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Chanelle is an associate in Barry.Nilsson.'s Insurance & Health practice. She joined the Melbourne team in September 2017, coming from a background in external dispute resolution.

“BN is a very friendly and approachable team, and there is a big focus on learning and development, which is valuable to staff and clients.”

“The work I do is interesting, technical and rewarding – no two days are the same at BN!”

Chanelle is involved in a range of matters and assists in all stages of legal proceedings. On a daily basis she reviews files, drafts liability and indemnity advices, attends court hearings, represents clients at mediations, and provides general communication and advice to clients.

At BN, Chanelle works in the areas of:

- Professional indemnity
- Injury liability
- Property damage claims, including construction
- Public and products liability

Chanelle has experience in providing advice on indemnity and the representation of professionals from a wide range of industries, such as construction (including architects, engineers, building surveyors), conveyancing, financial institutions (including accountants) and health care (including dentists). Chanelle is able to develop a strong rapport with her clients and guide them through all relevant processes.

Chanelle's work with health care professionals includes resolving demands for compensation/refund of fees by providing general advice, drafting responsive letters to complainants and the preparation of terms of settlement, where relevant. Her work also extends to assisting and liaising with health care professionals to respond to Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency notifications and investigations and resolving complaints lodged with the Health Complaints Commissioner by complainants. Chanelle is familiar with the interests and challenges that health care professionals face in their practice and particularly with respect to complainant requests and regulatory action.

She also has experience in the workings of the Financial Ombudsman Service and resolving consumer complaints related to a range of products and issues, including banking practice and privacy.

Chanelle has a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Hons) and Bachelor of Business (Accounting), as well as a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice. She was admitted to practice in June 2016 and is a member of the Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA), the Law Institute of Victoria, Women in Insurance and Young Insurance Professionals.