

**RON CASTAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD 2017 WINNER –
GEORGE NEWHOUSE**



George is well known solicitor who utilizes his legal skills to advance human rights and improve access to justice for vulnerable Australians, including; the mentally ill, LGBTI Australians, survivors of domestic violence, immigrants, prisoners, asylum seekers, youth detainees, and Aboriginal Australians.

As an advocate for Aboriginal rights, George has contested government and corporate actions against Aboriginal communities. He has also appeared in many coronial inquests into Aboriginal and asylum seeker deaths in custody. He is particularly drawn to projects that help stamp out racism against Aboriginal litigants and protect their rights.

In his role as Executive Director and Principal Solicitor of the National Justice Project, George has also secured legal victories on behalf of citizens who have been illegally deported, or wrongfully placed in detention centres, including the widely reported Cornelia Rau case.

George is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Macquarie University and a respected mentor of young advocates of human rights and social justice.

George makes himself available 24/7 in the fight for justice and human rights for those in need, and is well known for his quick mind, vast knowledge, compassion and selflessness.