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Samille is a Director and Principal Legal Officer in AUSTRAC's inhouse Legal team, a role she commenced in February 2024 during a period of fast-moving legislative reform. In this capacity, she is responsible for leading a dynamic legal team providing legal and strategic advice to the agency. She brings over 25 years of expertise in Commonwealth government law, having built a career across both operational practice and senior leadership roles.

Before joining AUSTRAC she advised on customs, immigration and maritime related matters for the Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force. She has also spent time as a Director of Enforcement at the ACCC working on high-profile criminal cartel prosecutions and served as a Senior Federal Prosecutor with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions managing complex prosecutions of a range of matters including tax fraud, insider trading and restraint of criminal assets, developing extensive advocacy and litigation experience.



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