

TRAINING CALENDAR 2020

SAFER FAMILIES

Safer Families is a professional development program that supports community legal centre lawyers to provide high quality, effective advice and representation to clients experiencing family violence. For more information please email admin@womenslegal.org.au

WORKING WITH POLICE

13 MARCH 9:30am - 4:30pm

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\$50 + bf

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This training is a fantastic opportunity to meet and hear from a senior member of Victoria Police. We will also facilitate an in-depth discussion of the Police Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence. You will also learn various strategies on how you can use the Code in your advocacy and client work.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All CLC lawyers who work with clients affected by family violence

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- In-depth discussions of the Police Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence
- Strategies in using the Code to advocate for your client:
 - When your client is misidentified as the primary aggressor and/or
 - When your client's intervention order is contravened

***This training includes a Q&A panel with a senior member of Victoria Police**

WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"It was probably the most useful training session I have been to in the last 2 years!"*
- *"The greatest strength of the training was having a police prosecutor provide honest insight into how police conduct FV matters"*
- *"I will now refer to the Code of Practice, which I have never done before"*
- *"I now have more practical ways to communicate with police"*

CHILD PROTECTION

23 APRIL & 22 OCTOBER 9:30am - 4:30pm

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Whether or not your client is directly involved with child protection, it is essential to have a general understanding of child protection law, including how it intersects with other legal matters. This training will provide you with a deeper understanding of child protection legislation and process.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All CLC lawyers who work in generalist or specialist CLCs, who wish to gain a better understanding of child protection matters.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- General overview of the Children Youth and Families Act, including: Legislative basis for removal of children, best interests of the children, different types of orders, time limits that may affect your client.
- The process of a child protection matter through the Children's Court
- The intersection of family violence, family law and child protection
- How to discuss child protection issues appropriately, particularly when clients may have additional barriers to justice
- Practical tips to represent and work with adult clients who are involved with child protection
- Exploration of the complexities of overlapping legal frameworks in child protection matters involving family violence

WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"Excellent. It was one of the most useful CPD sessions I've done in years"*
- *"I now feel confident to advise clients more thoroughly regarding child protection."*
- *"Excellent practical knowledge and the experience of the facilitators made the day very engaging"*
- *"The intersection between Child Protection, family law and family violence was very informative"*

WORKING WITH CLIENTS IMPACTED BY TRAUMA

4 JUNE & 1 DECEMBER 9:30AM - 4:30PM

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\$250 + bf

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You will learn strategies to work with trauma affected clients, so you can better obtain instructions, and to provide appropriate advice. You will also no doubt be familiar with the importance of "self-care" and wellness, and the issues of "burn-out". However, this training will take a deeper look and understanding of "self-care", and how you can be supported in your work.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All CLC staff, including managers, who work in the area of family violence

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- How traumatic events affect the brain and may affect how clients present and provide instructions
- How people can react to and recover from traumatic events
- Practice strategies on interviewing and obtaining instructions from clients impacted by trauma
- A deeper understanding of what "self-care" means

***This training is co-facilitated with Phoenix Australia, Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, an independent, not-for-profit organisation with an affiliation with the University of Melbourne. The cost of this training covers the external facilitators.**

WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"The most useful thing I learned was strategies for managing distressed clients"*
- *"Great training, so very important for the legal profession"*
- *"The most useful thing I learned was how to broach clients discussing traumatic events"*

FAMILY VIOLENCE FOR GENERALIST LAWYERS

25 JUNE & 17 SEPTEMBER 9:30am - 4:30pm

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It is vital for all lawyers to identify family violence, and to understand how to ask appropriate questions to clients affected by family violence. This training provides an overview of the legislation, and provides practical tips to work with all parties in an intervention order matter, including affected family members and respondents

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLC lawyers who practice in generalist CLCs or who practice in an area other than family violence intervention orders

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- Overview of the Family Violence Protection Act, and how it applies to your clients
- How to explain the Intervention Order process to clients
- Understanding of the dynamics of family violence, and why this is vital for all lawyers
- How to ask the right questions to identify family violence, even when a client presents with a separate issue
- How to discuss family violence appropriately, particularly when there are additional barriers to justice that clients face
- Practical tips to represent and work with respondents to intervention orders

WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"I am more able to explain the process of Intervention Orders"*
- *"I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss cases and feed off the knowledge in the room"*
- *"Great overview of such a large topic"*
- *"Knowing the right questions to ask and identify the red flags [of family violence]"*

3-DAY INTENSIVE FOR DUTY LAWYERS

16, 23 & 24 JULY 9:30am - 4:30pm

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This well regarded intensive training is tailored specifically to family violence duty lawyers. The training is not merely an overview of the legislation, but also includes practical strategies on using the legislation for advocacy and negotiation. Duty lawyers will appreciate the invaluable experience of translating theory into action through a simulated court day before Magistrates.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLC lawyers with less than 2 years' experience who work as duty lawyers in Family Violence Intervention Order matters

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- In-depth knowledge of the Family Violence Protection Act
- How to succinctly explain the intervention order process to clients
- How intersectionality and working with clients who face additional barriers to justice can affect their experience of the court and legal system
- How the FVPA intersects with the Family Law Act and how to make submissions regarding these matters at the Magistrates Court
- How to be an effective advocate and develop your advocacy and presentation skills

***You will put your skills into practice by appearing before Magistrates at court, in a mock court day**

WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"I intend to practice the role of duty lawyer in a much more sophisticated way now that I have developed a confidence in understanding and using the legislation"*
- *"The day with the Magistrates was fantastic; a rare opportunity"*
- *"The ability to practice submissions and receive feedback from Magistrates is invaluable"*
- *"My favourite sessions were those centered on advocacy training, but I learnt something new every day. Thank you to all involved in the organisation"*