

## Legal help with a family violence intervention order – Community Legal Centres

If you need to obtain or change a Family Violence Intervention Order, community legal centres (CLCs) can help. CLCs have duty lawyers available at most Magistrates' Courts on days when Intervention Order matters are listed. These lawyers generally provide advice and assistance when the matter is first heard by the Magistrate, and can, in some instances, help you to negotiate an Order by consent, so there does not then have to be a "contested" hearing. If you do have a "contested" hearing coming up, you may need to organise a lawyer to represent you in court. You can contact Victoria Legal Aid as you may be eligible for legal aid. Victoria Legal Aid can be contacted on 1300 792 387. While CLC duty lawyers prioritise representing people applying for Intervention Orders, they can also sometimes assist people responding to family violence order applications.

If you need urgent help or advice regarding family violence, you can also contact your local CLC directly. Most CLCs can help even if they do not provide a duty lawyer service. You can find a CLC close to you at: [http://www.fclc.org.au/centre\\_map.php](http://www.fclc.org.au/centre_map.php) or telephone (03) 9652 1500.

### Statewide and Specialist

#### Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service

Level 3, 70-80 Wellington Street, Collingwood (Head Office)

**Ph:** (03) 9244 3333 or 1800 105 303

Statewide legal service for victims of family violence with regional offices in Warrnambool, Bairnsdale and Mildura.

For more information:

<http://www.fvpls.org/Resources.php>

#### Women's Legal Service Victoria

Level 10, 277 William St, Melbourne  
**Ph:** (03) 8622 0600

Statewide legal service for women specialising in family violence law and family law.

For more information:

[www.womenslegal.org.au](http://www.womenslegal.org.au)

#### Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

273 High Street, Preston

**Ph:** (03) 9418 5999 or 1800 064 865

Statewide general legal service.

#### Seniors Rights Victoria

Level 4, 98 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

**Ph:** 1300 368 821

Legal service for seniors who are victims of elder abuse.

### Melbourne Metropolitan

#### Bacchus Marsh Magistrates' Court

Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

**Ph:** (03) 5367 2953

#### Duty lawyer service:

Brimbank Melton Community Legal Centre

**Ph:** (03) 8312 2020

Friday.

#### Broadmeadows Magistrates' Court

Cnr Pearcedale Parade & Dimboola Rd, Broadmeadows

**Ph:** (03) 9221 8900

#### Duty lawyer service:

Broadmeadows Community Legal Service

**Ph:** (03) 9310 4376

Monday and Thursday.

#### Dandenong Magistrates' Court

Corner Foster Street & Pultney Street, Dandenong

**Ph:** (03) 9767 1300

#### Duty lawyer service:

Casey Cardinia Community Legal Service

**Ph:** (03) 9793 1993 or (03) 8794 9873

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Springvale Monash Legal Service

**Ph:** (03) 9545 7400

Thursday (police applications).

#### Frankston Magistrates' Court

Fletcher Road, Frankston

**Ph:** (03) 9784 5777

#### Duty lawyer service:

Peninsula Community Legal Centre

**Ph:** (03) 9783 3600

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ( Weekly) and Friday (Monthly).

#### Heidelberg Magistrates' Court

Jika Street, Heidelberg

**Ph:** (03) 8488 6700

#### Duty lawyer service:

Darebin Community Legal Centre

**Ph:** (03) 9484 7753

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

#### Melbourne Magistrates' Court

233 William Street, Melbourne

**Ph:** (03) 9628 7777 (Switchboard)

#### Duty lawyer service:

Women's Legal Service Victoria

**Ph:** (03) 9642 0877

9.30am - 1.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Moorabbin Justice Centre**  
1140 Nepean Highway, Highett  
**Ph:** (03) 9090 8000

**Duty lawyer service:**  
St Kilda Legal Service  
**Ph:** (03) 9534 0777  
Monday.

For more information:  
[http://www.communitylaw.org.au/stkilda/cb\\_pages/files/The%20Family%20Violence%20Intervention%20Order%20Process%281%29.pdf](http://www.communitylaw.org.au/stkilda/cb_pages/files/The%20Family%20Violence%20Intervention%20Order%20Process%281%29.pdf)

**Neighbourhood Justice Centre**  
241 Wellington Street, Collingwood  
**Ph:** (03) 9948 8777

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Fitzroy Legal Service  
**Ph:** (03) 9419 3744  
Monday to Friday.

**Ringwood Magistrates' Court**  
39 Ringwood Street, Ringwood  
**Ph:** (03) 9871 4444

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Eastern Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 9285 4822  
Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

For more information:  
<http://eclc.org.au/legal-services/intervention-order-service>

**Sunshine Magistrates' Court**  
10 Foundry Road, Sunshine  
**Ph:** (03) 9300 6200 (Switchboard)

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Western Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 9689 8444  
Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Werribee Magistrates' Court**  
Corner Duncans Road and Salisbury Street,  
Werribee  
**Ph:** (03) 9974 9300

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Western Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 9689 8444  
Thursday.

## Regional Victoria

**Ararat Magistrates Court**  
Barkly St, Ararat VIC 3377  
**Ph:** (03) 5352 1081

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Central Highlands Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5331 5999  
Monday and Friday

**Bairnsdale Magistrates' Court**  
Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale  
**Ph:** (03) 5152 9222

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Gippsland Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** 1800 004 402  
Thursdays (fortnightly)

**Ballarat Magistrates' Court**  
100 Grenville Street South, Ballarat  
**Ph:** (03) 5336 6200

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Central Highlands Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5331 5999  
Tuesday all day, and Wednesday all day.

**Bendigo Magistrates' Court**  
71 Pall Mall, Bendigo  
**Ph:** (03) 5440 4140

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5444 4364  
Tuesday.

**Castlemaine Magistrates Court**  
Lyttleton St, Castlemaine VIC 3450  
**Ph:** (03) 5472 1081  
**Duty lawyer service:**  
Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5444 4364  
On request of the registrar

**Cobram Magistrates' Court**  
Cnr Punt Road & High Street, Cobram  
**Ph:** (03) 5872 2639

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** 1800 639 121  
Wednesday (fortnightly).

**Colac Magistrates' Court**  
Queen Street, Colac  
**Ph:** (03) 5234 3400

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Barwon Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5221 4744  
Monday morning

**Echuca Magistrates' Court**  
Heygarth Street, Echuca  
**Ph:** (03) 5480 5800

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5444 4364  
Tuesday (fortnightly).

**Geelong Magistrates' Court**  
Railway Terrace, Geelong  
**Ph:** (03) 5225 3333

**Duty lawyer service:**  
Barwon Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** (03) 5221 4744  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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**Hamilton Magistrates' Court**

Martin Street, Hamilton  
**Ph:** (03) 5572 2288

**Duty lawyer service:**

Emma House Domestic Violence Services  
**Ph:** 0417 136 108  
Wednesday (alternate)

**Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court**

134 Commercial Road, Morwell  
**Ph:** (03) 5116 5222

**Duty lawyer service:**

Gippsland Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** 1800 004 402  
Monday (fortnightly) and Tuesdays.

**Portland Magistrates' Court**

67 Cliff Street, Portland  
**Ph:** (03) 5523 1321

**Duty lawyer service:**

Emma House Domestic Violence Services  
**Ph:** 0417 136 108  
Tuesday (Alternate)

**Kerang Magistrates' Court**

Victoria Street, Kerang  
**Ph:** (03) 5452 1050

**Duty lawyer service:**

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service.  
**Ph:** (03) 5023 5966  
Thursday (monthly)

**Maryborough Magistrates' Court**

Clarendon Street, Maryborough  
**Ph:** (03) 5461 1046

**Duty lawyer service:**

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5444 4364  
Thursday (fortnightly).

**Robinvale Magistrates' Court**

George Street, Robinvale  
**Ph:** (03) 5026 4567

**Duty lawyer service:**

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** (03) 5023 5966  
Tuesday (monthly).

**Kyneton Magistrates' Court**

Hutton Street, Kyneton  
**Ph:** (03) 5422 1832

**Duty lawyer service:**

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** (03) 5444 4364  
Monday (fortnightly).

**Mildura Magistrates' Court**

56 Deakin Avenue, Mildura  
**Ph:** (03) 5021 6000

**Duty lawyer service:**

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** (03) 5023 5966  
Monday.

**Sale Magistrates' Court**

Foster Street (Princes Highway), Sale  
**Ph:** (03) 5144 2888

**Duty lawyer service:**

Gippsland Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** 1800 004 402  
Mondays (fortnightly)

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**Seymour Magistrates' Court**

56 Tallarook Street, Seymour  
**Ph:** (03) 5735 0100

**Duty lawyer service:**

Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** 1800 639 121  
Thursday (fortnightly).

**Shepparton Magistrates' Court**

14 High Street, Shepparton  
**Ph:** (03) 5821 4633

**Duty lawyer service:**

Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre  
**Ph:** 1800 639 121  
Tuesday.

**Swan Hill Magistrates' Court**

121 Curlewis Street, Swan Hill  
**Ph:** (03) 5032 0800

**Duty lawyer service:**

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service.  
**Ph:** (03) 5023 5966  
Wednesday (fortnightly).

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**Warrnambool Magistrates' Court**

218 Koroit Street, Warrnambool  
**Ph:** (03) 5564 1111

**Duty lawyer service:**

Emma House Domestic Violence Services  
**Ph:** 0417 136 108  
Friday and any other day where urgent.

**Wodonga Magistrates' Court**

5 Elgin Boulevard, Wodonga  
**Ph:** (02) 6043 7000

**Duty lawyer service:**

Hume Riverina Community Legal Service  
**Ph:** (02) 6057 5000  
Wednesday. Please call the Centre directly to be put through to the duty lawyers.