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Karen Garner Barrister-at-Law

Karen practises as a barrister-at-law in private practice in the areas of

- workplace relations law,
- employment law,
- discrimination law and

other workplace relations and employment related areas.

Karen was appointed by the Queensland Government as the independent Counsel Assisting the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission in the Inquiry into the Impact of the Work Choices Legislation.

Karen has served on the Management Committee of the Industrial Relations Society of Queensland (IRSQ) and was instrumental in organising and presenting what has become one of the most popular events on the IRSQ calendar, its *Advocacy for Workplace Relations Professionals* program – an advocacy course specifically designed for workplace relations professionals.

Prior to admission as a barrister, Karen worked as a solicitor in private practice specialising in workplace relations and employment law, representing clients in a range industrially challenging industries where she acted in many of Queensland's most difficult industrial disputes, including the national coal strikes and national maritime dispute.

