

Job Title:	First Law Officer		
Department/Group:	Attorney General (A-G)		
Location:	Parliament House, Canberra		
Job Summary			
<p>The Primary Responsibility of the A-G is to protect the rule of law and the integrity of the Courts.</p> <p><i>“It is the special role of the Attorney-General to be the voice within the government and to the public which articulates, and insists upon observance of, the enduring principles of legal justice, and upon respect for the judicial and other legal institutions through which they are applied.”</i></p> <p>- Hon LJ King AC, QC former Chief Justice of South Australia and former A-G of South Australia</p>			
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<p>To protect the rule of law, the A-G must ensure that the laws are applied equally and fairly to everyone. This means that the A-G must ensure all people, no matter their background, status, religion, or gender have equal access to the courts and the ability to resolve disputes fairly and efficiently. The AG must ensure those in power, particularly fellow politicians and members of the executive, do not unfairly use their position or resources and the model litigant rules apply.</p> <p>The A-G must ensure that proper legal processes are followed to ensure the integrity of the legal system is maintained. This means that guilt can only be found in a court that is governed by the rules of evidence, the presumption of innocence and the safeguard of appeals.</p> <p>Finally, the A-G must be the voice for the rule of law and instill public confidence. It is the responsibility of the A-G to speak out when the principles of the rule of law are being eroded and to ensure community support of these foundations. The A-G must support education programs to promote informed citizenry and a culture of lawfulness that support the rule of law.</p> <p>Specific Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and Predictable Laws - Open and Transparent Law Reform - Recommending Judicial Appointments - Ensure Funding for the Courts - Protecting Administration of Justice - Safeguarding Independence of Judiciary <p>Job Skills and Qualifications</p> <p>Member of Parliament who is passionate about the rule of law.</p>			
Approved By:	Prime Minister and voted in as a member of Parliament	Date:	

