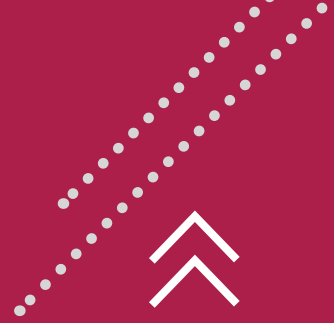


Family Dispute Resolution A Guide to Representing Clients



Overview

The Family Dispute Resolution: A Guide to Representing Clients training module aims to provide private lawyers with an understanding and overview of what happens before, during and after a mediation. This training module provides insight into how mediations are organised, how to prepare clients, the role of a lawyer in mediation and how best to support your client throughout the mediation process. It also details Legal Aid NSW Practice Standards and gives information and practical skills to use when you are representing clients at mediation.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the training, participants will:

1. understand the role of a solicitor in supporting their client before, during and after a mediation and understand how the Family Dispute Resolution unit arranges and assesses the suitability of mediations.
2. demonstrate an understanding of the expectations of solicitors throughout the mediation process including applying for a grant of aid, information required to arrange a mediation, what to do when finalising a matter, the role of mediation reports and the issuing of certificates.
3. be equipped with the skills and techniques to ensure all families, including vulnerable and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, are provided with high-quality representation throughout the mediation process.
4. have more confidence in their understanding of the Legal Aid Family Dispute Resolution model, the different types of mediations available and the role of a mediator.
5. have knowledge of the Legal Aid NSW Practice Standards, and rules and expectations regarding confidentiality and admissibility.

Course Content

Video

- Family Dispute Resolution: A Guide to Representing Clients

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Required Reading

- Legal Aid NSW Family Law Practice Standards
- [Family Law \(Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners\) Regulations 2008](#)



Useful Resources

- Family Dispute Resolution Brochure
- Family Dispute Resolution Checklist
- Family Dispute Resolution Property Checklist
- Independent Children's Lawyer Checklist



Useful Links

- [Legal Aid NSW Family Dispute Resolution Service](#)
- [Legal Aid NSW Contact Mediations](#)
- [Care and Protection Mediation Information](#)
- [Best for Kids – Legal Aid NSW](#)