



## Katherine Smith

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## OVERVIEW

Katherine Smith is an experienced restructuring and insolvency lawyer advising clients about contentious and non-contentious aspects of corporate insolvency, bankruptcy and recoveries, including examining antecedent transactions, securities enforcement, and investigations.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Katherine worked in commercial and insolvency litigation at an Australian firm. She has also had extensive experience working in both the Australian and New Zealand Revenue Offices in their respective Debt Recovery areas where she led the response to the Insolvency Practitioners Bill governing the regulation of insolvency practitioners in New Zealand and assisted in laying the foundation for increased governmental collaboration to address phoenix risk.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association (ARITA) member
- INSOL International member
- Law Society of New South Wales member

## EDUCATION

- Insolvency Education Program, Insolvency Practitioners Association (now ARITA), 2009
- B.A., Victoria University of Wellington, 2001 (*Politics - International Relations*)
- LL.B., Victoria University of Wellington, 2001

## ADMISSIONS

- High Court of New Zealand

- Supreme Court of New South Wales

## **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB***

- 27 August 2019, Cross-border cooperation: Federal Court of Australia considers "classic candidate" for coordination with High Court of New Zealand (*Alerts/Updates*)

## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Restructuring and Insolvency