



Administrative Law Fundamentals

CPD ELIGIBILITY: 2 POINTS

This session provides an ideal introduction, or refresher, for government employees to the key administrative law principles required to support sound decision making.

Course outline

Part one: Administrative law concepts (1 hour)

- Power: constraints and preconditions.
- Discretion: its scope and limits.
- The concept of a decision.
- Consequences of unlawfulness.
- Merits and judicial review.

Part two: Lawful decision-making (1 hour)

- Legal reasonableness.
- Relevant and irrelevant considerations.
- Evidence and knowledge.
- States of mind.
- Procedural fairness.
- The rule against bias.
- Misfeasance in Public Office.
- Susceptibility to judicial review.

Cost

\$390 plus GST per person.

(Note: minimum numbers apply)



Find out more

To find out more about this session please email government.training@sparke.com.au or visit our website by scanning the QR code.

“The presenters were excellent and it was a valuable seminar.”

Course Attendee, October 2024



Bernadette Rayment

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Bernadette leads the firm’s Government Legal Training Service. She is skilled at designing and delivering targeted training to Commonwealth agencies and has presented numerous public law training sessions on statutory interpretation; administrative litigation strategy; and the production and protection of Commonwealth information. Bernadette co-led our national team of lawyers who recently co-designed and delivered comprehensive legal framework training to thousands of frontline regulatory decision-makers within a major Commonwealth agency. She is the coordinator of Sparke Helmore’s national induction and CLE training program for Government administrative lawyers, holds a Graduate Certificate in Change Management, and a Masters of Education degree.



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Special Counsel

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Alex is a public and administrative lawyer who advises and appears as a solicitor advocate for various Commonwealth agencies.

Since 2019, Alex has been one of the key senior team members who is supporting the development and delivery of a comprehensive, multi-year training program for a major Commonwealth department. He is skilled at making legal concepts accessible to a broad range of stakeholders (including non-lawyers).

Outside of the firm, Alex lectures and tutors on a part-time basis at the University of Adelaide’s Law School on topics including constitutional law; separation of powers; and administrative law. In 2021, Alex was awarded an Excellence in Teaching Award by the Australian Legal Education Awards.