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PRACTICE

Ben Wilson was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 2024.

He graduated from the University of Queensland in 2019 with Bachelors of Laws (Hons) and Arts. He also holds a Graduate Certificate of Military Law (2021) and a Master of Laws (2022) from the Australian National University.

He began his career serving as a Legal Officer with the Royal Australian Air Force and continues to render service in a reserve capacity. Leaving the permanent military in 2022, he worked briefly in commercial litigation before accepting an in-house role with a major defence contractor where he worked for two years.

Ben has a broad commercial and public law practice, and also accepts work related to the regulation of professionals such as doctors and engineers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contracts Specialist | Boeing Defence Australia

June 2022 – March 2023

- Responsible for day-to-day management and advice with respect to current and emerging Boeing Defence Australia military projects, in particular the C-17A Globemaster fleet and the Helicopter Aircrew Training System. Day-to-day duties were:
 - Issues of contract interpretation and enforcement;
 - Negotiating amendments to existing contract arrangements; and
 - Global Trade Controls, Insurance and Intellectual Property issues.

Solicitor | McInnes Wilson

March 2022 – June 2022

- Responsible for day-to-day carriage of litigation matters with supervision by firm Principals. Matters included:
 - A complex fraud claim involving issues of equitable tracing;
 - Disciplinary investigations under the Professional Engineers Act 2002 (QLD); and
 - Defamation proceedings.

Military Legal Officer | Royal Australian Air Force

June 2019 – February 2022 (Full-Time); March 2022 – Ongoing (Reserve)

- Legal Officers in the Australian Defence Force serve as legal advisors for Command in various roles. I undertook officer training at RAAF Officer Training School in East Sale and spent time posted in Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Amberley. Work included:

- Preparing advice for Command in relation to administrative law issues in a military context as well as advice on discipline actions and proceedings under the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982;
- Undertaking substantial policy creation and reform work; and
- Leading a significant update of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982.

Volunteer | Queensland Prisoner's Legal Service

September 2017 – June 2018, June 2019 – November 2019. January 2023 - Ongoing

- Undertaken while a student, undertaking supervised legal work and advice preparation. I continue to volunteer both in the provision of advice to prisoners and other work. Tasks have included:
 - Interviewing prisoners both over the phone and in person at various prisons in relation to their legal issues;
 - Preparing submissions to both State and Commonwealth parole offices; and,
 - Assisting with the instruction of barristers in relation to applications for judicial review of government decisions.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer | Prisoner's Legal Service

Ongoing

Volunteer | Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

Ongoing

Junior Moot: Student Judge | University of Queensland Law Society

2018, 2019

Facilitator | United Nations youth Australia (Qld Division)

2014 – 2018

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) | University of Queensland | 2014 - 2019

Bachelor of Arts | University of Queensland | 2014-2019

Master of Laws | Australian National University | 2020 - 2022

Graduate Certificate of Military Law | Australian National University | 2020 - 2021

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice | College of Law | 2019

Unrestricted Employee Practising Certificate (QLD) (Cancelled in 2024)

Royal Australian Air Force Officer Training | Officer Training School, East Sale | 2020