

Nicholas Horn

Legislative drafting and training services

Drafting:

Legislative drafting is my life's calling. I have 34 years of professional experience as a legislative drafter for the Australian and ACT Governments. I recently retired from a senior drafting position with the Australian Office of Parliamentary Counsel, where I worked for over 15 years. I have extensive experience drafting primary and subordinate legislation covering a broad range, particularly:

- regulatory and licensing schemes
- personal property securities law
- criminal law
- migration law
- legislative instruments reform
- territories legislation
- statutory interpretation.

Educator

I have considerable experience teaching legislative drafting at tertiary level (at the the University of Athabaska, Alberta, the ANU and the University of Sydney), as well as in delivering intensive short courses for legislative drafters, in the Pacific region and for the Queensland Office of Parliamentary Counsel. Throughout my time with OPC I was also active in offering internal training courses and (like all other OPC drafters) in delivering courses in the legislative process for instructors and others working with legislation.

Researcher

I have a strong academic and practical interest in plain language drafting, and have published research in legislative drafting, statutory interpretation and law and literature.