

CHILD PROTECTION

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

WODONGA, ALBURY, WANGARATTA, RIVERINA & REGION

SUSAN L ROBEY - NSW MATTERS ONLY

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ALBURY NSW 2640

Ph: (02) 6021 7210

ANDREW P MELVILLE - COROWA ONLY

110 Main Street

RUTHERGLEN VIC 3685

51 Sanger Street

COROWA NSW 2646

Ph: (02) 6033 2611

Many firms offer a no obligation first consultation.

You should ask if these apply when you first call.

PRIVATE SOLICITOR REFERRAL FORM

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

WODONGA, ALBURY, WANGARATTA, RIVERINA & REGION	
<p>HARRIS LIEBERMAN SOLICITORS</p> <p>87 Hume Street WODONGA VIC 3689 Ph: (02) 6051 5100</p>	<p>Suite 2, 487 Smolett Street ALBURY NSW 2640</p> <p>KEATING AVERY SOLICITORS</p> <p>72 Hight Street WODONGA VIC 3690 Ph: (02) 6056 5533</p>
<p>CAMPAGNA GRAY & MALLINDER</p> <p>8 Chisolm Street WANGARATTA VIC 3677 Ph: (03) 5721 4591</p>	<p>ORMAN SOLICITORS</p> <p>47 Fitzmaurice Street WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 Ph: (02) 9631 0050</p>
<p>WILLIAMS HUNT LEGAL PRACTITIONERS</p> <p>24a Highbett Street MANSFIELD VIC 3722 Ph: (03) 5775 2334</p>	

* Accredited Specialist

** Provide Outreach Services within our catchment area

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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.