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Jacqui advises on disputes, investigations and corporate crime, with particular expertise in anti-bribery and compliance issues.

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BACKGROUND

Jacqui has worked for 2 years as in house litigation counsel with BHP in The Hague and Melbourne, and also spent 6 months over 2018/2019 as acting VP Ethics & Compliance at BHP, leading the Australian and Group Functions compliance team.

Jacqui is a member of the Law Council's Foreign Corrupt Practices Committee.

Jacqui holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) degrees from the Australian National University. Jacqui graduated with a University medal in law and received the Supreme Court Judges' prize.

KEY SERVICES

[Corporate Crime and Investigations](#)
[Dispute Resolution](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Mining](#)
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EXPERIENCE

Jacqui has a track record in assisting clients to resolve disputes and regulatory investigations, and manage reputationally significant legal and compliance risks.

Co-head of the firm's Australian corporate crime & investigations practice, clients praise Jacqui's "fantastic global knowledge" and find it "reassuring to have someone local with that exposure and experience available."

Across her disputes and investigations work, many of Jacqui's matters have a multi-jurisdictional dimension. She has advised on issues arising in countries across Asia, UK, US, Middle East and Africa. She assists clients across a range of regulated sectors address contentious and sensitive issues, including in high-profile settings like Royal Commissions and public inquiries.

Jacqui is recognised in Chambers' Asia-Pacific (for anti-bribery and corruption expertise), Who's Who Investigations, Best Lawyers (for litigation) and Doyle's Guide (for white collar crime, corporate crime and regulatory investigations). Across her disputes and investigations work, many of Jacqui's matters have a multi-jurisdictional dimension. She has advised on issues arising in countries across Asia, UK, US, Middle East and Africa.

Jacqui's practice spans both advising on contentious matters, and drawing upon that experience to work with clients on strategies to mitigate legal risks, including through developing compliance frameworks, programs, tools and training, and advising on compliance risks within transactional due diligence.

Jacqui brings to clients globally informed experience in the areas of anti-corruption, trade sanctions, ESG, business & human rights/modern slavery and whistleblowing.

Having worked in both in house legal and compliance roles, Jacqui brings together strategic and practical legal advice, strong project management skills and tailored client service.

Examples of Jacqui's experience includes assisting:

- a major insurance company in ASIC investigations and civil and criminal proceedings relating to travel insurance sales
- a listed Australian company in a multi-jurisdictional investigation into potential violations of anti-corruption laws involving agencies in Australia (AFP) and the US (the SEC and DOJ)
- an Australian headquartered global company on an investigation into potential sanctions violations
- NAB in the Royal Commission into misconduct in the banking and financial services sector

- various companies with intersecting regulatory inquiries and class action proceedings and risks
- a private sector contractor in a public inquiry by the Queensland Crime & Corruption Commission into the corrective services sector
- a global telecommunications company in coronial inquests
- various clients with internal investigations including those stemming from whistleblower complaints
- various companies with coordinating corporate compliance program reviews and projects to uplift corporate governance policies and procedures