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EXTREMELY GOOD AT

- Understanding what her clients want to achieve and finding legitimate workable solutions to achieve it.
- Delivering legal and commercial advice in plain English.
- Providing relevant immigration legal advice of worth based on current immigration legislation, regulation and policy.
- Identifying and addressing external political and economic factors that will impact migration outcomes.
- Building lasting business relationships of reciprocal respect, trust and credibility with clients, Government departments and third party providers.
- Employing her strong negotiation skills to beneficially liaise with the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and other governmental authorities on behalf of clients.
- The seamless design and execution of Corporate migration programmes for small-medium businesses through to large enterprises.
- Coaching, mentoring and leading training initiatives.
- Negotiating with the DHA to secure Labour Agreements for Australian businesses.
- AAT appeals and challenging migration cases involving health, character and visa refusal or cancellation issues.
- Working constructively within a diversity of communities, cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful IAAAS applications – finally knowing my clients have the opportunity to start living and stop fearing is the ultimate gift, and humbling.
 - being invited to attend their Citizenship ceremonies!
- As a member of a team of three, being engaged to provide strategic advice to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for developing appropriate visa and migration pathways in Northern Australia for our Pacific Island populations.
- Sharing management of the global immigration programme for one of Australia's "big four" banks; a challenging role that provided invaluable lessons and insights to managing dynamic, fast changing, high demand international migration programmes of scale.

WORK / BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- Senior Consultant – Global Immigration, People Advisory Services, Ernst & Young, Sydney
- Solicitor (Immigration Law) – Katie Malyon & Associates Lawyers, Sydney
- Solicitor (Property Law) – Denese Vale & Associates, Sydney
- Solicitor (Immigration and Property Law) – JS Nam and Associates, Melbourne
- Branch Administrator – Institute of Professional Legal Studies, NZ

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Courts of Victoria and New South Wales (Jun. 2008)
- Admitted Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand (Dec 2003)
- Licensed Immigration Advisor, New Zealand (IAA Licence 202100168)
- Lifetime Member - Golden Key National Honours Society (since 2000)
- Membership with - Law Society of NSW, Migration Institute of Australia, Women Lawyers Association of NSW, Immigration Advisors Authority New Zealand and Association of Fee Free Migration Agents NSW, New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment Inc.

PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Former legal advisor and assistance with IAAAS visa applications under Australia's refugee programme
- Individual pro bono client matters
- Volunteer advisor - Association of Fee Free Migration Agents NSW
- Active contributor Amnesty International NSW, Amnesty International NZ
- Active volunteer CanTeen Australia and RSPCA NZ/Australia

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Laws, University of Waikato, NZ
- Bachelor of Arts (Development Studies), University of Waikato, NZ
- TESOL certified, Teach International Institute. Auckland, NZ
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, First Choice Training, Australia