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KEY SUMMARY

- 18 years PQE experience in private practice family law, ICL at Legal Aid and international commercial firms (K&L Gates, HWLE)
- Authority in family law editing chapters of **CCH's Master Family Law Guide** (last 3 editions).
- Keynote speaker** on family law at the NSW Law Society, City of Sydney Law Society, Pacifica Congress and Sydney University.
- City of Sydney Law Society Committee.**
- Inside Family Law Awards, Founder**
- Inside Family Law book and podcast** host interviewing Judges and other key stakeholders in family law.
- Guest lecturer at UNSW.

From working with large corporate clients at international commercial law firms, to some of societies most vulnerable at Legal Aid, Zoë has a way of connecting with and understanding clients from all walks of life.

Holding both Taiwanese and Australian citizenship and herself a parent to dual citizen French-Australian daughter, she has real world experience in cross cultural issues in families.

Zoë Durand has a wealth of experience (**18 years PQE**) primarily specialising in family law (parenting and property) in both national private practice law firms and as a **Court Appointed Independent Children's Lawyer** at Legal Aid giving her expertise in complex parenting matters. She also previously worked in **national and international commercial firms** including K&L Gates (then Middletons), HFW and HWLE giving her a financial acumen useful in property matters. Zoë also currently continues to practice as a senior consultant lawyer at Urban Family Lawyers.

EXPERIENCE

- 18 years PQE** primarily in national **private practice** family law firms and boutique family law firms (presently a senior consultant at Urban Family Lawyers) and Legal Aid as a **Court Appointed Independent Children's Lawyer (ICL)** giving her an insight into complex parenting matters. Continuing as a senior consultant lawyer at Urban Family Lawyers.
- Prior to transitioning to family law, Zoe began her career at **national and international commercial law firms K&L Gates and HWLE** giving her a financial acumen which is highly desirable in property matters.
- Committee member of the City of Sydney Law Society.**
- Nationally Accredited Mediator, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP), qualified Collaborative lawyer.
- Masters of Applied Family Law (College of Law), Bachelor of Law Degree and Bachelor of Arts Degree (first class honours) from UNSW.
- Qualified Parenting Coordinator with Parenting Coordination Australia.

Author, Editor & Academic work

- Editor of chapters in the last 3 editions of **CCH's Master Family Law Guide** (several chapters) and **CCH's Family Law Practice and Procedure** Alternative Dispute Resolution chapter.
- Authored **family law case notes for the NSW Law Society Journal**, reviewing the latest family law cases.
- Guest lectured at UNSW**, Faculty of Law.
- Author of Inside Family Law**, recommended as a "must read" by The Honourable Peter Rose AM KC and is on the recommended reading list for Family Law at several universities.

Awards

- Founder of the Inside Family Law Awards, 2025.**
- 2026 Lawyer International, Legal 100 Awards**, Legal Excellence Award - Winner.
- 2025 Lawyer International, Legal 100 Awards**, Legal Excellence Award - Winner.
- 2024 Connecting Lawyer Mums, Inspire Awards, 2024** - Finalist.
- 2024 Innovation in Business**, Media Innovator Awards, Legal Education Multimedia Excellence Award - Winner.
- 2024 Lawyer International, Legal 100 Awards, Family Law Mediator** - Winner.
- 2024 Lawyer International, Legal 100 Awards, Multimedia Contributions to Legal Education - Law Life Logic Magic, the film** - Winner.
- 2024 Lawyer International, Legal 100 Awards, Innovative Practices in Family Law - The Inside Family Law book and podcast** - Winner.
- 2020 APAC Insider Legal Awards, Family Law Mediator of the Year** - Winner.
- 2019 APAC Insider Legal Awards, Family Law Mediator of the Year** - Winner.
- 2019 APAC Insider Legal Awards, Best Family Law Publication for Inside Family Law** - Winner.

Reporter & Speaker in family law

- On the ground correspondent who reported live at the **FLENA, AFCC conference and Pacifica Congress Conference.**
- Hosts the **Inside Family Law podcast** (12,000 downloads), www.zoedurand.podbean.com and on Spotify, including interviews with The Hon. Stephen Thackray, The Hon. Diana Bryant AO QC, Judge Tom Altobelli, Judge Alexandra Harland, Judge Joe Harman, The Hon Mark La Poer Trench, The Hon Peter Rose AM KC, and leading family law experts locally and internationally.
- Featured for her insights on the **ABC, Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian, The Age, The Daily Telegraph, A Current Affair, 9 News, 10Daily, Mamamia, 9Honey, The NSW Law Society Journal and Lawyers Weekly.**
- Frequent **key note speaker** on family law including has been a guest speaker for the University of Sydney Law School, Clarence Chambers, Connecting Lawyer Mums, Toongabie Legal Centre, UNSW The Edge programs, The NSW Law Society Young Lawyers events, The City of Sydney Law Society events, Eastern Suburbs Family Law Group, Pacifica Congress and the World Litigation Forum.

Away from the law Zoe is an artist who has exhibited in New York, London, throughout China, Melbourne, Sydney and the Louvre, Paris. She is working to incorporate art and creative thinking in law firms.

Access Zoë's real time availability via her online calendar at www.mediationanswers.com.au