



Legal Issues & Domestic & Family Violence For Community Workers

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Alternatively, you can contact LawAccess on 1300 888 529 for a referral to the most appropriate legal service.



What will be covered:

- All things Mid North Coast Legal Centre
- Legal issues women experiencing D&FV might need assistance with
- Working with lawyers to assist your clients in a trauma informed way
- Where clients can get help





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What we do

Provide free **legal advice & information** for people in the LGAs of Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Bellingen, Port Macquarie, Midcoast (Taree) & Kempsey

Casework for people with disadvantage

Community legal **education** and projects

Law reform and policy change





Our catchment area

- MidCoast (Taree)
- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Kempsey Shire
- Nambucca Shire
- Bellingen Shire
- Coffs Harbour (south of Woolgoolga)

Birpai Land

Suite 7, Level 1, 68 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Gumbaynggirr Land

Shop 6/13-15 Park Ave, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Where you can find us

- Legal Outreach
 - Taree
 - Kempsey
 - Nambucca
 - Bellingen
 - Mid North Coast Correctional Centre
- Traffic Program
 - Taree
 - Macksville
- Community Legal Education
 - Online
 - In person
 - Collaborating with local libraries
- LAMP
 - Embedded in local mental health support services
- By phone or in our offices





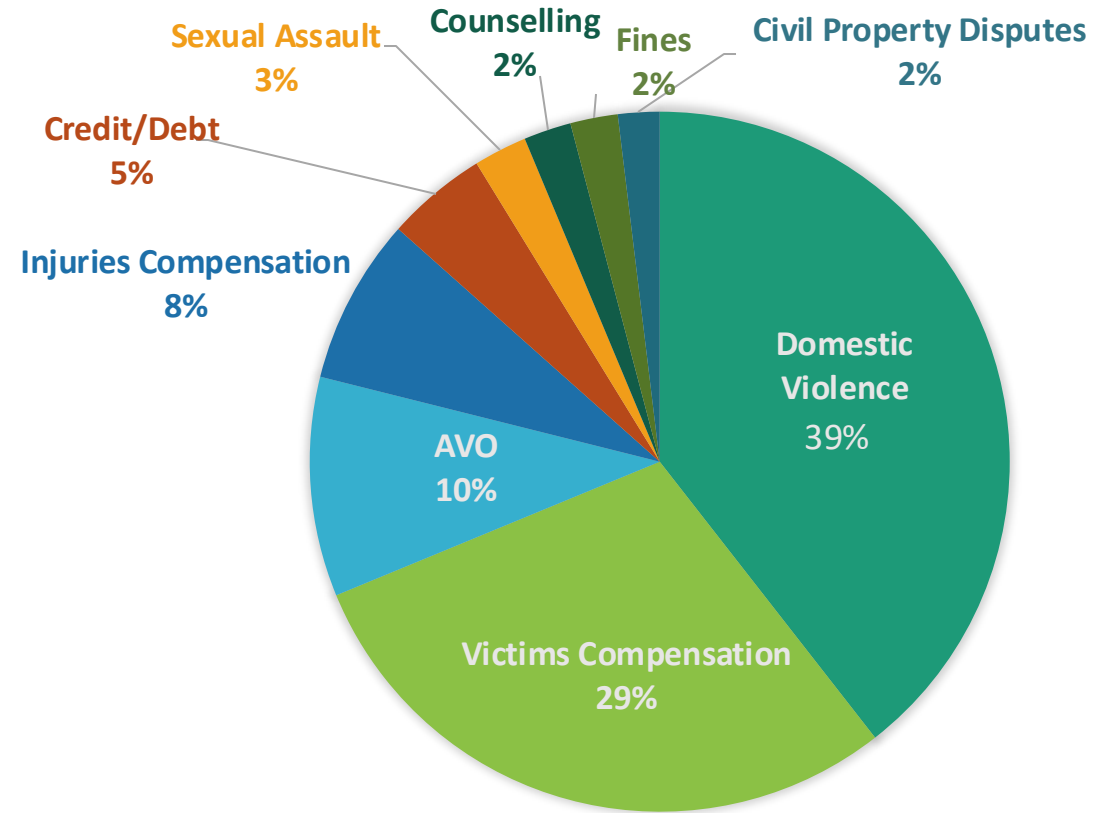
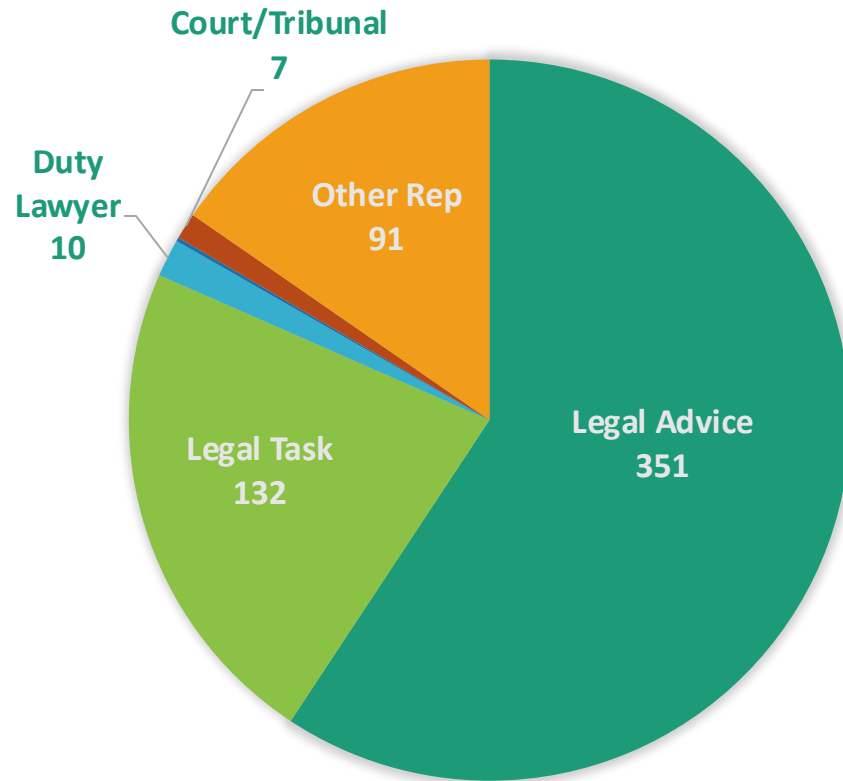
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Legal issues women experiencing D&FV might need assistance with

What we see

How we assist

SERVICES



PROBLEM TYPES

Legal issues we see

- Victims Support Applications
- Financial-debt
- AVOs
- Tenancy/housing
- Liaison with police
(Offences/breaches)
- Family Law



How to screen for legal issues

- Ask your client directly- do you have any legal problems?
- Do you have any debts or fines?
- Are the terms of your ADVO working for you?
- Are you experiencing tenancy issues?
- Have you had issues with employment?
- Do you need help with Victims Services? Have you received any support from them?



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Working with lawyers to assist clients

Trauma informed

Trauma informed services



Understanding
trauma
sensitivity

Safe spaces

Collaborative
approach

Empowering
clients

Confidentiality

Cultural safety

When referring clients



Phone, Email & Website

Provide all relevant information without compromising confidentiality

Explain the Legal Services offered/set up client expectations

Emphasise we are a confidential service

Provide clients with current and appropriate resources

Timeline of outcomes

We want to hear your feedback

**If you're
not sure
whether to
refer..**

**Give us a
call!**



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Getting help

All the options

Referring a client



Website



Phone



Email



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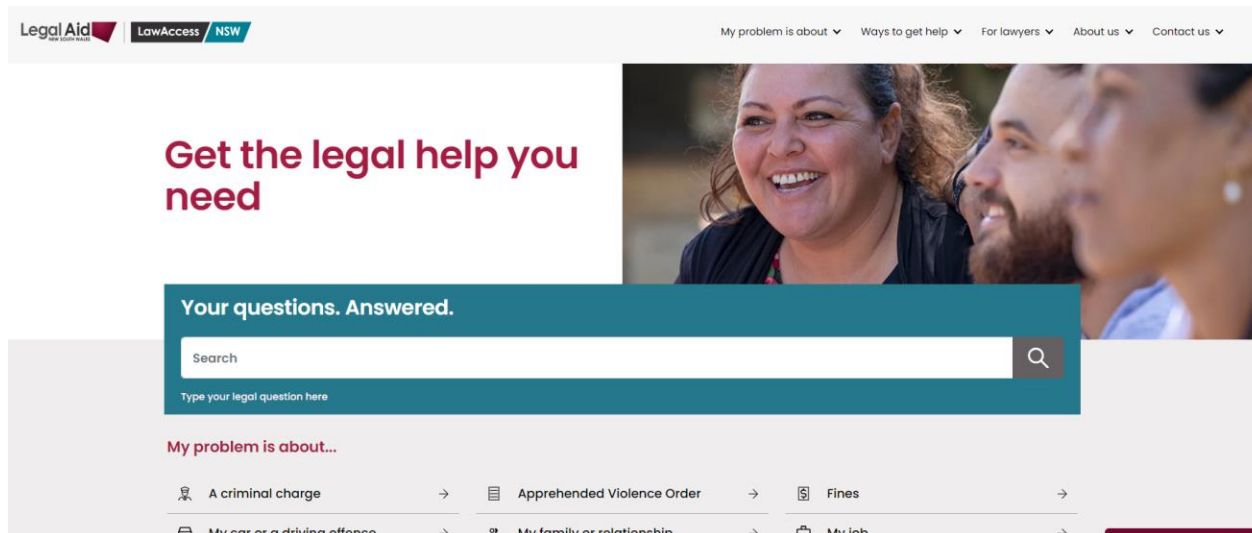


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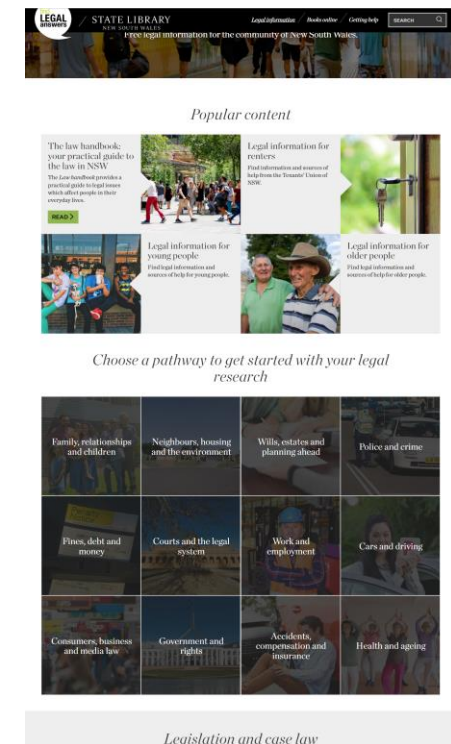


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- www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/



- www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au



Other key services



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Summary

- ✓ We are a free civil law service, local to MNC and our offices are in Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour
- ✓ We covered legal issues women experiencing D&FV might need assistance with particularly Victim Support Scheme and AVOs
- ✓ We gave you tips on working with lawyers to assist your clients in a trauma informed way
- ✓ We also covered some helpful websites and other services that may assist your clients

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