Our Difference
Thank you for considering *Corney & Lind Lawyers Pty Ltd.*

Our commitment is to seek to serve you well.

The pages that follow give expression to “Our Difference” in our focus areas of legal practice. Our lined logo represents the fabric of this world in which we find both order and chaos, complexity, community, surprise, disruption, brokenness, injury and dispute. Our calling (and vision) is to seek to bring order in a chaotic world, delivering redemptive, just and restoring outcomes.

Clearly our hope is that you would experience Our Difference rather than it just be words on a page. To this end, we *always* welcome your feedback, both good and challenging, as by this we will continue to grow and be able to serve you and our other clients with increased attention, care and integrity.

We look forward to serving you.

**THE CORNEY & LIND TEAM**
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Our vision is to seek to provide advice and solutions that deliver redemptive, just and restoring outcomes, bringing order out of the chaos in this world.

We recognise the often devastating consequences that human error, institutional failures, fractured relationships, discrimination and other wrongs have on the whole person. We understand the importance of life-giving community; of safe and healthy families, institutions, charities, churches, schools and businesses that shape lives and culture. Cultivating wise decision making requires space, dignity, discretion and clarity around risks and options.

Each of our lawyers believe in the call on their lives to contribute to the fabric of this world through measured, timely and strategic counsel, courageous advocacy and clear documentation. This leads to Just Redemptive Outcomes®.
OUR JRO VALUES

ATTENTION
We listen well in order to understand your culture, those you serve, details of your unique circumstances and desired outcomes.

We keep on listening to you, striving for results that exceed your expectations. Your long term goals are kept in focus, as well as more immediate solutions.

CARE
We genuinely care about restoration, the success of your negotiations, enterprise, risk management, workplace or project.

We care about costs, tailoring our resource application to meet your needs and suggesting steps you can take independently. We cut the cloth to measure.

INTEGRITY
Having integrity involves being even-handed and fair, and operating in an “above reproach” manner, whilst ensuring our service represents value.

We are committed to integrity with time recording. We offer fixed fee where possible.

An integral value for our firm is to engage fairly and justly with clients and other stakeholders.
OUR AREAS OF LEGAL EXPERTISE

- Schools & Education
- NFP & Charity
- Commercial
- Commercial Litigation
- Compensation
- Family
- Employment & Discrimination
- Criminal & Traffic
- Estate Planning & Elder Law
- Will Disputes & Estate Litigation
Educational institutions are in the business of shaping lives and culture. Watchful, prudent legal allies are essential to ensure the smooth running of these communities.

Committed to intentional listening, our lawyers will plan a strategy that fits your purpose, considering both the needs of those you serve and the safeguards required to protect your educational community.

Education providers need prompt, accurate answers. We usually respond on a “same day” basis during business hours (often straight away) and embrace technology to serve you - even if you aren’t nearby. We can video conference with you, meeting your needs just as we would if you were around the corner.

Our team prove our commitment to building great educational institutions through their contribution to the governance of school, college and higher education boards. This means they are acutely aware of the current issues facing you, be it discrimination, employment, wrongful use of social media, stakeholder disputes, tax concessions, governance, legal structures for your next campus or revenue raising.

Our costing is careful and regularly communicated. Our solutions are tailored to the level of risk being managed and the ability of your institution to do some of the work in-house to lower your legal spend.
Not-for-profits and charitable organisations require diligent, accurate legal counsel. We are committed to listening in a deliberate and thoughtful way in order to understand your purpose, the community you serve, and your stakeholders.

We recognise that not-for-profits are often under-resourced and under-funded and yet truly desire to meaningfully impact society. Being attentive to the details in your first appointment and asking perceptive questions prepares us to be watchful and vigilant on your behalf. Understanding both your immediate objectives and your long term vision equips us to remain alert to your cause.

The lawyers in our firm are often involved personally in not-for-profit organisations, in leadership or governance roles, whether in local churches or benevolent organisations. In these roles, our lawyers are at the coal face of community service, in their own time, implementing the very advice they give to you. This keeps our advice grounded, practical and cost effective.

Our calling is to seek justice for the oppressed and we meticulously endeavour to live out that calling by our care for you and for those you serve. Our documents are clear, to the point and aimed at serving you well, not impressing you with legal jargon. We act with integrity by giving robust, honest counsel and the development of thorough safeguards for the future.
We recognise that the details of your enterprise, your culture and your transactions are unique. We listen well to you, seeking to understand what it is you need.

We approach your needs based on the level of risk to be managed and your desired solutions. We aim to provide life-giving frameworks, building trust and positive relationships that result in even-handed, fair negotiations and successful outcomes for you and your enterprise.

We believe profitable business contributes positively to the fabric of this world through employment and ethical product/service delivery.

We genuinely care about you receiving value from our service, about achieving your desired outcomes, by imagining ourselves in your shoes, acting in your best interests. There is little point in an expensive document or a large legal bill for a low value, low risk transaction. The cloth must be cut to measure.

Many commercial projects can be divided into stages, enabling you and your staff to undertake components of the work and so reduce the overall legal spend.
Let us help preserve your enterprise.

Vision. Mission. These are key-phrases that frequently find their way into company statements, prepared by enterprise leaders to keep their team on course.

In a fast paced business world, companies find themselves in situations that distract from their key Vision and Mission due to sales gone wrong, management and employment disputes, contractual mistakes, non-compliance or an unconscious infringement.

Our team is no stranger to lengthy, complex and costly litigation that can sometimes last years and takes its toll on enterprises and their leaders.

We understand the importance of Vision and Mission. We share the same passion. Our Difference is to understand your enterprise and focus on a resolution that will help achieve your goals.

Our service in commercial litigation is not about winning big or compromising your stance. It’s about partnering with your enterprise, minimising the distraction and drain of commercial litigation, so you can focus on achieving your Vision and Mission.
A single moment on the road, a split-second on a work site, a fault in equipment or an institutional failure can result in devastating injury. We understand the impact this has on families and communities. Redemptive and restoring outcomes are facilitated by a trusted legal advisor, experienced in compensation and litigation.

We listen well to your story and give tailored advice. There is no difference in the diligence we apply, whether it be a “minor incident” or a “major catastrophe”. Our lawyers have worked across the spectrum and are focused on your unique situation. The collection of evidence, approach to negotiations and planned strategy are meticulously considered for your case.

We communicate the merits, strengths and weaknesses of your case, whilst accounting for risk. We will not downplay or exaggerate a claim.

Care for our client involves seeking an outcome that brings restoration, value and hope, not just settlement. When it's not in your interest to proceed with a claim, our commitment to integrity means that we will recommend this to you.

Claims run the right way can lead to safer, life-giving systems within our community.
FAMILY LAW

When relationships are fractured, it is usually the beginning of a traumatic process that involves a number of different practical, legal and social issues for not only you, but your whole family.

We understand the complexity of family law and the accuracy needed to apply the law to your family’s specific circumstances. We start by intentionally listening to you. Only then can we consider, evaluate and where appropriate, implement a strategy to resolve your family law matter without having to go to court.

Family law practised well involves a team approach with lawyers, other experts in the community and a “co-operative” rather than “positional” negotiation with the other party. We are committed to this approach so we can serve you with absolute care. Robust, precise advice will be communicated with clarity and practical insight. Proactive rather than reactive counsel will enable you to make wise, well-informed decisions and equip you to achieve the best possible outcomes in a timely and cost efficient manner.

We believe families are integral to a healthy community. The need for restoring order and delivering Just Redemptive Outcomes® is central to our calling. You and your family’s needs inform all decisions and strategies delivered.
We recognise the value of work, and the effect that the loss of work can have on individuals and families.

We understand the importance of a healthy workplace and so we will strategise, advise and equip you for your desired outcome.

However there are occasions when employers need to act in response to inappropriate behaviour, or where they are placed in difficult financial circumstances. Employees can also be targets of unlawful discrimination or unfair dealings from their employer.

Our lawyers provide accurate counsel to both employers and employees, having listened with care to the details, seeking to understand your desired outcome.

We aim for clear, practical solutions that lead to a renewed sense of purpose and hope. Your matter and documents will be presented with clarity and integrity.

We care about you, your workplace and your career path. We will tell you honestly about whether your case has merit. If you can't afford legal representation, we will suggest alternatives such as self-representation with some “behind the scenes” legal assistance.
Sometimes we end up on the wrong side of the law.

A criminal or serious traffic charge can change your life and possibly the life of your family. What many think may be easily explained can actually become complex. You may have good intentions in defending or representing yourself in a criminal or traffic matter and find that it quickly becomes an overwhelming challenge.

In criminal matters, we are with you every step of the way. We understand that the criminal justice process can be intimidating, so whether you are in a police station or appearing in court, we can provide you with legal advice and representation so you do not feel alone.

For traffic matters, our focus is to present your unique circumstances to get the best outcome possible; ensuring that disruption to your daily life is minimised.

Our difference is to provide you with holistic advice and a strategy explaining the law and advocating a safe and beneficial solution for you. Whether arguing your case or seeking a reduction in penalty, we are here for you.
Whether you need a simple Will or your affairs/relationships are more complex, our estate planning lawyers can assist.

Practical and technical legal advice with clear documentation seeks to give effect to your intentions after you die. Companies, trusts and SMSFs are more complex and therefore we need to consider if further documentation, other than your Will, is needed.

Quite apart from your Will we recommend the appointment of alternate decision makers during your lifetime via Enduring Powers of Attorney. We help you understand the limits and controls you can put in place to help manage the risk of these powers being misused.

We also regularly advise Retirement Village and Care providers and entrants on what are increasingly complex disclosure and contractual documents.

We can also assist when the elderly have been taken advantage of (sometimes called elder abuse). Our litigation team is able to take action in courts and tribunals to seek to achieve a just redemptive outcome for those who have been wronged.
The death of a loved one brings pain and loss, however growth in the number of disputed deceased estates continues.

If you believe that you have not been ‘adequately provided for’ in a Will, you may have standing to bring a family provision claim. The court has jurisdiction to essentially re-write the Will if the court is of the view that the applicant has not been adequately provided for.

Will disputes can also arise where there is a contest about whether the deceased had capacity to make a Will, may have been subject to undue influence in making the Will or the Will may be unclear or defective.

Estate litigation also includes disputes about promises made, superannuation and trust claims. Disappointed beneficiaries often believe that the deceased has not honored their reasonable expectations.

Our difference is that we seek to assist our clients (be they executors responding to a claim or an applicant making a claim) to understand as early as possible the likely substantive outcome of the dispute, with a view to reaching an early settlement. Exaggerated claims help no one. We understand that a protracted dispute can deepen the loss and pain that loved ones suffer.
AUSTRALIA WIDE & INTERNATIONAL

While our principal office is in Brisbane, we act for clients throughout Australia and internationally. Our lawyers are happy to "get on a plane" when you need them to and we have developed a relational network of local lawyers to assist when the need arises.

We are committed to working across time-zones and extending our hours of availability to our clients in Australia and overseas. Face to face conferences are now regularly conducted by our lawyers via video conference when required.

Advice is also able to be given in languages in addition to English, whether through the multilingual lawyer involved or translation services.
At the end of the day, our business is about serving people.

You need someone who will listen attentively, work with care and act with integrity - every single time.

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