

Professional conduct

1 Standards of conduct

All officers of the Crown Solicitor's Office must:

- Conduct themselves professionally, honestly and ethically at all times.
- Act within and uphold the law.
- Demonstrate respect for clients and each other, in particular by:
 - Upholding standards of non-discriminatory behaviour and language; and
 - Ensuring that their behaviour could not be interpreted as any form of harassment; and
 - Acknowledging the value of every staff member's contribution;
- Ensure that their standards of work and behaviour reflect favourably on themselves and the CSO.

In addition, legal staff in the Crown Solicitor's Office must comply with the requirements of the *Legal Profession Act* as outlined in the Department's CODE OF CONDUCT.

2 Criticisms of the Crown Solicitor or legal staff

Solicitors and paralegals must alert the Crown Solicitor and their team leader of any criticism or adverse speculation from judicial or non-judicial officers about the conduct of legal matters by the Crown Solicitor or legal staff of the Crown Solicitor's Office. This includes comments made in judgments, or during the hearing of a matter.

Transcript of the comments should be made available where possible to allow the Crown Solicitor to consider any appropriate action.

Related documents:

CODE OF CONDUCT

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