

Expression of Interest

Provision of domestic and family violence duty lawyer services

Expressions of interest are sought from accredited* community legal centres and Legal Aid Queensland preferred supplier law firms to participate in a roster to provide court-based family and domestic violence legal services to applicants and respondents in Magistrates Courts throughout Queensland.

The services will be provided at the below locations on the days indicated:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beenleigh	X	X	X	X	
Brisbane	X	X	X	X	
Bundaberg			X		
Caboolture				X	
Cairns		X	X		X
Cleveland			X		
Gladstone				X	
Hervey Bay					X
Holland Park			X		
Ipswich	X	X			
Mackay				X	
Maroochydore		X			
Mt Isa			X		
Palm Island			X		
Pine Rivers			X		
Redcliffe		X			
Richlands/Inala				X	
Rockhampton	X		X		X
Sandgate		X			
Southport	X	X	X	X	X
Toowoomba			X		
Townsville	X		X	X	
Yeppoon				X	

*Accredited with Community Legal Centres Queensland

The services will include:

- Providing legal information and legal advice
- Assisting parties to complete forms and documents needed for that day in court
- Assisting unrepresented parties in applying for a grant of legal aid
- Making referrals to support services or Legal Aid Queensland as required
- Assisting with limited negotiations with other parties

- Providing advice and representation in accordance with LAQ directions.

Payment for services will be at a rate of \$143.00 per hour excl. GST.

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a service agreement. The service agreement will operate for an initial period from **1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027** with the possibility of extension.

Eligibility criteria:

- Preferred suppliers must be included on Legal Aid Queensland's civil law domestic violence or family law general panel
- Community legal centres must have experience in providing similar services (e.g., family law or domestic violence advice and representation services).
- Preferred suppliers and community legal centres must have at least one accredited domestic and family violence duty lawyer or have attached an application for accreditation with this EOI.

Expressions of interest should contain:

- Court location and details of availability
- Completed application cover sheet
- Details of legal practitioners who would be providing the services and their experience and competence in family and domestic violence matters.

Legal Aid Queensland will do its best to roster successful agencies in accordance with their preferred locations and availability.

Specialist agencies, such as gendered legal services, are welcome to apply.

Please submit your expression of interest to Coordinator Duty Lawyer Services, Regional Services and Business Partnerships at dv.dutylawyer@legalaid.qld.gov.au. If you have any questions, please contact the Duty Lawyer Services Team on 07 3917 0404.

When assessing applications, Legal Aid Queensland may have regard to information in its possession regarding prior performance of an applicant, or where the applicant relies upon the experience or expertise of an employee, the employee.

Legal Aid Queensland may also have regard to the need for coverage in geographic locations.

If a large number of applications are received, expressions of interest will be assessed based on the level of experience and competence, and best fit for the rostered service.

Legal Aid Queensland reserves the right, at any time and without notification, to reject any application, irrespective of whether it meets the eligibility criteria.

The conduct of the expression of interest application process does not give rise to any legal or equitable relationship between Legal Aid Queensland and an applicant, or any other person. An applicant will not be entitled to claim compensation or loss from Legal Aid Queensland for any matter arising out of the application process.