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COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

2012 seminars for employers, managers and human resource professionals (NSW), 2012, [Workshop], Anti-discrimination Board of NSW, \$319 - \$1,166, [http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/adb/ldb_nsf/vwFiles/ADB_semc_al_April_2012.pdf/\\$file/ADB_semc_al_April_2012.pdf](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/adb/ldb_nsf/vwFiles/ADB_semc_al_April_2012.pdf/$file/ADB_semc_al_April_2012.pdf) A series of seminars to be held in Sydney and Newcastle throughout 2012. These seminars aim to increase awareness and implementation of anti-discrimination law. Topics include grievance handling skills, contact officer skills training, case law updates, EEO recruitment and employment practices, policy development, managing harassment, bullying prevention and managing psychiatric disabilities.

Community legal education program 2012 (NSW), 2012, [Workshop], Hunter Community Legal Centre, \$5.00, 02 4040 9121, hunter_nsw@clc.net.au http://www.hunterclc.org.au/uploads/CLEP_Flyer.pdf This series of workshops for community sector employees will provide information on common legal issues affecting their clients such as employment law, debts, fines, tenancy and family law. To obtain further information or to book in to a workshop contact the Centre on 4040 9121.

GUIDES TO THE LAW

Changes to family law from 7 June 2012 (Australia), 2012, 1p., [Factsheet], Attorney-General's Department, 02 6141 6666, enquiries@ag.gov.au <http://www.ag.gov.au/Families/Currentissuesinthefamilylawsystem/Documents/2308%20Family%20Law%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf> This factsheet outlines amendments that will be made to the Family Violence Act. Amendments relate to prioritising the safety of children in parenting matters and increasing the family courts' ability to identify and respond to cases of violence.

Compensation and its effect on social security (NSW), 2012, 4p., [Factsheet], Welfare Rights Centre, Sydney, 02 9211 5300, welfarerights@welfarerights.org.au <http://www.welfarerights.org.au/Factsheets/fscompo.doc> This factsheet explains how receiving compensation may prevent you from receiving a social security payment or reduce your payment. It explains what is considered compensation, the types of social security benefits affected by compensation and appeal rights.

Copyright (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/469.pdf> This factsheet explains copyright and its implications for what can be done online, including social media sites. It explains what to do if your work is used without permission or you are accused of breaking copyright laws.

Cyber bullying (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/475.pdf> This factsheet defines cyber bullying, stalking and intimidation. It outlines the legal implications for perpetrators and explains what to do if you have been bullied or called a bully.

Declaring your same-sex relationship to Centrelink (Australia), 2012, 5p., [Factsheet], Welfare Rights Centre, Sydney, 02 9211 5300, welfarerights@welfarerights.org.au <http://www.welfarerights.org.au/Factsheets/fsaurora.doc> This updated factsheet explains how since 1 July 2009 same-sex de facto relationships are now recognised under Social Security and Family Assistance law. It explains what Centrelink is required to take into account when assessing whether a relationship is de facto.

Defamation (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/473.pdf> This factsheet explains cyber defamation and what to do if you have been defamed or accused of defaming someone on the internet.

Discrimination law and practice (Australia), Chris Ronalds, 2012, 4th ed., 320p., [Book], Federation Press, \$74.95, 02 9552 2200, info@federationpress.com.au <http://www.federationpress.com.au/bookstore/book.asp?isbn=9781862878822> This updated edition sets out information on the key areas of discrimination law and particularly in all aspects of employment and harassment, the provision of goods and services and education. It explains procedures for lodging discrimination complaints, attending conciliation conferences and the court processes. It also examines possible remedies ordered by the courts where discrimination is established and provides insight into relevant court procedure and the new Federal Court rules.

Domestic and family violence hurts children (NSW), 2011, 2p., [Factsheet], Department of Family and Community Services, 02 9716 2222, http://www.domesticviolence.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/251093/LD_domestic_and_family_violence_hurts_children_FINAL.pdf This factsheet explains the possible physical and emotional affects that domestic and family violence can have on children.

Fact sheet: About CJSN (NSW), 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Intellectual Disability Rights Service (IDRS), 02 9318 0144, info@idrs.org.au http://www.idrs.org.au/pdf/FACTSHEET_about_CJSN.pdf This factsheet outlines information on the Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN) provided by the IDRS. It explains who can access the network and the types of legal matters the network can help with. It also provides contact details of each branch of the network.

Fact sheet: About IDRS legal services (NSW), 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Intellectual Disability Rights Service (IDRS), 02 9318 0144, info@idrs.org.au http://www.idrs.org.au/pdf/FACTSHEET_about_IDRSLegalServices.pdf This factsheet outlines the role of IDRS, the types of services provided and who can access these services.

Fact sheet: Parents with intellectual disability project (NSW), 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Intellectual Disability Rights Service (IDRS), 02 9318 0144, info@idrs.org.au http://www.idrs.org.au/pdf/FACTSHEET_about_ParentsWithIntellectualDisabilityProject.pdf This factsheet outlines the assistance IDRS can provide to parents with an intellectual disability including legal representation in court, liaising with family and community service caseworkers, and advocacy and referral to services. It also explains how IDRS can assist support people such as disability workers, caseworkers, clinicians and family members.

General protections dismissal (Australia), LawAssist, 2012, [Web page], LawAccess, 1300 888 529, http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/lawaccess/ll_lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist_gp_gp This web page explains how to make a general protections dismissal application to Fair Work Australia (FWA) 'General protections' are the rights of all employees who are covered by the national system. These include the right to correct pay, leave and other entitlements; the right to be in a union and take part in union activity (or to not do this); the right to take time off work if you are sick or injured; the right not to be discriminated against according to State or Federal anti-discrimination laws; the right to make a complaint or enquiry about workplace conditions and the right to the benefit of an industrial law or instrument (such as an award, enterprise agreement, workplace safety law). The page includes flowcharts, interactive guides, forms and documents. National employment law covers employees working in NSW unless they are employed by the NSW government, a local council, or a NSW state government owned corporation.

Getting ready for your hearing (NSW), 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Guardianship Tribunal (NSW), 02 9556 7600, gt@gt.nsw.gov.au
http://www.gt.nsw.gov.au/agdbasev7wrl_assets/gt/m42030514/getting%20ready%20for%20your%20hearing.pdf This factsheet explains how to prepare for a hearing at the Guardianship Tribunal including the types of matters that can be heard, the types of decisions that can be made, attending a hearing, what happens at a hearing, who will be present at a hearing and representation.

Handling complaints about community services (NSW), 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], NSW Ombudsman, 02 9286 1000, nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au
http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au/publication/PDF/factsheets/FS_CSD2_HandlingComplaintsAboutCommServ.pdf This factsheet explains the Ombudsman's role in handling complaints against community service organisations including the types of complaints handled, who can make a complaint and standards of service and conduct.

Identity theft (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/471.pdf> This factsheet explains the ways that online identity theft can be perpetrated and how to prevent it.

The law handbook: your practical guide to the law in NSW (NSW), 2012, 12th ed., [Book], Thomson Reuters, \$96.00, 1300 304 195, LTA.Service@thomsonreuters.com
<http://www.thomsonreuters.com.au/the-law-handbook-12th-edition/productdetail/112890> This updated plain English guide covers all aspects of the law in NSW including appearing in court, contracts, credit and debt, children and the law, drug offences, accidents and compensation, family law, immigration and refugees, social security, wills, estates and funerals, internet law, defamation and copyright.

My language (Australia), 2012, [Website], www.mylanguage.gov.au This website provides a hub where public libraries and CALD communities can actively share information, resources and programs to support culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Legal information is listed under the menu option Translated Information. The site is a

joint partnership between State and Territory Libraries of NSW, Qld, SA, Vic, WA, NT and ACT.

Neighbours and the law (NSW), Nadine Behan, Cathy Hammer, 2012, 99p., [Book], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, <mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au> This updated book outlines the most common forms of dispute between neighbours. It sets out the law on a range of common neighbourhood problems including property rights, trees, boundary issues, noise, garbage, animals, harassment and land use.

The Ombudsman's role in community services (NSW), 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], NSW Ombudsman, 02 9286 1000, nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au
http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au/publication/PDF/factsheets/FS_CSD1_OmboRoleInCommServ.pdf This factsheet explains how the Ombudsman can assist in resolving complaints and promoting compliance with services such as dealing with oral and written complaints, reviewing complaints handling systems, reviewing the situation of people in care, educating and informing, promoting access to advocacy support and monitoring, reviewing and setting standards.

Planning ahead - Enduring power of attorney (NSW), 2012, 4p., [Factsheet], Guardianship Tribunal,
http://www.gt.nsw.gov.au/agdbasev7wrl_assets/gt/m42030514/planning%20ahead%20-%20enduring%20power%20of%20attorney.pdf This factsheet explains what are enduring powers of attorney, the reasons for making one, who can make one, what powers can be given, how many attorneys can be appointed and what are their duties and responsibilities, the role of the Guardianship Tribunal and where further legal assistance can be obtained.

Privacy (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/472.pdf> This factsheet discusses ways to reduce the risk of an invasion of privacy online, and ways to deal with it if it has already happened.

Self-incrimination (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/470.pdf> This factsheet explains how posts on social networking sites can be used as evidence. It points out that nothing is ever completely private online, even after it is deleted.

Sexting (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/476.pdf> This factsheet defines sexting and outlines the legal implications of taking sexual photos or videos of yourself or others and sharing, forwarding or posting them online.

Terms of service (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre and the Children's Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/474.pdf> This factsheet explains what the terms of service mean when signing up to a social networking site. It discusses age limits, copyright and privacy issues.

Unfair dismissal (Australia), LawAssist, 2012, [Web page], LawAccess, 1300 888 529, http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/lawaccess/ll_lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist_unfairdismissal This webpage explains how to make an unfair dismissal application to Fair Work Australia (FWA). 'Unfair dismissal' is when a dismissal is harsh, unjust or unreasonable. A dismissal might be unfair if the reason or the process for dismissal was unfair. It assists those who want to make an unfair dismissal application against their employer and want their job back (reinstatement) or compensation. The page includes flowcharts, interactive guides, forms and documents. National employment law covers employees working in NSW unless they are employed by the NSW government, a local council, or a NSW state government owned corporation.

Want to stay at home and have the violence leave? (NSW), 2011, 1p., [Factsheet], Department of Family and Community Services, 02 9716 2222, http://www.domesticviolence.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/251344/1843_Web_English.pdf This updated factsheet for women explains exclusion orders which can assist the victim to remain at home as part of an apprehended domestic violence order.

Who is a party to Guardianship Tribunal proceedings? (NSW), 2012, 1p., [Factsheet], Guardianship Tribunal (NSW), 02 9556 7600, gt@gt.nsw.gov.au <http://www.gt.nsw.gov.au/agdbase7/wr/assets/gt/m42030514/who%20is%20a%20party%20to%20guardianship%20tribunal%20proceedings.pdf> This factsheet outlines the types of matters that can be heard in Guardianship Tribunal proceedings and the different people with legal rights that can be involved in each matter.

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