

**CRIMINAL LAW
LAWYER REFERRAL FORM**

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The following firms MAY DO legal aid (subject to resources):

WODONGA, ALBURY, WANGARATTA, RIVERINA & REGION			
<p>ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE</p> <p>19 Trail Street WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 Ph: (02) 9621 9230</p>	<p>LEGAL AID NSW</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">74 - 76 Fitzmaurice St WAGGA NSW 2650 Ph: (02) 6921 6588</td> <td style="width: 50%; border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;">Suite 1a, Level 1520 Swift St ALBURY NSW 2640 Ph: (02) 6020 7200</td> </tr> </table>	74 - 76 Fitzmaurice St WAGGA NSW 2650 Ph: (02) 6921 6588	Suite 1a, Level 1520 Swift St ALBURY NSW 2640 Ph: (02) 6020 7200
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<p>VACCARO'S SOLICITORS</p> <p>Shop 5, Sesame Street WODONGA VIC 3690 Ph: (02) 6056 6496 or 0412 650 705</p>	<p>ALBURY LEGAL</p> <p>596 Hume Street ALBURY NSW 2640 Ph: (02) 6041 2010</p>		
<p>JAMES G SLOAN</p> <p>553 Kiewa Street ALBURY NSW 2640 Ph: (02) 6041 1122</p>	<p>POGSON CRONIN SOLICITORS</p> <p>315 Urana Road LAVINGTON NSW 2641 Ph: (02) 6025 8255</p>		
<p>SUSAN L ROBEY</p> <p>Suite 1, 522 Kiewa Street ALBURY NSW 2640 Ph: (02) 6021 7210</p>	<p>BARRON LAW</p> <p>1/45 Fitzmaurice Street WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 Ph: (02) 6971 0335</p>		

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The following firms generally **DO NOT** do legal aid:

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<p>KEATING AVERY SOLICITORS</p> <p>72 High Street WODONGA VIC 3690 Ph: (02) 6056 5533</p>	<p>SASCHA McCORRISTON LEGAL</p> <p>PO Box 509 WODONGA VIC 3690 Ph: 0467 046 201</p>				
<p>SIMPSON LAW</p> <p>524 Kiewa Street ALBURY NSW 2640 Ph: (02) 6051 4000</p>	<p>ORMAN SOLICITORS</p> <p>47 Fitzmaurice Street WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 Ph: (02) 6931 0050</p>				
<p>WILLIAMS HUNT LEGAL PRACTITIONERS</p> <p>24a Highett Street MANSFIELD VIC 3722 Ph: (03) 5775 2334</p>					
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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.