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Miranda Kaye is a Senior Lecturer whose area of expertise lies in family law. Her research is interdisciplinary, drawing on socio-legal research methods to investigate real world impacts of family law principles and procedures.

Miranda has a proven track-record in using qualitative research methods to make recommendations for improved access to justice. With UTS colleagues Jane Wangmann and Tracey Booth, Miranda recently completed a study of the effects of self-representation in the Family Law Court in matters involving allegations of family violence. Funded by the Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS), the research made a series of recommendations to improve the experiences and safety of self-represented litigants in such proceedings.

Miranda also contributes to public policy and debate on family law issues. Her research on a recent proposal to merge the Family Law and Federal Courts was featured in *The Conversation* and on ABC radio's *The Signal*. Miranda has also made multiple submissions to government inquiries, including a recent consultation by the Attorney-General's Department on family law and property matters.

Miranda's current research focuses on binding financial agreements entered into prior to marriage or commencing a de facto relationship – colloquially known as pre-nuptial agreements. She is also investigating the issue of financial abuse as it relates to property division in the family courts.

Prior to joining the Law Faculty at UTS, Miranda studied law at Cambridge and Oxford and was a senior lecturer at the University of Sydney. She also brings to the faculty her experience in the public service (Law Commission of England and Wales) and as a practising solicitor (family law in the United Kingdom).



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