

## The VGSO difference



**ANDREW SUDDICK,**  
Managing Principal  
Solicitor, Litigation

I've been with VGSO since 2006, having worked for a private law firm for several years. I have the chance to work with great people, interesting clients, and most of all, have fun.

The VGSO offers exciting opportunities to advise on many high-profile matters of public interest. You gain unparalleled insights into Government and Government Departments and instruct Government on significant projects. My move was also a conscious lifestyle choice: I was tired of working unreasonably long hours and not spending much time with my family. The VGSO understands the importance of work/life balance and walks the talk.



**LISA ROBINSON,**  
Principal Solicitor,  
Commercial & Property

I have acted as a key legal adviser to the Department of Justice in relation to government service contracts, retendering in the area of private prisons, governance issues and procurement of specialist services. With the VGSO, I'm privy to and involved in a range of key legal and policy decisions, often exposed to a wide variety of complex legal issues that arise within other practice groups. VGSO has offered me a flexible and dynamic working environment. As a parent of a young child, it is important to me to be able to work remotely and VGSO has provided not only the technology to make that possible, but a positive and supportive attitude as well.



**CHRIS WISEMAN,**  
Senior Solicitor,  
Administrative Law

I joined the VGSO last year after first working at VCAT and as a Judge's Associate, then in the Planning & Environment group of a large private law firm. I felt I was becoming too specialised - I wanted to get more exposure to other areas of law, greater hands-on input and client contact, more appearance work. The VGSO hasn't disappointed. I love the quality of work here and I'm currently on a part-time secondment to the Department of Planning & Community Development, which supports 12 ministerial portfolios and this stretches me even further.



**LOUISE JARRETT,**  
Solicitor,  
Administrative Law

I joined the VGSO as an Articled Clerk and now work as a Solicitor in the Administrative Branch. I always wanted to work in Government and on significant matters of State importance which impact on all Victorians. I have the opportunity to manage multiple legal files with an autonomy I wouldn't have in private law firms. I'm also currently undergoing a secondment at the Building Commission, which is exposing me to new areas of the law. I find the atmosphere at the VGSO nurturing, supportive and relaxed and I'm continually being encouraged to develop my skills.

