**WLSWA Family Law (Property) Legal Clinic**

**Background Information Form**

**Details of Parties**

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| **Your Name:** |  |
| **The Other Party’s (OP) Name:** |  |
| **OP’s Relationship to You:** |  |
| **Name & DOB of any Children:**  *(with the OP or anyone else)* |  |

**Details of Relationship**

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| **Date you started living together** |  |
| **Date you were married (if applicable):** |  |
| **Date you separated:**  *(include all separations if more than one)* |  |
| **Date of Divorce (if applicable):** |  |

**Details of Property (Identifying the Current Asset Pool)**

Please list in this section any assets or liabilities you (and/or the other party) have now. If there used to be assets but there is not anymore, include it in the comments below.

We have included some prompts for you below:

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| **Assets** | **Who owns it**  *(You/OP/Joint or someone else)* | **Your Estimated Value** | **Any comments you want to make about the asset** |
| House |  |  |  |
| Car/Bikes/Trailers/Boats etc.? | You |  |  |
| Cars/Bikes/Trailers/Boats etc.? | OP |  |  |
| Bank Accounts | You |  |  |
| Bank Accounts | OP |  |  |
| Furniture and Personal Belongings |  |  |  |
| Shares? |  |  |  |
| Interest in business, company, trusts etc.? |  |  |  |
| Superannuation | You |  |  |
| Superannuation | OP |  |  |
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| **Liabilities (Debts)** | **Who owns it**  *(You/OP/Joint or someone else)* | **Your Estimated Value** | **Any comments you want to make about the asset** |
| Home loan (mortgage) |  |  |  |
| Credit Card | You |  |  |
| Credit Card | OP |  |  |
| Personal Loans |  |  |  |
| Tax debt |  |  |  |
| Unpaid bills (e.g. other debts?) |  |  |  |
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**Details of your Relationship History (as relevant to your financial matter)**

***Initial Contributions (What you each brought into the relationship)***

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| **Question** | **Your Answer** |
| At the time you started living together, what  did you own? |  |
| At the time you started living together, what  did the Other Party own? |  |
| At the time you started living together, what were you doing (i.e. working, studying, caring for children etc.)? |  |
| At the time you started living together, what was the Other Party doing (i.e. working, studying, caring for children etc.)? |  |

***Contributions During your Relationship***

Please indicate which of the following from the list below best matches how you would describe what happened in your situation (and if not please feel free to include your own explanation in the comment box below).

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| **Question** | **Your Answer (e.g. it could be you, other party or both or any other answer)** |
| During your relationship, who paid for the mortgage or rent for where you lived? |  |
| During your relationship, who paid for the household expenses (e.g. food, bills, children’s expenses, etc.)? |  |
| Where did the income to pay for these expenses come from (e.g. employment or somewhere else?) |  |
| During your relationship (if there were children), who was the one who primarily cared for the child/ren (e.g. fed them, put them to bed, played with them, took to appointments, washed them, cleaned up after them, etc.)? |  |
| During your relationship, did you or the Other Party ever use your own labour to improve property you owned (e.g. renovate a house or restored a car yourself to save money from paying someone to do it)? |  |

**Section 75(2) Adjustment Factors (Future Needs)**

These questions focus on the future. While there are many factors which may affect what happens to you and your family in the future, we need to know (as best as you can guess at this time) what you think the future might hold for you and what your plans are for the foreseeable future.

Please answer as best as you can. The answers are required for the lawyer to assess whether there may be an adjustment made in your case to property settlement entitlements or if there is a claim for spousal maintenance.

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| **Question** | **Your Answer (e.g. it could be you, other party or both or any other answer)** |
| Who do you think will end up being the primary carer for the children (if applicable) in the future? |  |
| Ideally, how would you want to support yourself in the future? (e.g. return to workforce, study to requalify, receiving benefit or other source of income?) |  |
| Is there anything you can think of which may prevent you from supporting yourself in this way in the future? (e.g. health concerns, safety concerns, caring for someone, not being able to afford to study?) |  |
| Do you think the other party is likely to contribute financially to the costs of raising your children (if applicable?)  If so, to what extent (e.g. minimum child support or agrees to school fees, etc.)? |  |

**What you would like to get from your Legal Clinic Appointment**

Please let us know what you would like to get from your Legal Clinic appointment (i.e. what concerns do you have, what is troubling you the most). This will assist our lawyers to prioritise their time to address these concerns.

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**Anything else?**

If there is anything else you would like us to know, please feel free to let us know in the box below.

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*Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.*

*The completed form can be emailed back to* [*info@wlswa.org.au*](mailto:info@wlswa.org.au)*.*

*Please remember this Legal Clinic is for one-off legal advice.*

*If there is anything else you would like to discuss or if you have missed anything you later think might be relevant, please feel free to let the lawyer know during your Legal Clinic appointment.*