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Melanie specialises in medico-legal matters, professional regulation, securities regulation, administrative law, and criminal law.

Melanie was admitted to practice in 1993, and has worked at Tottle Partners (and its predecessors) since 1996. She holds a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Australia. She became a partner of the firm in 2017.

Before joining Tottle Partners, Melanie worked as a lawyer for the Australian Securities Commission and has also worked as a Consultant for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. She became a partner of the firm in 2017.

Melanie has considerable legal experience in medico-legal matters and in the areas of professional regulation and professional indemnity. She conducts complex litigious matters, including administrative and criminal matters, across a range of jurisdictions including the Supreme Court of Western Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the State Administrative Tribunal and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Her areas of Practice include:

- Health law
- Administrative law
- Professional regulation
- Media Law
- Professional indemnity
- Criminal law, particularly offences under the Corporations Act
- Policy advice
- Representation of parties involved in ASIC, police and regulatory investigations

Melanie regularly appears as counsel in investigations, inquiries, inquests, at trial and on appeal. She is also very experienced in the representation of parties at mediation, and is skilled in negotiating the resolution of complex disputes.

In the area of professional regulation and professional indemnity, Melanie's clients include the Medical Board of Australia, the Dental Board of Australia, the Psychologists Board of Australia, the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia, the Chiropractic Board of Australia, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, and medical defence insurers.



Melanie has been a guest lecturer in “Medicine and the Law” at the University of Western Australia and she has contributed extensively to the Law Society of Western Australia’s Brief Magazine, on diverse topics. She has presented papers to the Annual Scientific Conferences of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand.

Melanie is currently the Deputy Chair of the Child and Adolescent Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee. She has been a:

- legal member of the Joondalup Health Campus Human Research Ethics Committee
- longstanding member of the Law Society’s Brief Magazine Editorial Committee
- member of Law Society Executive Council
- member of Law Society Equal Opportunities Committee