management Act 2004 (Vic).
- Acting for Victorian public health care organisations in relation to a broad range of complex medical matters in the County and Supreme Court, including claims relating to obstetric management, psychiatric management, emergency care and paediatrics.
- Representing hospitals and other state health care providers at Coronial inquests.