

# Erika J Techera

**LLB (Hons) (UTS) M Env Law (Macq) LLM (Macq)**

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## **Areas of Educational and Professional Expertise**

- International and Comparative Environmental Law
- International and Australian Heritage Law
- Intellectual property law
- Common Law
- Corporate, Commercial, Taxation and Business Law

## **Research Capability and Expertise**

- Law firm, business, and governmental consultancy advice
- Academic and professional conferences and seminars, workshops.
- Inter-disciplinary and collaborative research
- Research degree supervision
- Legal policy and legislative analysis and submissions

## **Brief Biographical Detail**

Erika Techera joined the Centre for Environmental Law as an Associate Lecturer in 2007. She has both academic and practical expertise in law and business.

Erika graduated from the University of Technology, Sydney in 1993 with Honours: The subject of her honours thesis being the patentability of computer software. From 1994 to 1998 she managed, and later became a director of a litigation support company in Sydney. In 1998 she was called to the Bar and appeared in a number of Australian courts including the High Court of Australia, the Federal Courts in Sydney and Canberra, the New South Wales and Victorian Supreme Courts, Dust Diseases Tribunal, Land and Environment Court, Industrial Relations Commission, District and Local Courts. Her main area of practice was common law, predominantly tort law. Erika remains a member of the New South Wales Bar Association and the Women Lawyers Association. She is an Associate Member of the Law Society of New South Wales and the Secretary of the Women Barristers' Forum.

In 1990 Erika was awarded the Law Society Prize for Conveyancing. In 2005 she was awarded the Macquarie University *Vice Chancellor's Commendation for Academic Excellence* for work in the Masters programme.

Erika has previous part-time tertiary teaching experience in corporate, commercial and taxation law, sustainable enterprise, marketing law and biotechnology. Erika is currently both a member of the academic staff and a PhD Candidate in the Centre for Environmental Law. Her PhD thesis is on the role of Customary Law in Community-based Conservation of Marine areas in the South Pacific region.

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