

David Metcalf

Former Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, Australian Capital Territory (Canberra, Australia-based).

Following a 19-year private sector career in personal injury litigation, I had a mid-career epiphany and transitioned into legislative drafting. I retired from full time work in November 2020 after 16 years with the Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) at the ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety (11 years as Deputy Parliamentary Counsel).

Over the last few years, I have undertaken drafting projects for Western Australia, Northern Territory, the ACT Courts and Tribunal and was a member of the global expert drafting panel for NEOM. I am currently drafting practice guidelines for the ACT Government Solicitor.

I am a generalist drafter and settler - able to swiftly understand the needs of instructors and efficiently provide (or settle) plain English legislative drafting to the highest standard. I have experience drafting principal and subordinate laws dealing with municipal and State government issues, and court rules, having represented the Parliamentary Counsel on the ACT's Court Rules Advisory Committee for over 10 years. I have also provided development services in the areas of drafting and initiating legislation for private members of the pacific Island of Kiribati and for drafters in PNG.

Availability (Australia and internationally):

- Available to draft or settle (and build capacity on-the-job for junior drafters).
- Available for temporary assignments or longer contracts, working remotely in Canberra, Australia but open to attending the workplace where required.

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