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Kristen has an extensive taxation practice and appears for taxpayers and the Commissioner of Taxation in income tax and GST cases in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Federal Court and the High Court of Australia.

She has appeared in a large range of tax cases, from complex Part IVA and transfer pricing cases, to disputes concerning CGT, the consolidation regime, international tax, superannuation, insurance, trusts and charities.

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