

## Dr. Jacoba Brasch QC

## President, Law Council of Australia

Dr Jacoba Brasch QC joined the Law Council of Australia as a Director from the Bar Association of Queensland in September 2017. In 2018, Dr Brasch was elected by Directors to the Executive, and then to Treasurer in 2019.

Until her election as President-elect in late 2019, Jacoba was also the inaugural Chair of the LCA's Domestic and Family Violence Taskforce, a member of the FLS Executive and inaugural Chair of the Australian Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee and inaugural Chair of its Family Law Committee. In a break from her more usual areas of practice, Dr Brasch is the Chair of the Queensland Rugby League/ASADA Anti-Doping Tribunal.

Admitted to the Bar in 2000, Dr Brasch's practice centres on family law, child protection, mental health law and family violence. She has appeared in various states and territories of Australia and often appears in the Full Court of the Family Court of Australia. Jacoba has also appeared in the High Court of Australia, with those matters including, but not limited to, Customs & Excise, Family Law and the Hague Convention (Child Abduction).

Prior to coming to the Bar, Dr Brasch completed an LLM at New York University as a Fulbright Scholar and NYU Graduate Merit Scholar. In 2010, Dr Brasch graduated with a PhD from University of New South Wales where her doctoral thesis concerned what constitutes a fair, independent and impartial trial.

