

Legal Counsel (Commercial and Property)

Translational Research Institute, Brisbane

1. Background

The Translational Research Institute (TRI) is a leading Australian medical research, development and translation facility. It is home to a broad range of cutting-edge research into cancer, chronic diseases, mental health conditions, immunology, genetics and more. TRI's priority is partnering scientific development with clinicians and the MedTech sector to ensure new discoveries progress quickly and improve patient outcomes and commercial return. To this end, TRI is at the interface of science, medicine and industry. Our vision is *Exceptional Science, Healthier Lives*.

Situated on the Princess Alexandra Hospital precinct, TRI is a joint venture between Queensland Health, The University of Queensland, the Queensland University of Technology and Mater Research.

TRI houses more than 1000 leading researchers, support staff and students and has a community of biotech and med-tech start-up companies as well as industry bodies located on its campus. The Institute has two clinical trial facilities, one based at the PA Hospital and the other at the Centre for Children's Health Research next to the Children's Hospital.

2. TRI Vision and Values

TRI will be a global leader in effective translation of research and innovation into improved healthcare and increased income and jobs for Australia. The TRI vision is achieved through a values-driven corporate culture focused on collaboration to achieve excellence. Our values are:

Leadership: Our actions will shape a healthier world

Integrity: We do the right thing. Always

Knowledge: Through sharing, we empower innovation

Excellence: We strive for exceptional outcomes

Collaboration: Together we're better

We LIKE Collaboration

3. Position Purpose

The primary purpose of the Legal Counsel (Commercial and Property) is to work closely with the business to advise on all property and commercial related legal matters. This includes working with TRI's Building Services, Corporate Affairs and Marketing, ICT, Procurement, Construction and Property teams. This role would suit someone with experience in property law who is keen to expand their skillset, or a commercial generalist with property experience.

The Legal Counsel (Commercial and Property) will also be a key legal advisor for TRI in relation to the Translational Manufacturing at TRI ("TM@TRI") Project. TM@TRI will be Australia's first scale-up biomedical manufacturing facility supporting mid-stage biotech companies as they mature and manufacture products for Phase II and III clinical trials studies (see here for more information: https://www.tri.edu.au/translationalmanufacturing).

4. Key Accountabilities

The Legal Counsel (Commercial and Property) reports to the General Counsel and will have the following responsibilities:

- Being the key legal advisor to TRI's business units in relation to property, construction and commercial matters.
- Drafting, negotiating and managing key property and commercial related agreements.
- Advising the TM@TRI Project Team on a range of aspects related to delivering the project, including construction, property, procurement and establishing the facility.
- Supporting the General Counsel to carry out other general commercial work as required for TRI's operations.
- Improving and developing the Legal Function within TRI, including setting up legal frameworks.
- Communicating, developing relationships and negotiating with internal and external parties.
- Reviewing and updating TRI Legal's template library in areas of responsibility.
- Supervising and mentoring the Paralegal, and identifying growth opportunities for this role.
- Otherwise assisting the General Counsel where required.

5. Reporting Relationships

The Legal Counsel (Commercial and Property) reports to the General Counsel.



6. Experience, Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Qualifications

Experience

- 5+ years post admission experience (experience in a property, projects/infrastructure or general commercial team are ideal).
- In-house legal experience is preferable but not essential
- Experience in the medical research or university sector is desirable but not essential.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to provide legal advice in a commercial, pragmatic and accessible way
- Excellent understanding of property law as well as the legal aspects of projects and procurement.
- Experience in advising on general commercial matters including general procurement, ICT, communications and marketing.
- Experience in construction law, including advising on major development or construction projects is desirable
- Demonstrated ability to draft a wide variety of legal documents and to handle and resolve complex legal issues.
- Ability to work autonomously in areas of responsibility.
- High level of integrity and professional accountability.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Qualifications

- Law degree and Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (or equivalent)
- Unrestricted Queensland Practising Certificate (or equivalent) or ability to obtain one