

Legal help with a family violence intervention order – Community Legal Centres

If you need to obtain or change a Family Violence Intervention Order, community legal centres (CLCs) can help. CLCs have duty lawyers available at most Magistrates' Courts on days when Intervention Order matters are listed. These lawyers generally provide advice and assistance when the matter is first heard by the Magistrate, and can, in some instances, help you to negotiate an Order by consent, so there does not then have to be a "contested" hearing. If you do have a "contested" hearing coming up, you may need to organise a lawyer to represent you in court. You can contact Victoria Legal Aid as you may be eligible for legal aid. Victoria Legal Aid can be contacted on (03) 9269 0120. While CLC duty lawyers prioritise representing people applying for Intervention Orders, they can also sometimes assist people responding to family violence order applications.

If you need urgent help or advice regarding family violence, you can also contact your local CLC directly. Most CLCs can help even if they do not provide a duty lawyer service. You can find a CLC close to you at: http://www.fclc.org.au/centre_map.php or telephone (03) 9652 1500.

Statewide and Specialist

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service

Level 3, 70-80 Wellington Street,
Collingwood (Head Office)
Ph: (03) 9244 3333 or 1800 105 303
Statewide legal service for victims of family violence with regional offices in Warrnambool, Bairnsdale and Mildura.

Seniors Rights Victoria

Level 4, 98 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
Ph: 1300 368 821
Legal service for seniors who are victims of elder abuse.

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

6 Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy
Ph: (03) 9419 3888
Statewide general legal service.

Women's Legal Service

Level 3, 43 Hardware Lane, Melbourne
Ph: (03) 9642 0877
Statewide legal service for women specialising in family violence law and family law.

Melbourne Metropolitan

Broadmeadows Magistrates' Court

Cnr Pearnedale Parade & Dimboola Rd,
Broadmeadows
Ph: (03) 9221 8900

Duty lawyer service:

Broadmeadows Community Legal Service
Ph: (03) 9310 4376
Monday and Thursdays. Last Wednesday of every month.

Dandenong Magistrates' Court

Corner Foster Street & Pultney Street,
Dandenong
Ph: (03) 9767 1300

Duty lawyer service:

Casey Cardinia Community Legal Service
Ph: (03) 9793 1993
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Springvale Monash Legal Service

Ph: (03) 9545 7400
Thursdays (police applications).

Frankston Magistrates' Court

Fletcher Road,
Frankston
Ph: (03) 9784 5777

Duty lawyer service:

Peninsula Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 9783 3600
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Heidelberg Magistrates' Court

Jika Street, Heidelberg
Ph: (03) 8488 6700

Duty lawyer service:

Darebin Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 9484 7753
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Melbourne Magistrates' Court

233 William Street, Melbourne
Ph: (03) 9628 7777 (Switchboard)

Duty lawyer service:

Women's Legal Service
Ph: (03) 9642 0877
9.00am - 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

Moorabbin Justice Centre

1140 Nepean Highway, Highett
Ph: (03) 9090 8000

Duty lawyer service:

St Kilda Legal Service
Ph: (03) 9534 0777
Mondays.

Neighbourhood Justice Centre

241 Wellington Street, Collingwood
Ph: (03) 9948 8600

Duty lawyer service:

Fitzroy Legal Service
Ph: (03) 9419 3744
Mondays.

Ringwood Magistrates' Court

39 Ringwood Street, Ringwood
Ph: (03) 9871 4444

Duty lawyer service:

Eastern Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 9285 4822
Tuesdays and Fridays.

Sunshine Magistrates' Court

10 Foundry Road, Sunshine
Ph: (03) 9300 6200 (Switchboard)

Duty lawyer service:

Footscray Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 9689 8444
Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Werribee Magistrates' Court

Corner Duncans Road and Salisbury Street,
Werribee
Ph: (03) 9974 9300

Duty lawyer service:

Wyndham Legal Service
Ph: (03) 9741 0198
Thursdays.

Regional Victoria

Ballarat Magistrates' Court

100 Grenville Street South, Ballarat
Ph: (03) 5336 6200

Duty lawyer service:

Central Highlands Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5331 5999
Tuesdays all day, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Bendigo Magistrates' Court

71 Pall Mall, Bendigo
Ph: (03) 5440 4140

Duty lawyer service:

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5444 4364
Wednesdays.

Colac Magistrates' Court

Queen Street, Colac
Ph: (03) 5234 3400

Duty lawyer service:

Barwon Community Legal Service
Ph: (03) 5221 4744
Monday mornings.

Echuca Magistrates' Court

Heygarth Streets, Echuca
Ph: (03) 5480 5800

Duty lawyer service:

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5444 4364
Tuesdays (fortnightly).

Geelong Magistrates' Court

Railway Terrace, Geelong
Ph: (03) 5225 3333

Duty lawyer service:

Barwon Community Legal Service
Ph: (03) 5221 4744
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Kyneton Magistrates' Court

Hutton Street, Kyneton
Ph: (03) 5422 1832

Duty lawyer service:

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5444 4364
Mondays (fortnightly).

Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court

134 Commercial Road, Morwell
Ph: (03) 5116 5222

Duty lawyer service:

Gippsland Community Legal Service
Ph: 1800 004 402
Tuesdays.

Maryborough Magistrates' Court

Clarendon Street, Maryborough
Ph: (03) 5461 1046

Duty lawyer service:

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5444 4364
Tuesdays (fortnightly).

Mildura Magistrates' Court

56 Deakin Avenue, Mildura
Ph: (03) 5021 6000

Duty lawyer service:

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service
Ph: (03) 5023 5966
Mondays.

Robinvale Magistrates' Court

George Street, Robinvale
Ph: (03) 5026 4567

Duty lawyer service:

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service
Ph: (03) 5023 5966
Monthly. Please contact the Court or the Service directly for the next listed court date.

Seymour Magistrates' Court

56 Tallarook Street, Seymour
Ph: (03) 5735 0100

Duty lawyer service:

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5444 4364
Thursdays (fortnightly).

Swan Hill Magistrates' Court

121 Curlewis Street, Swan Hill
Ph: (03) 5032 0800

Duty lawyer service:

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
Ph: (03) 5444 4364
Thursdays (fortnightly).

Wodonga Magistrates' Court

5 Elgin Boulevard, Wodonga
Ph: (02) 6043 7000

Duty lawyer service:

Hume Riverina Community Legal Service
Ph: (02) 6057 5000
Wednesdays and Thursdays (alternating).
Please call the Centre directly to be put through to the duty lawyers.



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