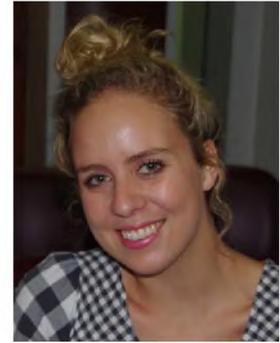


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in the Secretariat

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Brief career history

Psychology/Social Work,
Melbourne 2003-2007
Law, Bond University 2007-2009
Project Officer – Research and
Policy, Law Society 2010

What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?

I wanted to help people tell their stories.

How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you up here?

Since mid-February 2010. I had only travelled to Darwin once before I made the move and just knew it was where I wanted to be. So I'd say the red dirt and the career opportunities.

What is the best and the worst thing about living and working in the Territory?

I like the heat, the people and the fact I don't have to walk very fast. I like that I don't have to push my way through people with briefcases to get to work. I like the markets and going bush on weekends.

The worst thing is not being able to swim at the beach; I'm starting to get over crocodiles.

What is your greatest achievement?

Probably completing my law degree at Bond Uni. We completed three semesters a year so it could get exhausting - it was a fantastic feeling to finish.

What are your interests?

Nature, music, horse racing, art, reading.

Describe your perfect weekend.

Heading to a country race meet with my family and friends.

What was the last book you read?

The Bride Stripped Bare – Anonymous

What is your favourite movie?

Legends of the Fall

What was the last CD you bought?

The Joy Division – John Peel Sessions

What is your favourite holiday destination and why?

Banks of the Edwards River at Deniliquin, NSW. Our family has a property there and every holiday I would camp and water ski with my brothers and cousins on the river. It is completely private which makes for great skiing. I also like it because there is no mobile phone reception.

Describe your perfect meal.

A big group of friends, on a long table outside, with lots of seafood and champagne.

After a long week at work, it is finally Friday. You walk up to the bar and order a...?

Beer – Hahn Superdry.

Two adjectives that describe who you are, and why

Loyal – I'm proud and protective of my friends and family.

Spontaneous – I like to maintain a bit of thrill in my life!

If money and time were not a factor where would you like to holiday?

Travel South America for a few months.

What famous case in history do you remember and why

Donoghue v Stevenson – the neighbour principle. I thought it was interesting how Lord Atkin applied religion to the law. My Year 11 Legal Studies teacher was very animated in telling us about the case. She drew a huge ginger beer bottle with a snail at the bottom of it on the white board. I can still see it.

If you could pick any period in history that you could have lived in, what would it be and why

Hmm, maybe the Pride and Prejudice era so I could walk around having cups of tea all day and deciding who to marry. No, I like the opportunities I have as a young woman now.

If you were given \$1,000,000 to spend in 24 hours how would you spend it?

Firstly, I would pay off my Uni loans! Then give some away, book a holiday for my friends and buy a house. ●