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Dianne Nicol started her academic career as a scientist, receiving a BSc with first class honours in zoology from Manchester University, an MSc with distinction and a PhD from Dalhousie University in Canada. Her scientific research was in the area of cell biology, with particular focus on the development of simple nervous systems. In 1992 she commenced studying law at the University of Tasmania and obtained a first class honours degree in 1996. She subsequently completed her LLM thesis in 1997 on Patenting of Human Genetic Material in Australia. She was admitted as a barrister and solicitor to the Supreme Court of Tasmania and the High Court in 1998. She practised law for at Dobson Mitchell and Allport in Hobart, mostly in the areas of personal injury law and intellectual property law. She was appointed as Lecturer at the University of Tasmania in October 2000 and was promoted to the position of Senior Lecturer in 2004 and Associate Professor in 2007.