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BIO

Sophie graduated from the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Laws in 2011 and a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in corporate finance) in 2009.

In 2012 Sophie completed her Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice at the Australian National University and was admitted to the Supreme Court of South Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia.

During her undergraduate studies, Sophie gained valuable legal experience working within a prominent Adelaide criminal law firm and a family law firm. As a result of this exposure early in her career, Sophie developed a passion for family law and she has practiced exclusively in this area since her admission.

Sophie is motivated to achieve the best outcome for her clients and she is skilled in taking a pragmatic approach and providing comprehensive and realistic advice from the outset.

Sophie has the ability to develop an instant rapport with her client's and they in turn benefit from her ability to listen to their concerns and provide effective solutions. She works hard to ensure her clients feel empowered with information at every stage of their family law matter, whether that be in achieving an amicable resolution to their dispute or through litigation.

Sophie's corporate finance studies have given her a strong base to understand and effectively deal with the often complex personal and commercial financial issues that arise after the breakdown of a relationship. Sophie is particularly adept at advising in matters where there are one or more companies and/or trusts, including self-managed super funds. With this knowledge and skill, Sophie is well suited to advising her clients about the myriad of issues that need to be considered after the breakdown of a relationship, including property settlement, spousal maintenance and child support.

In addition to financial matters, Sophie is experienced in dealing with the range of parenting disputes that fall at either end of the spectrum, be it those that are able to be effectively negotiated with the assistance of legal advisors, through to difficult parenting disputes which require litigation.

Sophie has experience in the range of issues that are often of concern to parents when they separate regarding the care arrangements of children including matters involving mental health issues, substance abuse, parental alienation and allegations of abuse.

Sophie recognizes that separation is a difficult time for all involved. She is committed to assisting parties to reach agreement through negotiation and mediation to ensure the early and cost-effective resolution of family law matters. Where litigation is necessary, Sophie is a strong advocate for her clients and has represented clients at Trial in the Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia.

Sophie is a member of the Law Society of South Australia and the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia.