

# SAMANTHA PILLAY

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Samantha Pillay is a principal in our Insurance & Health team. She joined Barry.Nilsson.'s Brisbane office in 2005, having already established a practice in personal injury litigation. Samantha has qualified to practice in both Australia and the United Kingdom.

'At Barry.Nilsson I am lucky enough to work with a team of people who are focussed on our clients, and are continually looking at new and innovative ways to better meet their needs.'

Having begun her career handling CTP and public liability matters, Samantha's practice has evolved to now focus on health law, including:

- Litigation, specialising in medical malpractice and professional indemnity
- Coronial inquests, Office of Health Ombudsman (OHO) and AHPRA matters
- Assisting with internal investigations and clinical reviews

Of particular interest to Samantha are:

- complex policy coverage issues
- claims involving financial and medical professionals, with specific interest in emergency medicine and children's health

'I enjoy the process of reviewing a lot of complex information, identifying the key issues and then resolving upon a strategy with the client. It's challenging and rewarding. Litigation can be stressful for professionals when their most important asset, their professional reputation, is threatened. The opportunity to advocate for them during this time is both a significant responsibility and a privilege.'

Samantha's clients include:

- public and private hospitals
- medical, radiology and pathology practices and day hospitals and their insurers
- medical and health professionals and their insurers
- financial service professionals and their insurers
- other insureds.

'I enjoy interacting with other professionals who often have a whole field of knowledge, and a day-to-day working life, that is completely different to mine. It's great being able to meet clients and get to know their organisations and the different ways that we can help them. It is particularly rewarding working for hospitals that are continually looking to improve patient safety and quality of care.'

Samantha is recognised as a Leading Medical Negligence Lawyer in the 2020 edition of *Doyles Guide*. Samantha has also been recognised in the 2021 and 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers* for Insurance Law.

Samantha has a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology). She is a member of the Medicolegal Society of Queensland and the Australian Professional Indemnity Group (APIG) and a previous committee member of the Queensland chapters for Women in Insurance and APIG.