

Family Law Pathways Network

Family violence forum

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GCLS is a program of Anglicare Victoria



Gippsland Community Legal Service

Intake

1800 004 402

gcls@anglicarevic.org.au

Morwell | Warragul | **Leongatha** | **Bairnsdale** | Wonthaggi

Telephone advice and some casework

Duty lawyers at 5 Gippsland courts for IVOs

Mental Health Tribunal representation

Legal education and law reform



GCLS Duty Lawyer service

- Referrals from the court registrars/clerks
- Attends LVMC Monday fortnightly, every Tuesday
- Attends Sale Monday fortnightly*
- Attends Bairnsdale Thursday fortnightly*
- Attends Korumburra every Thursday**
- Attends Wonthaggi every Friday**

* Funding ends 30 June 2017

** Funding ends 31 December 2017

GCLS lawyers are CRAF trained

GCLS Duty Lawyer service

Eligibility

- Applicant focus (also help AFMs to Vic Pol applications)
- No conflict
- Will assist with initial court stages (first mention, future mentions and possibly Directions Hearing)
- No assistance for contests
- No income/assets test at initial assistance
- Helps with drafting applications if needed

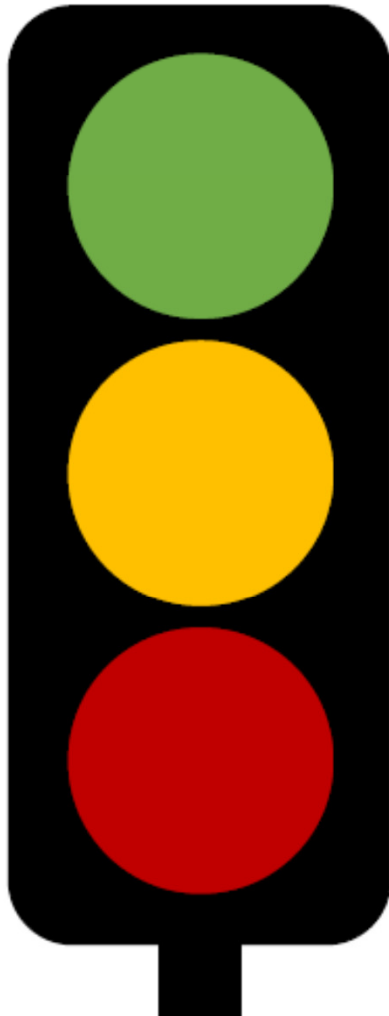
Other family violence legal assistance

Includes:

- enforcement of IVOs
- infringements
- tenancy
- VOCAT
- family law advice and some assistance – LAFDRs for children's matters and some property matters, divorce
- Coroners court assistance for families
- Health justice partnerships

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CAN HELP WITH:

Advance Statements and MHT representation, consumer credit, consumer complaints, change of name, coronial inquiries, debts, discrimination, family violence, family law, fines and infringements, guardianship and administration, insurance, motor vehicle accident (property damage), neighbourhood disputes, police complaints, powers of attorney (limited), stalking/personal safety, tenancy, and victims of crime

NOT SURE?

Call us or refer your clients and we will refer them to the appropriate help

CAN'T HELP WITH:

Adoption, bankruptcy, child protection, child support, commercial matters, conveyancing, crime, complaints against lawyers, personal injury and medical negligence, wills and probate, property law, social security, taxation, and WorkCover

For these matters, please refer to Law Institute of Victoria – Legal Referral Line: (03) 9607 9550 or www.legalreferrals.liv.asn.au OR Victoria Legal Aid – Legal Help: 1300 792 387

Refer to GCLS telephone advice service

1800 004 402

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Sooner better than later!

Subject to conflict and eligibility

Accept referrals from any source

If we can't help

We tend to refer to VLA or private lawyers

- VLA duty lawyers assist with one hearing date
- Some clients will be eligible for VLA funded representation at contest but not directions hearings or mentions
- Court can order VLA fund contest cross-exam (not necessarily free to clients)

The Royal Commission

Funding is rolling out now

Funding unclear for legal assistance services

Notion is to link up services, share information between key agencies, limit trauma on victims while increasing their protection