

Julie Callea-Smyth

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Julie Callea-Smyth is a Partner in our Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Insolvency & Reconstruction practices, and a Notary Public.

Specialising in complex litigation and dispute resolution for over 30 years, Julie has acted for small-to-medium enterprises through to major corporate clients, leading banks and financiers, insolvency practitioners, accountants and property developers.

Julie has extensive experience in managing commercial/contractual disputes, fraudulent transactions, insolvency/bankruptcy proceedings, property and leasing disputes, and director's duties. She also has extensive mediation experience, including as an Accredited Mediator.

Julie is a tenacious litigator with a proven track record of achieving commercially advantageous outcomes for her clients. She is held in high esteem for her commitment to prioritising client relationships and strategic approach.

Expertise

Litigation &
Dispute Resolution

Insolvency & Reconstruction

Notary Public

Specialisation

Alternative Dispute
Resolution

Mediations including
Farm Debt Mediations

Sectors

Banking and Finance

Agribusiness

Property and Leasing

Significant experience

Julie's experience includes:

- Acting in contentious oppression proceedings and shareholder disputes.
- Acting in insolvency disputes.
- Arranging appointments of liquidators and trustees.
- Obtaining freezing orders.
- Acting in defamation proceedings — including successfully obtaining orders for a 'super-injunction' against Fairfax Media prohibiting the publication of sensitive material.
- Acting for major banks and lenders — instigating and defending proceedings in all jurisdictions.
- Managing priority disputes between mortgagees.
- Enforcement and recovery of secured and unsecured debts.
- Disputes involving fraudulent transactions.
- High Court applications.

Qualifications

Professional Course in
Notarial Practice,
Victoria University

Bachelor of Laws,
Monash University

Bachelor of Science (Hons)
Monash University

Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

The Society of
Notaries Victoria