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THE PROFESSION

12:45pm-1:15pm

Online Advocacy

A practical discussion of strategies that work and reflections on lessons learned. The session will particularly focus on: witness preparation and procedural fairness; document management in small and large matters; platforms for communicating between lawyers and clients during court; engaging with the Court prior to a hearing; and the advocate's presence in a virtual courtroom.

About Sera Mirzabegian

Consistently recognised by Doyle's Guide as one of the 'Leading Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Junior Counsel' in Australia, Sera was recently named 'Lawyer of the Year' in class actions in Sydney by Best Lawyers.

Sera was called to the NSW Bar in 2006 and admitted as a solicitor in 2002. She practises primarily in commercial, regulatory and class action litigation with a particular focus on AML/CTF, trade practices and competition, contracts, corporations law including directors' duties and insolvency, financial services law including superannuation, and mass torts and product liability. Sera has extensive experience in regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings by APRA, AUSTRAC, ASIC and the ACCC. She has a deep understanding of the financial services industry, having advised the Commonwealth Bank on regulatory and class action matters in a senior in-house role. She also acts in public law matters, including administrative law, international law and Royal Commissions.

She is currently the Honorary Secretary of the NSW Bar Association. She has previously served as a Councillor of the NSW Bar Association and as Secretary of the NSW Bar's Commercial Law Section.

Sera graduated from the University of Sydney with a Master's degree in International Law (2008) and Bachelor's degrees in Law (2001) and Economics (Social Sciences) (1999). She received First Class Honours in Law on merit and was awarded several academic prizes and scholarships. In 2006, she received the Blashki Award for the highest marks in the NSW Bar exams. She is a published legal author and has lectured at the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney and Macquarie University. Before coming to the Bar, Sera was a litigation solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills and Gilbert + Tobin.