



# Key information



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We acknowledge the Lands upon which these meetings take place. Community Legal Centres NSW acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the land on which our office operates and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging. The land on which we meet, physically, digitally or otherwise is stolen land of which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' sovereignty was never ceded.

## REGISTRATION



Community Legal Centres NSW aims to provide two legal training days annually for legal staff of our member centres. Legal training days are designed to assist legal staff access refresher training on specialist areas of law and/or access free legal training that may be eligible for Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

## CPD POINTS



Community Legal Centres NSW indicates whether a session may be appropriate to attract Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points but takes no responsibility if the content does not meet CPD requirements. Sessions are not accredited by the NSW Law Society. Community legal centre solicitors should make their own assessment of whether the session meets their CPD requirements, and maintain their own records for meeting CPD requirements. Further information about CPD requirements are available on the [Law Society NSW](#) website.

## RECORDING



Please note that if we mark a session as recorded, we will endeavour to record it. However, please do not rely on videos being available after the session.

# Legal training days

**THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY**  
**THURSDAY 4 MARCH**

Online



# Thursday, 25 February

For legal staff working in community legal centres as employees or volunteers.

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

9:15am - 9:30am

## EMPLOYMENT LAW - AN OVERVIEW

9:30am - 10:30am

This training will provide an overview of the complexities of employment law. Tailored for those that don't work in a dedicated employment law practice, we will cover what you need to ask your client about their work, their dismissal (as relevant) and what to look for other than the underpayment or non-payment of wages. We will discuss what barriers your client faces in resolving their issues, including being able to identify their employer, providing documents, the time and potential cost of proceedings and obtaining an enforceable decision and what fears your client might have about taking any action.

Developed and delivered by your community legal centre colleagues from the employment law teams: Kingsford Legal Centre, Justin Pen, MELS solicitor, Marrickville Legal Centre and Regina Featherston, MELS solicitor, Redfern Legal Centre.

Presenting from Gadigal, Bidjigal, Wangal, Guringal, Wallumedegai and Cammeraygal country in the Eora Nation.

 Training is recorded  Possible CPD points: Substantive law

## THE GREY AREAS: DO OUR ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES ENSURE WE TREAT VULNERABLE PEOPLE WELL?

10:45am - 11:45am

The rules around issues like a conflict of interest and confidentiality are straight-forward aren't they? In this session, we discuss whether the application of rules around professional responsibility rules pose challenges for us as lawyers and whether they disadvantage vulnerable clients.

Panel: Sarah Dale, Managing Principal Solicitor, Refugee Advice and Casework Service; Rachael Martin (Principal Solicitor, Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre).

*Note: Law Cover is presenting on ethics in the PII Network meeting on Wednesday 24 February 11.30am to 1.00pm*

 Training is recorded  Possible CPD points: Ethics & Professional Responsibility



## TAKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR WALKS ON THE BEACH AND SHOVE 'EM - REAL STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING YOUR WORKLOAD IN COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES

12:00pm - 1:00pm

How much time do you spend on people you can't help? Do you get overwhelmed? How supported do you feel? In this playshop session we will explore the very real benefits AND challenges of maintaining the people and practitioners we are on good days. With creativity and innovation, we will look at strategies that can support us all to bounce forward from the moments that just aren't contributing to us or our better practice.

This session is designed to be as equally informative as it is enjoyable. The session will include self-reflective activities, peer discussion and NO BREAKOUT ROOMS OR ROLE PLAY. It will be a down to earth evidence-based session drawn from the fields of social research, communications and psychology theory, business management and will highlight the work of Brene Brown and Kristen Neff.

Note: This is a repeat session of the one in the Quarterlies program on Tuesday 23 February at 1.30pm to ensure that people can obtain their CPD points.

Two subsequent implementation sessions are scheduled:

- Peer Coaching for Supervisors - Wednesday 10 March, 12.00pm-1.00pm
- Peer Coaching for Staff (people being supervised) - Wednesday 10 March 1.15pm-2:15pm

We recognise that people will do some supervision of volunteers or students. As a professional development opportunity, you are welcome to enrol in both peer coaching sessions.

Presenter: Zoë Warwick, Facilitator, Educator, Director and Creative. Zoë has over 25 years supporting transformational leaders to do what they do well-lead with purpose, efficiency and empathy. With a background in Business Management, Social enterprise, Counselling, Education and Musical Theatre, she has worked in Family Violence, Employment Law, Women's Health, Disability, Health Advocacy, Learning & Development, Radio and Theatre. Zoë is an internationally recognised facilitator.

Presenting from Whadjuk land in the Noongar Nation.

 Training is not recorded  Possible CPD points: Professional skills  Training handout



# Thursday, 4 March

For legal staff working in community legal centres as employees or volunteers.



## INTERSECTIONS - FAMILY LAW, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CARE AND PROTECTION

9:30am - 10:30am

Too often, we silo our client's lives into legal issues to address them. Failing to identify the issues and intersections in the law means we risk providing incomplete advice and it puts the client at a disadvantage trying to piece together advice from different lawyers on different legal issues. This session looks at three areas of law that regularly intersect for our clients. If you are considering practicing in these areas, it will provide a useful overview. If you don't work in these areas, it's useful to know be aware of the issues for the purpose of referrals.

Developed and delivered by your colleagues at Women's Legal Service NSW (WLSNSW): Kelly McDonald, Senior Solicitor and Gabrielle Craig, Assistant Principal Solicitor

Presenting from Wongal and Burrumattagal country in the Eora Nation.

▶ Training is recorded

CPD Possible CPD points:  
Substantive law



## RUNNING PARENTING MATTERS IN THE INDIGENOUS LIST - AN OVERVIEW, TIPS AND REFLECTIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS

10:45am - 11:45am

A session for practitioners who advise or are looking to run family law (parenting) matters with a particular focus on the Indigenous List at the Sydney Registry. The session will include an overview of the Indigenous list, information on process, filing, interim hearings, urgent applications, specifics on how the indigenous list runs, how to be best prepared and some case studies.

While designed for people who already practice in this area, everyone is welcome to attend.

Developed and delivered by your colleagues at Women's Legal Service NSW (WLSNSW): Karen Mifsud, Senior Solicitor and Amy Power, Solicitor, both in the Indigenous Women's Legal Program and Gabrielle Craig, Assistant Principal Solicitor.

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Substantive law



## GET ON YOUR FEET!

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Do you get nervous when you need to appear in court? Are you able to provide practical advice on court process for people who are unrepresented? Drawing on significant court and tribunal experience, this session will develop your skills by providing you with the tools and tips to get you on your feet.

Presenter: Brenda Tronson, Barrister, Level 22 Chambers

Brenda accepts briefs in commercial and public law. She represents a range of clients (corporate, government and individual) in a variety of courts and tribunals. Brenda is frequently briefed in relation to important or complex statutory interpretation questions. Before coming to the bar in 2008, Brenda worked for Freehills in Sydney and as an associate in the High Court. She completed her undergraduate degrees at UNSW, where she won the university medal for Chemistry. She also holds a BCL and MPhil from Oxford University.

Presenting from Gadigal country in the Eora Nation.

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Professional skills