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Meredith Jacobs is a special counsel in our Insurance & Health team and is based in the Brisbane office.

‘I was working in a large top-tier firm in Brisbane when I was seconded from general insurance to a position in the medical negligence team. Immediately, I knew this was the area I wanted to practise in going forward..’

At Barry.Nilsson., Meredith specialises in:

- Medical negligence
- Coronial law
- Medico-legal advice (including consent, capacity, confidentiality and end-of-life issues).

Meredith’s clients include:

- Public and private hospitals
- Medical professionals and their insurers
- Other health providers and their insurers

‘I have experience of working both in private practice and in-house. Most recently, I spent 13 years working as the Head of Legal Services at a large, acute teaching hospital in London. It was fascinating work, which involved interacting closely with all levels of medical staff in a wide variety of medico-legal contexts.’

As a result of her extensive experience, Meredith is particularly well-equipped to

work with clinical staff in defending claims, preparing for inquests, and providing advice on legal matters that arise within a health setting. Meredith has sat on a clinical ethics committee and has a particular interest in medico legal ethics.

'I believe that clients value my input as an experienced and skilled legal technician who, as a result of working in-house, also has a good understanding of front-line issues that health professionals face on a daily basis. My legal advice is always informed by my experience at the coal face and my deep understanding of the realities of working in the health sector.'

Meredith has a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland and a Master of Arts (Medical Law and Ethics) from the University of Manchester in the UK.