



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	SENIOR LAWYER
Position no:	50039307
Team:	[Finance]
Department:	Pre-Publication Training
Location:	Ultimo
Reports to:	HEAD OF PREPUBLICATION & TRAINING 30006378
Classification:	Administrative/Professional
Schedule:	[Schedule A]
Roster cycle	[Non-Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 8]
HR Endorsement:	24/08/2021

Purpose

Under the broad supervision of the General Counsel, provide legal advice and training on a range of media law issues.

Key Accountabilities

- Under the broad direction of the Head of Prepublication and Training:
- Provide outstanding pre-publication advice to content makers across a range of media law topics including defamation, suppression orders, contempt and intellectual property.
- Provide outstanding pre-publication advice on particularly complex stories and long-form investigations.
- Provide quick, pragmatic oral advice on a high-volume prepublication hotline.
- Participate in an after-hours prepublication advice roster without supervision.
- Develop and present excellent media law training to non-lawyers.
- Provide significant support and mentoring to lawyers, including leading a team of lawyers advising on a program series.
- Significantly contribute to the ABC's position on law reform or policy matters and draft submissions.

- Maintain an up-to-date understanding of relevant legislation and proactively follow developments in media law including changes to legislation and trends in judicial approach domestically and internationally.
- Build strategic client partnerships.
- Actively promote the ABC values and apply all relevant workplace policies and guidelines.
- Cooperate with any reasonable instruction, procedure or policy relating to safety and take reasonable care for your own safety and that of other people who may be affected by your conduct while at work. Additional WHS responsibilities apply to Managers and Supervisors, Team Directors, and other Officers.

Key Capabilities/Qualifications/Experience

1. Qualified to practise as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (or other State and Territory).
2. A minimum of 3 years' post-admission experience in providing prepublication media law advice or practising in media law litigation.
3. A minimum of 4 years' post-admission experience as a solicitor.
4. Defamation litigation experience strongly preferred. Criminal law litigation experience an advantage.
5. Genuine and demonstrated interest in media law, news and current affairs.
6. Proven ability to quickly provide excellent, pragmatic legal advice on complex matters within a fast-paced environment.
7. Proven experience in developing and presenting legal training or presenting on legal subjects under minimal or no supervision.
8. Demonstrated experience in managing and mentoring junior lawyers and other staff.
9. Proven ability to influence outcomes and resolve conflict.
10. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to draft clear, concise advice and explain complex ideas to clients.
11. Outstanding legal research skills, with the ability to logically evaluate information, identify important issues, exercise good judgement and reach sound conclusions.
12. Highly technically literate and able to contribute to the use of technology in optimising delivery of client services.
13. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.
14. **ABC Policies:** Understanding of the relevance and scope of ABC policies and the ABC Principles and a commitment to adhere to these; particularly in relation to complying with health, safety and wellbeing requirements in the workplace and acting in accordance with the ABC Principles.
15. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.

