
LEGAL OFFICER - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Location: Elizabeth Office **Contract Term:** 12 Months (1.0 FTE)
LSC-2 salary range: \$76,404 - \$82,437 p.a. **Vacancy Number:** 2017 - 17511

Overview of Role:

The Legal Services Commission of South Australia (LSC) is tasked with delivering legal services to improve women's safety through a specialist Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) to be based at Elizabeth in the City of Playford.

This position is accountable to the Manager of Access Services for delivering legal information, advice, assistance, and occasional Court representation for women who have been subjected to, or who are experiencing, domestic violence.

You will be required to liaise with agencies and service providers responding to women in the City of Playford region who are affected by domestic violence. This will include travelling to clinics or health units where patients may be presenting as a result of domestic violence.

Essential Requirements:

- The provision of legal advice and/or representation to clients in at least one of the following areas - Family Law, Criminal Law, Intervention Orders or debt management.
- Researching complex legal issues.
- A sound knowledge of Family Law, and the law relating to Intervention Orders.
- Provide holistic advocacy assistance to women experiencing domestic violence.
- Conduct litigation and manage casework where appropriate.
- Relate well to women by engendering trust, confidence, openness and frankness.
- Confidently provide concise advice by assessing problems logically, thoroughly and reliably with due skill and diligence.
- Liaise with the judiciary, court staff, police, legal practitioners and other relevant stakeholders.

Essential Qualifications:

- Admission as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of South Australia with a current unrestricted practising certificate.
- Appointed to the LSC's General Panel of Practitioners, or eligible for such appointment.
- A minimum of three years' post admission legal experience, at least some of which must have been gained in a recognised private legal practice, a government legal agency, or a community legal centre, dealing with clients in Family Law related matters particularly and litigation generally.

Special Conditions:

- 12-month contract – Full-time
- Based at our Elizabeth office.
- A driver's licence is essential.
- Some out of office hours work may be required.
- Successful applicant must submit a Police Record Check.

Additional Notes:

Applications should be marked "Private and Confidential" and include the name and contact number of three current referees.

Applications and Enquiries to:

- Lisa Hobden, Manager – Human Resources - Email: HR@lsc.sa.gov.au ; Tel: 8111 5605
- A copy of the Job & Person Specification can be found on our website – please click [here](#)
- Closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Monday 20 February 2017.

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