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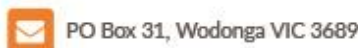
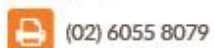
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GENERAL ADVICE ABOUT CHOOSING & DEALING WITH SOLICITORS

1. Ring the solicitor first and discuss your requirements e.g. area of law (family, crime, etc.), language, female etc., before making an appointment. Ask whether they will put in an Application for Legal Aid on your behalf.
2. Enquire as to whether your first consultation will be free – if not, how much it will cost and when you are expected to pay.
3. Shop Around - Ring more than one solicitor and compare their levels of experience and costs – there can be great variance of costs between solicitors depending on their levels of expertise.
4. At your first interview, ask the solicitor to write down for you all estimated costs associated with proceeding with your case and identify the stages of your case they relate to.
5. Ensure that the solicitor you choose explains all the processes and options relating to your matter in plain language. If you do not understand something tell your solicitor and ask him/her to explain it to you again. Make sure that you are involved in all decisions with respect to your case. Ask for the processes and options to be set out in a letter to you.
6. If you are still not happy with the referrals given to you by the Hume Riverina Community Legal Service call the Law Institute of Victoria on (03) 9607 9550 or Law Society of New South Wales on 1800 422 713 for further solicitor referrals.
7. Indicate that you will make a decision about whether to engage the solicitor after you have received a written estimate of all costs and disbursements and a written explanation of the process and options available to you.
8. If you are not satisfied with your solicitor you have a right to lodge a complaint with the Law Institute of Victoria or Law Society of New South Wales – but be aware that changing solicitors can be expensive.