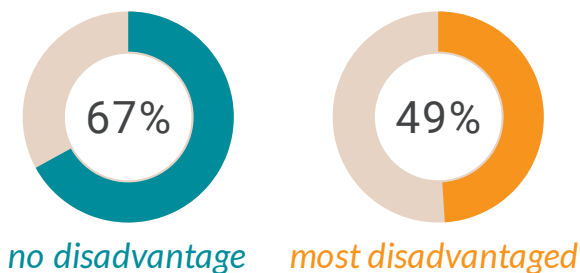


The role of disadvantage in legal problem resolution

New analysis from the *Legal Australia-Wide (LAW) Survey* demonstrates the association between legal problem resolution, level of disadvantage and legal capability. The findings show that **disadvantaged Australians** are more likely to experience legal problems and less likely to resolve their legal problems, than other people in the community. In fact, after controlling for other factors (e.g. problem type, severity, recency and strategy), those with five or more indicators of disadvantage (the most disadvantaged group) were estimated to be only half as likely to have **resolved legal problems** as those with no indicator of disadvantage. The findings show that highly disadvantaged Australians must remain a priority focus of public legal assistance services.

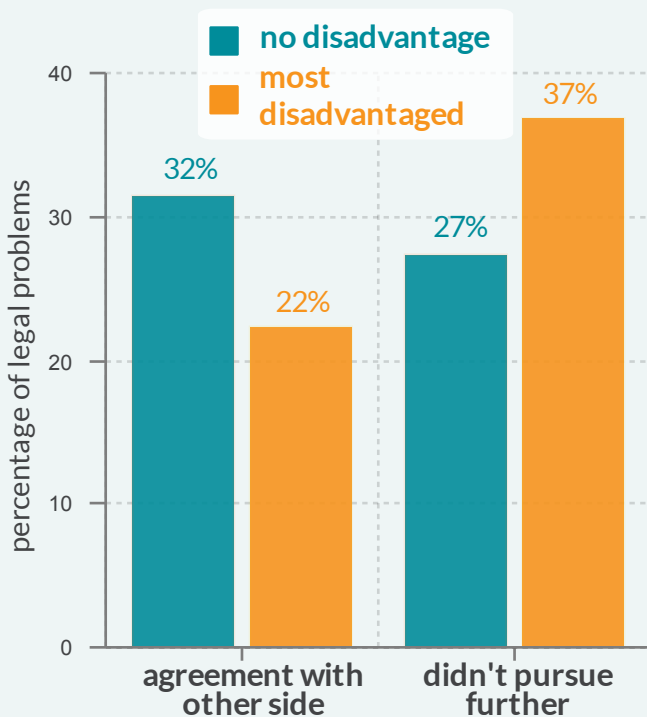
proportion of legal problems in the previous year that were finalised



association between disadvantage and legal problem resolution



resolution strategy for legal problems



factors likely to influence legal problem resolution for disadvantaged Australians

