

TRAINING CALENDAR 2019

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 CLIENTS IMPACTED BY TRAUMA

27 JUNE 9:30am - 4:30pm

MELBOURNE CBD

\$100 + bf

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It is vital for lawyers working with clients affected by family violence, to have an understanding of trauma informed care. You will learn strategies to work with trauma affected clients, so you can better obtain instructions, and 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 YOU WILL 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, University of Melbourne**

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”*

CPD POINTS*

- Professional Skills

3-DAY DUTY LAWYERING INTENSIVE

18, 25, 26 JULY 9.30AM – 4.30PM

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This well regarded intensive training is tailored specifically for 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 at Court.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLC lawyers with less than 2 years' experience who work as duty lawyers in family violence intervention order matters

WHAT YOU WILL 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"*

CPD POINTS*

- Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- Professional Skills
- Substantive Law

MASTERCLASS

3 SEPTEMBER 9.30AM – 4.30PM

MELBOURNE CBD

\$50 + bf

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This exciting new training is essential for all experienced family violence lawyers. Experts in the field of family law and family violence will provide an in-depth analysis of the legislation, and its intersection with other jurisdictions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLC lawyers who have more than 2 years' experience in working in the family violence jurisdiction

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN?

- A refresher on the Family Violence Protection Act, including intersection with other relevant jurisdictions
- Updates on the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Act 2018
- Have a burning question? There will be opportunity to discuss common questions and issues arising for lawyers, answered by experts in the field

CPD POINTS*

- Substantive Law

WORKING WITH POLICE

18 SEPTEMBER 9.30AM – 4.30PM

MELBOURNE CBD

\$50 + bf

It is crucial in our multidisciplinary environment to discuss strategies on working with other professionals. 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.

We are currently taking expressions of interest for this workshop. Please register your interest at admin@womenslegal.org.au

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

WHAT YOU WILL 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 police presence and their honesty... (was) very valuable"*
- *"I will (now) refer to the Code of Practice, which I have never done before"*

CPD POINTS*

- Professional Skills
- Substantive Law

FAMILY VIOLENCE AND THE LAW FOR GENERALIST LAWYERS

22 NOVEMBER 9.30AM – 4.30PM

MELBOURNE CBD

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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 YOU WILL 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 better able to explain the process of Intervention orders"*
- *"Presenters were engaging and facilitative"*
- *"Great overview of such a large topic"*
- *"Knowing the right questions to ask and identify red flags [of family violence]"*

CPD POINTS*

- Professional Skills
- Substantive Law

***All CPD points are a guide only – you will need to make your own enquiries**