



ALS

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

Solicitor Criminal Law

Location: Lismore

PURPOSE OF POSITION

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients, primarily in criminal matters, in accordance with the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited's policies, procedures and guidelines.

To contribute to the implementation of the Aboriginal Legal Service's strategic plan to deliver high quality legal services to Aboriginal clients and assist them to resolve their legal problems.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Manager/Supervisor: Cluster Manager

NATURE AND SCOPE OF SOLICITOR POSITIONS

KEY CHALLENGES OR CONSTRAINTS

- Being able to communicate with, take instructions from and effectively represent Aboriginal clients who may present as distressed, have a physical or intellectual disability, or have problem behaviours such as drug or alcohol addictions, when the legal concepts involved are complex and difficult for the client to understand.
- Maintaining and enhancing professional competence, keeping abreast of legal developments, changes in ALS policies, systems, guidelines, practices and community needs.
- Adapting to new systems and technology which have a significant impact on the legal practice.
- Effectively balancing the requirements of managing a busy caseload.

DECISION MAKING

The position is guided in its decision-making by legislation such as Legal Profession Act 2004; by the ALS policies and guidelines and ALS practice standard benchmarks. The position holder makes independent decisions relating to the day-to-day conduct of his or her legal practice within this context.

The position seeks the advice and support of the Principal Legal Officer on a regular basis and consults with the Principal Solicitor before determining applications for merit in complex matters

For enquiries and copy of application package please contact Ms Taryn Duroux

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Please forward a covering letter, ALS application form, CV and responses to selection criteria

Closing date: midnight Friday, 15 March 2019

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Solicitors to apply