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Susannah leads the firm's Digital Law Group in Australia & Asia specialising in emerging technology, digital assets, blockchain & smart contracts and major projects including automation, renewable energy & infrastructure.

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BACKGROUND

Susannah has a Masters of Laws and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales and a Bachelor of Commerce/Arts from University of Sydney. She is admitted to Supreme Court of Queensland. She is fluent in French.

She has completed a course on Smart Legal Contract Development and Blockchain at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Susannah is Chair of the Digital Commerce Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, and Co-Founder and Director of the Digital Law Association.

KEY SERVICES

Digital Law Group Projects

KEY SECTORS

Fintech Renewables

EXPERIENCE

Susannah is a senior lawyer with Herbert Smith Freehills specialising in emerging technology, digital assets, automation and infrastructure (including renewable energy), with a keen focus on digital law. Susannah has over 17 years' experience with leading firms in Australia, the United Kingdom and Russia.

Susannah is the global co-head of the Digital Law Group driving digital transformation of law including the development of smart legal contracts and digital business transformation in conjunction HSF's multidisciplinary teams. Susannah is also a key member of the Emerging Technology Group, a team of specialist lawyers who advise on cutting edge issues arising with the adoption of emerging technologies.

Having worked across multiple jurisdictions, Susannah uses her experience to assist clients navigate complex transactions often in uncertain regulatory environments.

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Susannah's recent experience includes advising:

- Numerous clients in relation to various aspects of digital assets, crypto and blockchain technology.
- Treasury Wine Estates on the sale and listing of a limited-edition barrel of wine through a Non-Fungible Token on NFT platform Blockbar.
- The co-founders in the establishment of a decentralised autonomous organisation for peer-to-peer lending.
- The developer of the Forest Wind, 1200MW wind farm in Queensland as a market-led proposal.
- Regen Farmers Mutual on the development and use of smart legal contracts as part of a blockchain based market place for environmental credits.
- A major resources company in relation to digital transformation of their end to end contracting processes including advice on smart legal contracts.
- A major partner to the Australian Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Technology Project's ground breaking study into algorithmic bias in Al and impacts on human rights.
- Minderoo Foundation on data governance and stewardship policy for ethical use of data.

- A major resources company on procurement of autonomous haulage capabilities.
- Transurban Queensland on the major road upgrade to Logan Motorway as the first successful market-led proposal to the State of Queensland & the construction of a road upgrade to the Inner City Bypass.
- Advising on numerous renewable energy projects.
- Advising on the acquisition of multiple toll road assets in Brisbane.

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