



Family lawyer

Permanent full time (Refer: More information)

Family Advocacy & Support Services/Family Law Services

Classification	PO4
Salary	\$93,242 to \$100,286 a year full time hours
Closing date	Tuesday 23rd July 2019
VRN	LAQ 34/19
Location	44 Herschel Street, Brisbane
Contact	Mary-ann Huth - Principal Lawyer, Family Law Teams - Phone 3917 0561 or Email: mary-ann.huth@legalaid,qld.gov.au

Apply online via www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Our vision and purpose

Legal Aid Queensland's vision is to be a leader in a fair justice system where people are able to understand and protect their legal rights. Our purpose is to provide quality, cost effective legal services to financially disadvantaged people throughout Queensland.

Family Law Services

Our Family Law Services division gives legal help and support to children and adults experiencing family law issues including child protection, child support and maintenance, parenting issues, domestic and family violence, and divorce and property settlement. Where possible, we encourage people to resolve their problems without going to court by using our dispute resolution services. From helping children have a voice in the legal system through our separate representatives and independent children's lawyers, to representing people with complex disputes before the family law courts, this division plays an integral role in helping Queenslanders resolve their family law problems.

Conditions and benefits of working for Legal Aid Queensland

- 36.25 hrs per week (full time hours)
- 12.75% employer super contributions
- Flexible working hours
- Generous salary packaging available
- Study leave for approved work-related courses

The role

This is an outstanding opportunity for a legal professional to take on a position delivering high-quality family law services to vulnerable and disadvantaged Queenslanders. Legal Aid Queensland plays an important role in the state's justice system, providing specialist services in child support, child protection, domestic violence, social work, dispute resolution and family law matters. We represent the interests of children in family law and child protection matters and aim to resolve family law disputes through family dispute resolution processes before they go to court. As a lawyer, you will represent the interests of legally aided clients in family law and related matters. The work is challenging and complex, but rewarding.

Your contribution

- Represent clients, including preparing matters, instructing counsel and personally appearing as an advocate in family law and related matters.
- Help and guide staff within the team and Legal Aid Queensland staff state-wide regarding family law matters.
- As necessary, provide duty lawyer services and legal information and advice to clients and the public.
- Help to prepare submissions to support Legal Aid Queensland's contributions to policy, procedure, law reform and legal service delivery initiatives.

- Help maintain networks with relevant external stakeholders.
- If appropriately qualified, you may act in the child's best interest as an independent children's lawyer and separate representative in family law and child protection matters.
- Ensure all work complies with quality and case management standards and meet all other professional and corporate responsibilities.

What we are looking for

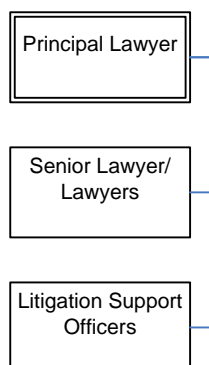
In completing the role of family lawyer, the following capabilities are required.

- You have experience in the conduct of family law and related matters including preparation, representation and advocacy experience.
- You have knowledge of the practice and procedure of family and related laws. You are committed to self-development and maintaining up-to-date knowledge of the family law and procedure.
- You can build and sustain relationships with team members, contribute to team planning and suggest improvements to work practices.
- You present in a clear, concise and articulate manner in both oral and written formats. You communicate effectively with both external stakeholders and clients with complex needs.

Mandatory requirement or special conditions

- You are admitted or are eligible for immediate admission as a legal practitioner in Queensland, and eligible for a current practicing certificate and entry in the High Court Register of Practitioners.

Your reporting relationships



More information

- Applications will remain current for a period of up to 12 months and may be considered for other vacancies (identical or similar) which may include an alternative employment basis (temporary, permanent; full-time or part time).
- You may be exposed to explicit and/or graphic material during the course of your employment.
- A driver's licence is highly desirable.
- Intra-state travel is required.
- A non-smoking policy is effective in all Legal Aid Queensland building and motor vehicles.
- Within one month of commencing employment, the successful applicant is required to disclose any employment as a lobbyist in the preceding two years.
- Additional information, including our organisation structure and Applicant Information Kit, is available from www.legalaid.qld.gov.au

How to apply

To apply for this role, you will need to submit the following document/s. For more detailed information, please see the Information for Applicant Kit.

- Your current resume detailing your previous work, voluntary or relevant experience including two referees who have personally observed you displaying the capabilities required for this role.
- A written response telling us about your capabilities, which are described in "What we are looking for". Your response should address the requirements of the role, which is set out in "Your contribution". This response should be no more than three pages in length.

Send your application via www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Apply online through the Smart jobs and careers website. Access the 'apply online' facility on the Smart jobs and careers website. You will need to create a 'My SmartJob' account before submitting your online application.

By applying online you can track your application through the process, maintain your personal details through registration and withdraw your application if required.

If you experience any technical difficulties when accessing www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au please contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68). All calls relating to the status of your application once the job has closed should be directed to the contact officer on the role description.

Late applications cannot be submitted via Smart jobs and careers, so please allow enough time before the closing date to submit your application. If approval has been granted by the selection chairperson for a late application to be considered, please contact the Consultant (Payroll) during office hours on Phone 3917 0152 to discuss alternative arrangements for submission of your application.

Hand delivered applications will not be accepted.