

## **Nina Moncrief**

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Nina Moncrief graduated from the University of Western Australia in 2003, having completed a double degree, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science.

In 2004, Nina commenced articles at Gadens Lawyers in Perth. During her articles year, she worked predominantly in the busy commercial litigation group and gained exposure to taking instructions from clients, drafting court documents, briefing counsel and appearing in court. Nina experienced a diverse range of practice areas including intellectual property, consumer protection, commercial leasing, environmental, mining and energy and native title. Having found the study of law abstract and theoretical, she enjoyed the practical side of applying the law in a commercial firm and presenting cases before a court.

During her articulated clerk year, Nina also volunteered at community legal centres including the Environmental Defenders' Office, Yamatji Land & Sea Council and Case for Refugees.

Nina was admitted to practice in Western Australia in March 2005. Shortly after being admitted, she transferred to Gadens Lawyers in Melbourne, where she was admitted to practice in June 2005.

Between 2005 and 2006, Nina gained an increasing exposure to competition and consumer protection law, working on a number of matters against the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). Nina was attracted to competition law as an area which overlapped with economic and public policy.

In 2006, Nina moved to Corrs Chambers Westgarth to work predominantly on behalf of the ACCC in enforcement proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia involving cartels, price-fixing, boycotts, retail price maintenance and breaches of consumer standards. To further develop her expertise, Nina was fortunate to participate in the Study Support Program at Corrs, which allowed her to undertake post-graduate study in competition law at Melbourne University.

In addition to working at Corrs, Nina is a regular judge of mooted competitions and other university competitions at Melbourne, Monash, La Trobe and Victoria Universities and assists the Fitzroy Legal Service on a pro-bono basis. Nina is also a member of the Victorian Women Lawyers/Victorian Bar Association mentoring scheme, which provides law students a mentor from the legal profession.