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Sally appears in all courts and tribunals, in all Australian jurisdictions, and accepts briefs in most areas of civil and commercial law including:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Common Law Contract & Tort
- Competition & Consumer
- Construction
- Corporations & Directors / Officers
- Debt & Enforcement Mechanisms
- Employment & Industrial
- Equity & Trusts
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy
- Insurance
- Private International & Cross-Border
- Professional Indemnity & Liability
- Property
- Public & Administrative
- Wills & Estates

Sally has recently acted for clients including:

- Bankruptcy trustees, including in Family Court proceedings and in pursuit of cross-border asset recovery.
- Liquidators and administrators in various settings involving claims for unfair preferences, insolvent trading, winding-up, setting aside deeds of company arrangement, remuneration and other applications under the *Corporations Act*.
- Corporations (debtor and creditor) in the insolvency context.
- Law firms, finance providers, corporations and private individuals in debt-recovery and enforcement proceedings and actions for money had and received.
- Businesses and private individuals in construction matters including actions for breach of contract, *quantum meruit* and rectification.
- Regulators in proceedings for undeclared income, tax evasion, breaches of the superannuation guarantee obligations and breaches by financial services licensees.
- Commercial franchisors, lessors and tenants in contractual disputes in common law and statutory contexts.
- Corporations involved in disputes with former directors and employees in proceedings for breach of contract, breaches of the *Australian Consumer Law* and breaches of statutory and fiduciary duty, including urgent injunctive relief, final restraints and asset-preservation orders.
- Minority shareholders in oppression scenarios.
- Private individuals in proceedings against statutory authorities to compel decision-making according to law.
- Beneficiaries in contested estates, family provision claims, and constructive trust scenarios.
- Not-for-profit and charitable organisations in various settings including contractual disputes and cyber-attack / data protection scenarios.
- A Commonwealth agency in claims for negligence and intentional torts by former asylum-seekers (led and unled).
- Pastoral enterprises in proceedings for breach of contract, misleading or deceptive conduct and breach of statutory duties (led).

Before joining the Bar, Sally worked in private practice at a specialist international litigation firm. During her time as a disputes lawyer, Sally primarily worked on complex, high-value matters arising in a commercial or corporate insolvency context, in both domestic and offshore jurisdictions. These disputes typically involved issues such as breach of contract, professional negligence, wrongful trading, breach of statutory and/or fiduciary duty, misleading or deceptive conduct, and fraud. In 2016 Sally spent six months in a trial before the Royal Court of Guernsey in an action brought on behalf of English liquidators against the American directors of a Guernsey-incorporated investment fund that collapsed during the Global Financial Crisis. Sally also acted for the State of South Australia in a Public-Private Partnership dispute in relation to the construction of a major piece of public health infrastructure.

Prior to her legal career Sally worked as an Intelligence Officer, including various deployments to offshore theatres of operation. Most recently, Sally deployed to Afghanistan with Australia's Special Forces, where she was responsible for planning and executing targeting operations against the Taliban. In this regard, Sally is well versed in the practical application and effect of the Law of Armed Conflict (International Humanitarian Law) in the course of conflict involving non-State actors.

During her earlier career Sally was also deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in various specialist intelligence roles, and also as part of the multi-national task force searching for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH 370. Sally also served as the Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor of South Australia and as a Japanese-English interpreter at the Ministerial level. In 2013 Sally received a Prime Minister's Endeavour Award and spent the year studying Japanese constitutional law at Chuo University Graduate School of Law (in Japanese), with an emphasis on the impact of the Article 9 'Renunciation of War' clause on the burgeoning Australia-Japan security partnership.

Admission / Registration:

Supreme Court of South Australia
Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Federal Court of Australia
High Court of Australia
High Court of New Zealand

Professional Education — Legal:

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (with Distinction), Australian National University
Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of Adelaide
Prime Minister's Australia-Asia Endeavour Award (Undergraduate), Government of Australia

Professional Memberships:

South Australian Bar Association
Law Society of South Australia
Women Lawyers' Association of South Australia
Women's Insolvency Network South Australia

Select Professional Education / Qualifications — Other:

Governor's Leadership Foundation Program, Leaders' Institute of South Australia
Level N1, Japanese Language Proficiency Test, Government of Japan
Advanced Intelligence Officer Course, Defence Intelligence Training Centre
Interrogation Course (Supervisor), Defence Intelligence Training Centre
Psychological Operations Course (Supervisor), Defence Intelligence Training Centre
General Service Officer Course, Royal Military College—Duntroon
Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne
Victorian Certificate of Education, Methodist Ladies College

Professional & Committee Roles:

Advocacy Trainer, South Australian Bar Association (2024 to present)
Treasurer, South Australian Bar Association (2023 to present)
Member, Bar Council, South Australian Bar Association (2020 to 2023)
Member, 'Women at the Bar' Committee, South Australian Bar Association (2020 to present)
Member, National Conference Steering Committee, Australian Bar Association (2023)
Member, International Committee, Australian Bar Association (2019 to present)
Member, South Australian Veterans' Advisory Council (2018 to 2022)
Director, Leaders' Institute of South Australia (2018 to 2020)

Languages:

English (native)
Japanese (professional working proficiency)