

Watts McCray Recognised in Doyle's Guide for 2019



Family law firm Watts McCray has been listed as a Recommended Law Firm Australia wide, in the Doyle's Guide for 2019. "We have had a great year of achievements by all our hardworking staff, and this is truly a fantastic way to end the year," the company said in a post on Facebook.

In other highlights their Central Coast office has for the first time been named as one of the Leading Family Law Firms in the Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Central Coast area and Watts McCray has also been ranked in the Leading Family & Divorce Law Firms – Sydney list.

This follows the recent announcements of individual Watts McCray staff being recognised on many different Doyle's lists. These include managing director Jacqueline Vincent in the Leading Family and Divorce Lawyers, Sydney 2019, category.

Jacqueline Vincent, an Accredited Specialist, has practised predominantly in the Family Law area since commencing work as a Solicitor in 1997. She has experience in all aspects of Family Law including property and financial matters, residence and contact issues, child support, maintenance and domestic violence as well as de facto relationship disputes. She appears regularly as an advocate in both the Family and Federal Circuit Courts.

Principal Director, Justin Dowd was named in the Leading Family and Divorce Lawyers, Sydney 2019 category and in the Leading Parenting and Children's Matters Lawyers, New South Wales 2019 category. Justin Dowd has been a Director of Watts McCray for over 20 years and a solicitor for 40 years. He has a wealth of experience and expertise. Justin became an Accredited Specialist in Family Law in 1994. He is also accredited as an arbitrator and mediator in family law.

Director, Kate O'Grady Leading Family and Divorce Lawyers, Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Central Coast 2019. Kate O'Grady is a Director of Watts McCray and leads the family law team in Watts McCray's Erina office, located on the NSW Central Coast. Kate was admitted to practice in 2006, became an Accredited Specialist in Family Law in 2011 and was made a Partner/ Director of Watts McCray in 2016, working exclusively in family law for the duration of her legal career. In 2017 Kate was awarded 'Private Practice Lawyer of the Year' through the NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards.

Director, Elizabeth Bedford was named in the leading Parenting and Children's Matters Lawyers, New South Wales 2019 category. Elizabeth Bedford undertakes a broad range of family law files, including complex financial matters and parenting disputes including interstate and international relocation, child abduction and cases involving serious allegations of violence and abuse. She is also experienced in maintenance and child support matters.

She appears in Court regularly as a Solicitor Advocate, including as an Independent Children's Lawyer.

Special Counsel, Maurice Edwards in the Leading Family Law Mediators, New South Wales 2019 category. Maurice Edwards has a long and successful professional history in representing clients in a wide range of legal practice areas.

Maurice is an Accredited Family Law Specialist, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP), Accredited Mediator and Arbitrator. He is a Collaborative Family Lawyer and is currently President of the Greater Sydney Collaborative Family Law Group. Maurice was appointed as a Public Notary in 1996 and is a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries. He has over 35 years legal experience in assisting clients to resolve their Family Law issues, in both complex financial, and parenting matters.

The recognition means that there is now a "Doyle's" Leading Family Lawyer or Mediator based in each of its offices in New South Wales and the ACT. This comes following the listing of Debra Parker and Catherine Coles on the Doyle's List of Leading Family Lawyers and Mediators in Canberra earlier this year.

For more information on family and divorce lawyer, de facto property settlement, spousal maintenance and more, visit <https://www.wattsmccray.com.au/>

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