

W+K Pro Bono

LEGAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS

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Are your students prepared for tackling the legal issues which face young people as they leave school and make the transition to work and life out of home?

Our lawyers deliver legal education sessions to provide school leavers with an understanding of legal issues which are likely to affect them. This is suitable for all students in Years 11 and 12, not just those taking legal studies.

WHICH TOPICS DO WE COVER

- ✓ Tenancy
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Debts
- ✓ Contracts
- ✓ Youth Allowance and issues with Centrelink
- ✓ Mobile phones
- ✓ Consumer rights
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ Social media

HOW LONG IS A SESSION?

One hour.

WHICH SCHOOLS CAN BOOK A SESSION?

Schools in the Brisbane area. We are particularly interested in partnering with schools where students would not normally have many opportunities to learn about these issues.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS?

Students who have attended previous sessions say it was interesting and informative. More significantly, for many it was their first opportunity to talk to a “real lawyer” and sparked their interest in the law and their rights.

WHY DOES W+K DO THIS?

We are committed to our pro bono and corporate social responsibility program, Community Footprint, which was established in 2012.

Our lawyers advise on a wide variety of pro bono matters and assist many vulnerable members of our community who are unable to obtain legal aid or afford legal representation.

Community legal education in schools is another way for us to use our expertise to contribute to our community.



SAMPLE SESSION OUTLINES

Employment Law

- Am I being paid correctly?
 - What is an Award?
 - What is an Industrial Agreement?
 - How do I find out if I'm covered?
- Are they allowed to do that?
 - Interview questions (what can and cannot be asked)
 - Treating me differently (sexual harassment and discrimination issues, bullying)
 - What are my rights (taking leave, union memberships, leave for religious or other commitments)
 - Termination (when they're allowed to end my employment, what they have to pay when they do, how much notice do they have to give)
- What if it all goes wrong?
 - Fair work and their role
 - Unfair dismissals
 - Other options – Queensland Human Rights Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman

Tenancy Law

- Entering and ending tenancy agreements
- Property maintenance and cleaning
- Privacy
- Bonds
- How to resolve tenancy disputes
- Where to get help

Community Footprint

Our pro bono team is led by Partner Heidi Nash-Smith who was recently recognised with the Pro Bono Partner of the Year Award for the second consecutive year by Lawyers Weekly. Heidi has significantly grown the firm's pro bono practice over recent years and now coordinates the efforts of more than 100 lawyers in undertaking pro bono and community work.

PRO BONO

Our lawyers advise on a wide variety of pro bono matters and assist many vulnerable members of our community who are unable to obtain legal aid or afford legal representation. Through our partnerships with organisations like **Human Rights Law Centre**, **LawRight**, the **Refugee Advice & Casework Service**, we strive to help alleviate some of the pressure on vulnerable people and address society's unmet legal needs.

COMMUNITY & CSR

We have formed long-term partnerships with local charities across Australia and New Zealand, forging strong relationships and making sure that we are acting to create a better future.

One of the ways we help is to partner with one charity each year to focus our advocacy, fundraising and volunteering efforts. This year we are partnering with **Black Dog Institute** to build awareness about mental health and help reduce stigma. We also support **Share the Dignity** and have previously partnered with **International Justice Mission Australia**, **So They Can** and **OzHarvest**.

About W+K – Leaders in our field

W+K has one focus – insurance law. Founded in 2002, W+K has grown from two partners to become one of Australasia’s undisputed leaders in our industry with more than 280 employees across offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Auckland and Wellington.

Our dedication to insurance makes us the home to many of our industry’s most talented legal experts and the law firm of choice for some of the largest insurers, brokers and industry participants. Our experience extends across a broad range of industry sectors, including construction, energy and mining, financial services, healthcare, manufacturing, property, public sector, retail, SME, sports/leisure, technology and transport.

We have built a reputation for leading some of the Australasian insurance market’s largest, most complex and high profile disputes. We have been recognised by our clients as a Band 1 firm for insurance law in the Chambers & Partners legal rankings for seven consecutive years.

In 2017, W+K became a founding member of Legalign Global, an alliance between four of the world’s leading insurance law firms with BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr, DAC Beachcroft and Wilson Elser. This alliance gives our clients access to more than 2,000 lawyers operating in 58 offices across Australia, NZ, Europe, UK, Latin America and North America.

As industry leaders, we also take our commitment to our community seriously.



INTERESTED?

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