

# Community Lawyers CPD Week Program

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Time	CPD Unit	Presenters	Session
<b>DAY ONE Tuesday March 16</b>			
10.00-11.30	Professional Skills  Substantive Law  CPD points 1.5	St. Kilda Legal Service	<p><b>Providing client-centred representation and support for LGBTIQ clients involved in family violence intervention order matters</b></p> <p>The panel will explore how legal practitioners can provide a culturally safe, client centred assistance for LGBTIQ clients accessing their service and local Courts. The panel will consist of a lawyer from the LGBTIQ Legal Service, a member of the Neighbourhood Justice Centre’s LGBTIQ practitioner service and a representative from the Victoria Police LGBTIQ liaison officers program.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to reduce the barriers that LGBTIQ experience seeking family violence legal assistance, and;</li> <li>• understand how to provide state wide LGBTIQ specific referral pathways.</li> </ul>
2.00-3.30	Practice Management and Business Skills  CPD points 1.5	Monash Law Clinics	<p><b>Changing with the times - new placement and volunteering models at Monash Law Clinics</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will detail how Monash Law Clinic’s placement and volunteering models responded to the changes brought on by the COVID pandemic. They will unpack a few models, including the night-service volunteer program. Students who lived through the changed way of working, will also relate their experiences with the changed models.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sustainable solutions to adapting remote systems in a new normal;</li> <li>• maintaining remote supervision and wellbeing within teams, and;</li> <li>• tools and processes to engage, empower and improve ways of working.</li> </ul>
<b>DAY TWO Wednesday March 17</b>			
10.00-12.00	Practice Management and Business Skills  CPD points 2.0	Eastern Community Legal Centre  Social Security Rights Victoria  Federation	<p><b>Making an impact: Are we changing the world? How do we know?</b></p> <p>Impact and Evaluation practitioners from Eastern Community Legal Centre, Social Security Rights Victoria and the Federation will provide an interactive forum where participants connect their current program goals and situation to the fundamentals, purpose and use of evaluation, including orientating evaluation activity to program and/or organisational state and need.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the place of evaluation in organisational and program delivery;</li> <li>• evaluation fundamentals and increase awareness of the different evaluation forms and approaches when making decisions about evaluation focus and activity, and;</li> <li>• how to have confidence in selecting and applying appropriate evaluation forms and approaches based on the program state, need and focus.</li> </ul>
2.00-3.30	Substantive Law	Women’s Legal Service Victoria	<p><b>Child protection and how it intersects with family violence and family law matters</b></p> <p>The panel will provide a foundation level knowledge to spot child protection issues as they arise for clients and to understand the processes your client may be navigating, and as the starting point to learning how to provide accurate and timely legal information</p>

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	CPD points 1.5		<p>on child protection to your client. Presenters will use a case-study to unpack the following learning outcomes with a panel of speakers with child protection, family law and family violence experience.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the broad intention and key aspects of the Children Youth and Families Act, including legislative basis for removal of children, best interests of the children;</li> <li>the process of a child protection matter through the Children's Court;</li> <li>the intersection of family violence, family law and child protection, and;</li> <li>the impacts of COVID 19 on child protection clients.</li> </ul>
<b>DAY THREE Thursday March 18</b>			
10.00-11.00	<p>Substantive Law</p> <p>Professional Skills</p> <p>CPD point 1.0</p>	<p>Consumer Action Law Centre</p> <p>Barwon Community Legal Centre</p> <p>Hume Riverina Community Legal Centre</p>	<p><b>Save Safe lending! Casework-informed advocacy and campaigns</b></p> <p>This panel includes an overview of the law as it is, and how this has been applied in casework. It will unpack the government's proposed changes to responsible lending laws, via the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment Act, currently in the Senate Economics Committee. The panel will discuss how the casework and local relationships of several CLCs across the sector has contributed to their lobbying/campaign work on the 'Save Safe Lending' campaign.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>current responsible lending obligations;</li> <li>the current law and how it has been applied in casework and the outcomes achieved for clients;</li> <li>how their casework can inform strategic campaigning, lobbying and lead to systemic change, and;</li> <li>the current threat to responsible lending laws and the casework-informed campaigning that all CLCs can get involved in.</li> </ul>
12.30-1.15	<p>Ethics and Professional Responsibility</p> <p>CPD point 0.5</p>	<p>Legal Services Board + Commissioner</p>	<p><b>Lunch and chat. 2021 priorities of the Legal Services Board + Commissioner</b></p> <p>Natalie Neal, Senior Policy Officer, Policy &amp; Regulatory Strategy, will offer an informal chat style presentation over lunch about LSB+C priorities for the year with some intersections with the CLC sector.</p>
2.00-3.30	<p>Ethics and Professional Responsibility</p> <p>CPD points 1.5</p>	<p>Djirra</p>	<p><b>How do I know you are going to help me? Establishing familiarity and trust with Aboriginal victim survivors of family violence</b></p> <p>This panel of 3 key speakers, will highlight how Aboriginal victim survivors of family violence may not feel safe disclosing harm due to ramifications of disclosures, and how specialist services such as Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations succeed in creating familiar and safe spaces for disclosure and advocacy.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how trust and familiarity allow for successful outcomes and more sustainable help for clients;</li> <li>how information is shared and potential ramifications that arise without proper consideration;</li> </ul>

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<b>DAY FOUR Friday March 19</b>			
10.00-11.00	Substantive Law  CPD point 1.0	Law and Advocacy Centre for Women	<p><b>When Women Fight Back – Intersections between criminal law and family violence</b></p> <p>This panel will provide guidance on identifying and dealing with cases that arise at the intersection between family violence and criminal law. The presentation will include case studies and examples illustrating these issues. It will also address issues specific to particular cohorts of women in the criminal justice system, including women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how to unpick complex factual scenarios involving criminal charges arising out of family violence incidents;</li> <li>how and why women are reluctant to report incidents of family violence or intervention order breaches, or to make statements of no complaint following a report being made, and what that means in the context of criminal prosecutions;</li> <li>implications of reporting family violence and of criminal prosecutions in the context of child protection;</li> <li>ways of dealing with prosecution responses to women who use violence;</li> <li>identification of the signs that women have been misidentified as the primary aggressor in family violence incidents;</li> <li>the impacts of a criminal prosecution against a woman who has herself been a victim of family violence, and;</li> <li>the need for a gendered, holistic response that includes wrap-around, non-legal support.</li> </ul>
2.00-3.00	Practice Management and Business Skills  CPD point 1.0	Northern Community Legal Centre	<p><b>Legal Needs: The Key to Unlocking Themes, Patterns, and Systemic Issues in Your Community and Your Casework</b></p> <p>This panel unpacks a new approach to developing better systems and frameworks for legal needs analysis. They will discuss the strategic imperative for undertaking legal needs analysis, talk through how NCLC synthesises internal and external data sources to understand the legal need in CLC's catchment from various angles. They will also review how data from the legal needs analysis has changed and impacts practice, which includes new streamlined Casework Meetings and file management strategies to capture emerging themes from potential and ongoing casework.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes: by the end of the session attendees will know more about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how to best link organisational mission, values, and goals to centre outputs and why a legal needs analysis is imperative for community legal centres;</li> <li>how to develop a legal needs evaluation model for your centre;</li> <li>how to track themes, patterns, and systemic issues in a practical and accessible way, and;</li> <li>how to implement file management strategies, including a comprehensive team file list, casework meetings, and a case study framework to appropriately determine matters with merit, systemic issues, and overarching justice aims.</li> </ul>

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