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Ruth has over 18 years' experience advising clients involved in major class actions, regulatory investigations, insurance claims and contractual disputes.

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BACKGROUND

Ruth holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne. She also holds a Master of Laws from the University of Melbourne. Ruth is admitted to practice across Australia.

KEY SERVICES

[Class Actions](#)
[Financial Services Disputes](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Banks and other Financial Institutions](#)
[Insurance](#)

EXPERIENCE

Ruth acts for clients involved in some of the largest class actions in Australia and regularly advises clients in relation to regulatory investigations and directors and officers liability insurance issues.

Ruth currently acts for UBS in the Australian FX class action and Toyota Motor Corporation Australia in its defence of a product liability class action in relation to Takata airbags. Ruth also regulatory advises major financial institutions in relation to responsible lending, the provision of financial services advice and other regulatory issues.

Previously, Ruth acted for AusNet Services in its defence of 5 bushfire class actions, including the 3 class actions arising out of the Black Saturday bushfires. In addition to the bushfires class actions, Ruth also advised Lufthansa Cargo in its defence of the Air Cargo class action.

Ruth also represents clients in regulatory investigations and provides advice on class action related insurance issues. Ruth's clients are generally ASX100 clients operating in the banking and financial services sectors.

MARKET RECOGNITION

Ruth is regularly approached to speak on panels as an expert in class actions and has been regularly recognised by her peers as a class actions expert in The Best Lawyers in Australia publication.

"Ruth Overington is [a] name to note in Melbourne" – Chambers Asia Pacific 2020

"Brilliant" – Legal 500 2019