



BOWDEN McCORMACK

Lawyers + Advisers

Overview

Bowden McCormack is a strong, client-oriented practice. Both Directors - Sean Bowden and Dominic McCormack - have grown up in the Territory and have practiced almost exclusively in the Territory, bringing a clear understanding of the environment we work within and appreciation of the real needs of our clients.

We are a Darwin-based firm with a focus on providing an excellent service across Northern Australia. The firm has a reputation of being a leading provider of legal advice with respect to regional development, property and leasing, and commercial and corporate matters, in particular business structuring and governance.

From 2013 to 2018 the firm has been recognized by Chambers & Partners as one of Australia's leading law firms. We are the only NT law firm to be so recognized.

Who we are

Bowden McCormack is comprised of 6 lawyers, 2 consultant lawyers and 6 support staff, including the firm's conveyancer:

- Sean Bowden - Director
- Dominic McCormack - Director
- Vincent Close - Consultant Lawyer
- Graham Cole – Consultant Lawyer
- Aitran Nguyen - Senior Associate
- James Burke – Lawyer
- Melanie Warbrooke - Lawyer
- Michael Vailas - Lawyer
- Coralie Waters - Licensed Conveyancer

Services

Bowden McCormack has established practices in the following key areas:-

Commercial & Corporate

The Northern Territory is a unique jurisdiction, with often extraordinary challenges commonly placed before government and business people including remoteness, lack of infrastructure language and cultural differences, and complex dealings between government, regulators, land councils, traditional owners and the business community. Bowden McCormack understands these challenges and provides pertinent advice with respect to business structuring, contracts, compliance, business advice, dispute resolution (including civil litigation) and stamp duty.

Employment & Contracting

Bowden McCormack is able to provide advice concerning such matters as independent consultancies, employee entitlements and employment conditions, the drafting of contracts of varying complexity, contract disputes and resolution, discrimination, sexual harassment, unfair dismissal and occupational health and safety. The firm regularly advises on the operation of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth).

Property

From Aboriginal land matters to leasing and purchasing, our firm is uniquely positioned. We work closely with all stakeholders to a transaction and pride ourselves on seeking and obtaining solutions to problems that are a win-win for the parties involved. We understand the commerciality involved in property negotiations and transactions both large and small and cater for both residential and commercial conveyance transactions. We have been lead advisers in some of the NT's most complex transactions including the Gove Mining Agreement (2011).

Business Support and Advice

Businesses across the Northern Territory often struggle to deal with the administrative obligations imposed upon them, particularly upon commencement. We can assist by providing a 'one-stop shop' which offers legal professionalism, cultural understanding, administrative capacity and expert business advice. This is a core capacity of the firm.