# ACT Government Solicitor

## What We Do

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The legal services that the ACTGS provides to its clients can be generally divided into three categories: civil litigation, government law matters and property and commercial matters. The ACTGS has several practice groups which deal with matters falling within these categories.

## Government law advice and representation in the following areas

**Public and Constitutional Law, including**

- Constitutional law, both Commonwealth and ACT, and addressing notices of constitutional matters under section 78B of the *Judiciary Act 1903 (Cth)*
- Machinery of government including administrative arrangements, Legislative Assembly, elections, instruments, appointments and delegations
- Public sector governance including matters arising under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* and *Standards*, *Financial Management Act 1996*and public interest disclosures
- General administrative law advice and statutory interpretation
- Administrative law litigation including merits review (ACAT) and judicial review (Supreme Court)

**Regulation and Licensing, including**

- Revenue
- Licensing of professions, occupations, trades and activities regulated by government, government authorities and boards
- Disciplinary inquiries relating to the licensing of professions, occupations and trades
- Regulatory enforcement including civil penalties and driver licences

**Citizen Rights, including**

- Child protection
- Protection orders
- Mental health
- Human Rights
- Discrimination
- Corrections and sentence administration
- Freedom of Information and privacy including privacy of health records

**Employment and Industrial Relations, including**

- Employment agreements
- Public Sector employment including discipline and grievances
- Workplace and Industrial Relations
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Salary packaging**ï»¿**

# Civil litigationis conducted by ACTGS on behalf of its various clients in the following areas

**Claims, including**

- Medical claims
- Claims arising from the Territory"s provision of education and welfare services
- Claims arising out of the Territory"s occupation of land and premises
- Insurance law
- Other claims by and against the Territory
- Victims of Crime Compensation

**Dispute Resolution, including**

- Arbitration and mediation
- Land Disputes
- Debt recovery and insolvency
- Defamation claims and advice
- Commercial disputes

**Inquests and inquiries**

- Coronial inquests and inquiries
- Other inquiries including those under the *Inquiries Act 1991*

We represent our clients in litigated civil claims in government and commercial matters in various courts, including

- The High Court
- The Federal Court
- ACT Supreme Court
- ACT Magistrates Court
- ACT Coroners Court
- ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Fair Work Australia

# Property and commercial law advice, legal services and drafting is provided in the following areas

### Land Planning and Environment

- Land and planning
- Environment, including heritage and tree protection
- Water and natural resources
- Land sales and acquisitions, including compulsory acquisitions
- Property transactions, commercial leasing and licensing
- ACT Land Law including Crown leases and unit titles

### Commercial and Government Business

- Intergovernmental agreements
- Competition law and trade practices
- Intellectual property advice including copyright, moral rights and trademarks
- Government business enterprises including governance and Territory owned corporations
- Health law and services
- Grants and sponsorships**ï»¿**

### Procurement and Contracting

- Major Government procurements and projects
- Probity advice and services
- Procurement and contracting advice and drafting
- Service funding agreements
- IT and ICT procurement and contracts**ï»¿**

### Infrastructure and Construction

- Construction and capital works
- Government infrastructure including utilities and transport