



EVA BUZO BIOGRAPHY



Eva Buzo is an Australian barrister and human rights advocate driven by a profound dedication to supporting victims of atrocities. As the Founder and Executive Director of hūmānus (formerly Victim Advocates International), she empowers survivors of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity to seek justice through international and domestic legal mechanisms.

Admitted as a solicitor in 2017 and called to the New South Wales Bar in 2020, Eva's legal practice encompasses criminal, administrative, and human rights law, with a specialisation in international criminal law and protection matters, particularly sexual and gender-based violence and crimes against children. Recognised as an expert on the Justice Rapid Response roster for international investigations, her experience includes impactful work with organisations such as World Vision, Save the Children, and BRAC across East Africa, South Asia, and Australia.

Her expertise is further recognised through her membership on several key committees and rosters, including the NSW International Humanitarian Law Advisory Committee of the Australian Red Cross and the NSW Bar Association Human Rights Committee. She also serves on the NSW Legal Aid panel for summary crime.

Eva's commitment extends beyond the courtroom. An accomplished ultra-marathon swimmer, she holds records in the English Channel and, in August 2024, became the first woman to conquer the 92-kilometer Strait of Otranto swim from Italy to Albania in approximately 35 hours.



– a feat undertaken in honour of her Albanian grandfather. From 2025 Eva is leading the Forces of Inspiration campaign in partnership with Open Society Foundations and civil society groups in Latin America which brings international sporting events to underserved communities.

Eva's strong academic foundation includes a Juris Doctor with Honours in International Criminal Law and Human Rights Law from The Australian National University, a Bachelor of Arts (BA) with Honours in Politics and International Relations from UNSW, and a Master of Arts (MA) in Peace and Security Studies from the University of Hamburg.

Outside of her demanding legal work, Eva is an avid ocean swimmer and a member of Wanda Surf Life Saving Club.

Published articles

Opinio Juris

- [Buzo, Eva, Clare Brown, Kate Gibson & Pia Conradsen. Argentinian Arrest Warrants for Crimes against the Rohingya: The Power of Small States](#)
- [Buzo, Eva. The Legacy of the Rohingya Overdocumentation Myth: Lessons for Ukraine](#)
- [Buzo, Eva. Three Ways to Improve Victim Participation in the Rohingya Context](#)
- [Buzo, Eva. Australia, the Rome Statute and the War Crimes Proceedings: Where are the Victims?](#)
- [Buzo, Eva. Characterisation of Sexual Violence as a Women's Issue in the Rohingya Crisis: A Response to David Eichert](#)

Justice in Conflict

- [Buzo, Eva. Capturing a Crisis: What Lessons Can We Learn from the 'Overdocumentation' of the Rohingya Crisis?](#)

Speaking Engagements

- American Society for International Law “Global Justice in Court: Fair Trial or Legal Imperialism?” Panelist, April 2025
- Speaker, Informal Working Group on Myanmar, February 2025
- American Bar Association Human Rights Section “Going Global: Seeking Redress against Digital Harms beyond the US” Panelist, July 2024
- Digital Freedom Fund “Collective Redress: Rohingya Complainants vs Meta” speaker, November 2023
- NSW Bar Association, High Performance Sport as A Wellbeing Tool May 2022
- Podcast, Asymmetrical Haircuts “Documenting War Crimes” 2022

Volunteer Work or Pro Bono Activities



- Pro Bono Commitment, [Australian Pro Bono Centre](#), Mar 2021 - Present
- Pro Bono Barrister, [The Refugee Law Project](#), May 2021 - Present
- Human Rights Committee Member, [New South Wales Bar Association](#), Apr 2021 - Jul 2022
- Legal Expert, International Humanitarian Law Advisory Committee, [Australian Red Cross](#), Apr 2021 - Apr 2022

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