



Mills Oakley launches Canberra workplace relations practice

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Top 10 Australian law firm Mills Oakley is expanding its Canberra office, with a team of workplace relations specialists.

The firm has hired senior workplace relations partner **Andrew Klein**, following the hire of property specialist Ben Gulan in the national capital last month.

Andrew will head up a new MO workplace relations team in Canberra. He has previously worked as an in-house lawyer within various Commonwealth agencies and in private practice with DLA Piper and Clayton Utz. Most recently, he was a Principal at Russell Kennedy Lawyers.

Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said Andrew would complement the firm's Commercial and Administrative Law offering in Canberra.

"Our transactional and procurement work frequently has a workplace relations element and there is a commonality between the procedural fairness issues which are raised in an employment context and in an administrative law context," he observed. "Andrew will be an excellent fit for Mills Oakley."

Mr Klein said that he was attracted to the prospect of working with Mills Oakley's rapidly growing Canberra team:

"I have observed Mills Oakley go from strength to strength in Canberra since launching in 2014, acting as a positive agent of change in the market," he said. "It is great to now be part of that story and to help deliver a full service offering for our Canberra clients."

Andrew advises Commonwealth and State government departments and agencies regarding a range of workplace relations and employment issues and disputes. The issues he provides advice on include the reduction and management of workplace health and safety risks, unfair dismissal and adverse action claims, discrimination claims and workers' compensation claims.

Andrew also has particular experience and expertise in conducting complex and sensitive workplace investigations. His primary clients in this area are Commonwealth and State government departments and agencies, including the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the ACT Health Directorate, the ACT Chief Minister, the Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, and the NSW Ministry of Health.

Andrew and his team will commence with Mills Oakley on January 8, 2018.

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