



Marrickville Legal Centre

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serving NSW

December Update

This year, we continued to expand our reach and impact, assisting 5793 clients and delivering 13,928 services across our legal, tenancy and strata teams. Our dedicated team of 31 staff members, supported by our volunteers, has worked tirelessly to deliver on the goal of creating #JusticeForUsAll. As 2024 comes to a close, the MLC team would like to thank all our supporters, volunteers and partners for your unwavering support of our centre. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goal and make a significant impact in our community. As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to break down barriers to justice and advocate for human rights protections.

Office Christmas Closure



Marrickville Legal Centre will be closed to the public for the holiday period from **Monday 23 December 2024 with services resuming on Monday 13 January 2025.**

During our closure period, if you or your client requires domestic or family violence support, please call the DV line on 1800 65 64 63. If you, your children or your client and their children are in immediate danger, please call 000.

If legal assistance is required during this period, contact Law Access on 1300 888 529 between 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

If tenancy assistance is required during this period, contact the Tenants Union Christmas Hotline on 1800 251 101 between 10:00am to 1:00pm or 2:00pm to 5:00pm or NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20.

Reflecting on 45 years of impact

As we come to the close of our 45th year of dedicated legal service and advocacy, we reflect on how far we've come, thanks to you, our invaluable donors, volunteers, and supporters. Together, we've helped countless individuals gain access to justice.

But our work is far from over and we need your help to continue working towards our vision to provide access to #JusticeForUsAll. [Please consider donating today](#) so that we can keep supporting those who need it most.

Here's how your donation can make an impact:

\$50: Provide free legal advice to someone experiencing domestic violence.

\$100: Deliver a community legal education workshop to inform people of their legal rights.

\$200: Send a lawyer to provide legal assistance at community outreach events, including at domestic violence support organisations.

\$500: Fund a lawyer to file an application for a client who has experienced domestic violence to receive counselling and financial compensation.

\$1,000: Send two advocates to the Tribunal to support people who have experienced domestic violence defend termination notices.

\$3,000: Send three lawyers to advise and represent young people and people experiencing domestic violence in their criminal and domestic violence matters.

\$5,000: Send a lawyer to represent a client who has experienced domestic violence in a legally assisted mediation to create safe parenting arrangements for them and their children.

Every donation helps us continue to offer free and accessible legal services to those who need it most.

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Youth Work Conference

Last month, our Youth Solicitor, Jason Teoh, ran a workshop on Victims Services at the Youth Work Conference 2024 in Dubbo. Hosted by Youth Action, the peak body for youth workers in NSW, this event brought together over 300 youth workers from across the state for two days of professional development, networking, and sharing insights into the challenges and opportunities within the youth sector.

Our Youth Legal Service is a statewide service assisting young people under 25 years old across NSW with their legal issues.

If you would like our team to run a legal information workshop for your school, youth group or organisation in 2025, please [complete our online request form](#).



Champion of MLC: Joey Chalita

This month, we highlight another Champion of MLC who has made been involved with MLC throughout 2024.

"I spent the first 6 months of 2024 at Marrickville Legal Centre as a secondee from Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers.

I worked closely with Jason and Danny in the Youth Legal Service team and as part of the Burwood Local Court Duty Service.

After working at MLC...I have been taught and shown how to stick together as a team and to utilise the immense talent pool of the room. Even though volunteers come and go, the team and staff make everyone feel important and a part of making a difference.

I hope to see MLC be around for many more years to come."

Annual Report 2023-2024

Please take a look at our annual report 2023-2024 to see highlights of the work we've been doing this year and the impact we've had on our community.

[Read the report here.](#)



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy holidays,

MLC team



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