



## Mills Oakley boosts Commonwealth Government practice in Canberra

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Leading national law firm Mills Oakley is continuing to invest in its Commonwealth Government practice with the hire of **Scott Moloney** from Moray & Agnew in Canberra.

Mr Moloney provides advice across the full range of public law issues including statutory interpretation, administrative inquiries, merits review, judicial review applications, FOI and Privacy Act issues, common law claims against governments and public authorities and discretionary compensation schemes.

Scott regularly appears on behalf of his clients to argue interlocutory applications and substantive hearings in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Courts. He is known for his innovative use of alternative dispute resolution techniques. He has a pragmatic style which delivers optimal client outcomes in a manner consistent with the Commonwealth's Model Litigant obligations.

Having worked on secondment in several Commonwealth Departments and Agencies, Scott has a unique insight into the issues facing his clients in the conduct of their day to day business and portfolio responsibilities.

As a Legal Officer in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve, Scott regularly provides advice to Command and individual Australian Defence Force members in relation to a wide range of legal issues including administrative law issues, legislative and policy development projects and workplace inquiries.

Commenting on this hire, Mills Oakley CEO John Nerurker said that Scott would add a new dimension to the firm's Commonwealth Government practice:

"We are focused on maintaining the right mix of expertise in our Commonwealth Government practices across every office," he said. "The addition of Scott's deep public law expertise provides an ideal complement to the broad commercial offering in our existing government practice in Canberra."

Scott said that he was delighted to be joining Mills Oakley:

"I have observed Mills Oakley consolidate its reputation as a collegiate national firm which is committed to the growth of its Commonwealth Government practice," he said. "I am looking forward to being part of the firm and contributing to Mills Oakley's innovative, progressive culture."

Scott commences with Mills Oakley today.

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