



# Where to find Legal Information, Advice and Representation

If you are experiencing homophobic harassment you may need to consider getting some legal advice. Here are some contacts for a range of legal services in NSW.

## Community Legal Centres

Located around Sydney and some regional areas, they provide legal advice and assistance, particularly for those who may not be able to afford a private solicitor. Areas of law include victims' compensation, discrimination, disability rights, family and de facto law, domestic violence, tenancy, employment, and neighbourhood disputes. Advice may be face to face or by telephone. Inner City Legal Centre has a Gay and Lesbian Legal Advice Service that provides a statewide service.

Combined Community Legal Centres' Group NSW, Phone: (02) 9318 2355, Internet: <http://www.nswclc.org.au>

Inner City Legal Centre ph (02) 9332 1966. Internet: <http://www.iclc.org.au>

## Legal Information Access Centres

A public library service that helps people to find legal information including legislation, brochures, books, and websites.

Legal Information Access Centre, State Library of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000. Phone: (02) 9273 1558. Internet: <http://liac.sl.nsw.gov.au>

## LawAccess NSW

A telephone helpline providing a legal information and referral service, and also legal advice in some cases.

Phone: 1300 889 529. Internet: <http://www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au>

## Legal Aid Commission of NSW

Has offices around Sydney and some regional areas and provides three types of service:

- Legal advice: by appointment for about fifteen minutes at all Legal Aid offices. No means test is applied.
- Legal representation: available for a wide range of criminal and civil matters subject to means test, merit test and legal aid policies
- Duty solicitors for criminal matters at local court.

Legal Aid Head Office: Phone: (02) 9219 5000. Internet: <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au>

## Aboriginal Legal Services (ALS)

Legal advice and assistance is offered, mainly in criminal matters, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders or their family members. Service is subjected to means test.

Sydney Regional Aboriginal Corporation Legal Service, Redfern: (02) 9318 2122. Blacktown: (02) 9621 4830; Liverpool: (02) 9824 1589; Wollongong: (02) 4225 7977

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## Chamber Magistrate

Chamber magistrates and clerks of the Local Court offer free legal advice relating to local court procedures at most NSW Local Courts. They are particularly useful to people who wish to apply for an Apprehended Violence Order.

Downing Centre Local Court Phone (02) 9287 7911 or your nearest local court. Internet: [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lc](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lc)

## Community and Neighbourhood Centres

Some regional law societies co-ordinate neighbourhood legal referral and advice centres where volunteer solicitors provide advice sessions.

Contact your local community or neighbourhood centre

## Law Society of New South Wales

Co-ordinates free or reduced fee legal assistance and/or representation for people who are not eligible for legal aid but cannot afford a private solicitor, subject to a means test and the guidelines for the scheme.

The Law Society can also provide referrals to private solicitors

Phone: (02) 9926 0364. Internet: <http://www.lawsociety.com.au>

## The New South Wales Bar Association

Offers a Legal Assistance Referral Scheme to the public for referral to a barrister to provide free advice or representation in court, subject to means test and the guidelines for the scheme.

Phone: (02) 9232 4055. Internet: <http://www.nswbar.asn.au>

## Public Interest Law Clearinghouse

This service matches public interest cases or disadvantaged groups who need free legal help with law firms that are willing to help. Main areas of interests are human rights, consumer protection and administrative justice by challenging laws and policies that are unjust or deficient.

Phone: (02) 9299 7833. Internet: [www.piac.asn.au](http://www.piac.asn.au)