



Women's Legal Service WA

Are you an experienced lawyer with a passion for social justice?

About WLSWA

The Women's Legal Service WA Inc. (WLSWA) is a not for profit community legal centre funded to provide free legal services for women in Western Australia. WLSWA assists vulnerable women who need help with family law, family and domestic violence issues, protection and care matters and criminal injuries compensation matters. WLSWA solicitors provide information, advice, referral, advocacy and limited Court representation within our casework areas.

WLSWA works collaboratively with other organisations and legal service providers, undertaking several holistic service delivery projects through partnerships. These include outreach to Aboriginal women in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands of the Gibson Desert, a partnership with Relationships Australia WA to provide legal services for Aboriginal women in the Perth metro area who are victims of family and domestic violence (the Djinda Service program), and a partnership with Tenancy WA and Street Law WA to provide services for women who are homeless (or at risk of becoming homeless) through FDV under the Safe as Houses project. WLSWA also promotes women's human rights and equality through law reform advocacy, community legal education and professional development training.

About the Position

The PLO is the Responsible Person for WLCWA, supervising and directing the WLSWA legal practice to comply with the National Association of Community Legal Centres' Risk Management and legal practice framework and all statutory requirements.

This position will be responsible for managing the case work load of legal staff and ensuring that targets are achieved. They will have oversight of WLSWA legal practitioners, volunteer legal practitioners, interns and other legal volunteers, ensuring that sound substantive legal advice and representation is provided to WLSWA clients. The PLO will liaise effectively with colleagues to maintain productive working relationships and ensure the efficient operation of the legal practice, and will work closely with the Senior Executive Officer (SEO) in developing legal practice policy and procedures that improve the efficient operation of the legal practice, leverage technology and improve ways of working to better service clients. In so doing, the PLO will promote the WLSWA as a respected leader in relation to women and the law in Western Australia.

Committed to social justice and the pursuit of women's equality and advancement, the successful applicant will have considerable legal experience in WLSWA's main legal service areas, as well as experience in supervision and management of staff and/or volunteers. They will have sound teamwork and communication skills and experience monitoring compliance and evaluation in legal practice. Experience with community service organisations (and in a community legal centre in particular) will be highly valued, as will an understanding of holistic service delivery. Participation in the development of law and policy that pertain to women's human rights will also be well regarded.

We'd like to hear from you!

Please see our application pack for details on applying for this position. To obtain an application package please email our Senior Executive Officer on carrie@wlswa.org.au or telephone 9272 8855. To find out more about the WLSWA, please go to our website: www.wlswa.org.au or like us on Facebook.

Applications close: **Monday 19 August 2019 at 12pm WST.**

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