



Northern Territory
Legal Aid Commission

Solicitor – Domestic Violence Legal Service

- Professional 2 (P2) - \$86,204 - \$103,377 plus Superannuation
- 2 Year Contract
- Darwin

About the Domestic Violence Legal Service:

The Domestic Violence Legal Service (DVLS) is a specialised stand-alone service which operates under the auspices of the NT Legal Aid Commission (NT Legal Aid). DVLS is committed to delivering high quality legal advice and representation to victim-survivors of domestic, family, and sexual violence (DHSV) and includes a dedicated support worker providing non-legal services to advance the safety and wellbeing of women and children. The service also undertakes law reform and policy, prevention and early intervention activities, such as the development and delivery of community legal education.

About the role:

Under the supervision of the Managing Solicitor, the position will provide information, education, advocacy, referrals, legal support, legal advice, and legal representation services to victim-survivors of HSV in the Darwin and Greater Darwin area.

About you:

We are seeking an experienced and dedicated solicitor who is looking to make a positive contribution to those whose lives are affected by HSV. We are also interested in people who may have gained experience through volunteer work or student placements at organisations such as community legal services or legal aid commissions.

You will have a demonstrated knowledge of dynamics of HSV and the ability to respond effectively to clients affected by HSV, trauma and in crisis situations. You have experience in providing high quality legal advice, information, and appropriate referrals to other legal and non-legal services to clients from diverse backgrounds and have demonstrated ability to negotiate with police representatives, defendants, prosecutors and others on behalf of clients.

Crucial in your success in this role is your strong interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to communicate with people from diverse backgrounds including First Nations Australians and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people.

Employee benefits:

NT Legal Aid offers attractive employment benefits such as 6 weeks annual leave and salary packaging options. NT Legal Aid provides ongoing professional development opportunities. NT Legal Aid can also provide relocation assistance. While the work can be challenging, NT Legal Aid have an Employee Assistance Policy and a Staff Wellbeing Strategy.

How to apply:

You can find the duty statement, including selection criteria on the DVLS website, under the “get involved” and “employment” tabs at www.dvls.nt.gov.au

To be considered for the role, applicants are required to submit a current resume and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria (maximum 2 pages).

Applications must be submitted by email to recruitment@legalaid.nt.gov.au by **4pm Monday 19 June 2023**.

DVLS recognises the value that people of diverse backgrounds bring to the workplace. We are committed to improving employment opportunities and outcomes through the recruitment, development and retention of a diverse workforce. We encourage you to indicate within your application to which diversity group you belong to.

Further Information:

If, after reading the duty statement, you have additional questions, please contact Esther Nambiar (she/her) on (08) 8999 7977 at first instance or via email to esther.nambiar@dvls.nt.gov.au.