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## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

**Families (Hot topics 82) (NSW)**, Maree Livermore, [Booklet], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)

[http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot\\_topics/index.html](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot_topics/index.html)

This issue will cover separation and divorce, children's issues, dividing property, de facto relationships, same-sex relationships and adoption. Available in all NSW public libraries.

**Family law for Aboriginal people (NSW)**, [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

This factsheet will outline Legal Aid's early intervention service, the benefits of acting early to avoid court and how Aboriginal field officers can help. Scheduled for publication in December 2012.

**The family law handbook (Australia)**, Maree Livermore, 2012, 3rd ed., [Book], Thomson Reuters, \$92.00, 1300 304 195,

[LTA.Service@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:LTA.Service@thomsonreuters.com)

This new edition will be a guide for people involved in or thinking about separation or divorce. It explains the workings of the Australian system of family law and provides information on the choices, practical issues and tasks that face a separating couple. This Tool Kit title will be available in NSW public libraries from January 2013.

**Mining law in NSW: a guide for the community (NSW)**, 2012, [Booklet], Environmental Defender's Office (NSW) Ltd, Free, 02 9262 6989,

[education@edo.org.au](mailto:education@edo.org.au)

<http://www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/publications.php>

This booklet will help the people of NSW to understand how to engage effectively with the various decision-making processes and empower them to use the law to the fullest extent possible to protect their interests and those of the environment. It has been funded by the NSW Government through the Environmental Trust.

**[Section 32 explained] (NSW)**, [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028,

[publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

This factsheet will explain section 32 of the Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990 (NSW) to people with intellectual disabilities, brain injury and mental health problems. It will be a plain English, step by step guide explaining what happens when a magistrate makes an order and how support plans work. Scheduled for publication in December 2012.

## GUIDES TO THE LAW

**Are you a grandparent? Your legal questions answered (NSW)**, 2012, 12p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028,

[publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

<http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/171.pdf>

This brochure explains the legal options available to a grandparent who is raising grandchildren, denied contact with grandchildren or concerned about a grandchild's welfare. It also covers financial assistance and where to get legal help. It updates the 2009 version.

**Ask LOIS (NSW)**, 2012, [Website], Women's Legal Services NSW, 02 8745 6900,

[Womens\\_NSW@clc.net.au](mailto:Womens_NSW@clc.net.au)

<http://www.asklois.org.au>

This secure website is to provide online training for community workers responding to domestic violence.

**Child care and protection. (Hot topics 81) (NSW)**, Judy Cashmore, 2012, 24p., [Booklet], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), \$22.00, 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)

[http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot\\_topics/index.html](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot_topics/index.html)

This issue discusses Australia's obligations to implement and report under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as parental responsibility, children in out-of-home care and initiatives to improve protection for children. Available in all NSW public libraries.

**Children's Legal Service: helping young people in trouble with the law (NSW)**, 2012, 4p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/138.pdf>

This resource outlines the range of services provided to young people under 18, including help at court, in detention centres and over the phone. Useful for youth and community workers. An update of the 2010 version.

**Ethical decision making (NSW)**, 2012, 5p., [Factsheet], Council of Social Service of New South Wales (NCOSS), 02 9211 2599, [info@ncoss.org.au](mailto:info@ncoss.org.au)  
<http://ncoss.org.au/projects/msu/downloads/resources/information%20sheets/13-ethical-decision-making-2012.pdf>

This factsheet explores sound ethical decision making and how boards can develop ethical intelligence within their organisations and thereby manage difficult issues with an ethical dimension.

**Get court smart (NSW)**, 2012, 32p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/448.pdf>

This pocket book tells young people how things work in the Children's Court and gives tips on how to prepare for court. It covers sentencing, bail, apprehended violence orders, convictions and criminal records. It is available as a pdf.

**Get to the root of the problem (NSW)**, 2012, [Poster], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/507.pdf>

This poster identifies the areas of civil law where Law Access NSW can provide assistance.

**Independent Children's Lawyer - for kids (NSW)**, n.d., [Web page], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources/independent-childrens-lawyer-for-kids>

This web page provides information for children who will be represented by an independent children's lawyer when their parents are going to court.

**Independent Children's Lawyer - for parents (NSW)**, n.d., [Web page], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources/independent-childrens-lawyer-for-parents>

This web page provides information to parents about an independent children's lawyer who may be appointed to represent their children when they are going to court.

**International humanitarian law (Hot topics 80) (International)**, Emily Crawford, 2012, 28p., [Booklet], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), \$22.00, 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)  
[http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot\\_topics/index.html](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot_topics/index.html)

This issue discusses Australia's obligations to implement and report under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as parental responsibility, children in out-of home care and initiatives to improve protection for children. Available in all NSW public libraries.

**Is someone asking the court to make an AVO against you? (NSW)**, 2012, [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources/is-someone-making-an-avo-against-you/>

This online information is for defendants in apprehended domestic violence proceedings. It explains what will happen if someone asks for an AVO against them. It covers the recent changes to domestic violence laws and court procedures. Print versions can be ordered from <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/order-a-publication>.

**Justice journey: information for victims of crime about going to court in NSW (NSW)**, 2012, [DVD], Victims Services, Free, 02 8688 5511, [vs@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vs@agd.nsw.gov.au)  
[http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/victimsservices/ll\\_vs.nsf/pages/VS\\_justicejourney](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/victimsservices/ll_vs.nsf/pages/VS_justicejourney)

This DVD has been developed to assist victims of crime navigate the criminal justice system. It follows three victims of crime as they report the crime, give evidence in the Local, District and Supreme Courts, through to the final decision of the court and sentencing of the offender. It includes the following sections: Before you get to court, Overview of the court system, The Local Court, Preparing for the hearing, In the courtroom, Your time at court, Giving evidence, The verdict and Sentencing. Duration: 30 minutes.

**The law handbook: your practical guide to the law in NSW (NSW)**, 2012, 12th ed., [Book], Thomson Reuters, \$96.00, 1300 304 195, [LTA.Service@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:LTA.Service@thomsonreuters.com)  
[http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/law\\_handbook/index.html](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/law_handbook/index.html)

This plain English guide covers all aspects of the law in NSW including appearing in court, contracts, credit and debt, children and the law, drug offences, accidents and compensation, family law, immigration and refugees, social security, wills, estates and funerals, internet law, defamation and copyright. Available for purchase at <http://www.thomsonreuters.com.au/the-law-handbook-12th-edition/productdetail/112890>. A Tool Kit title available in NSW public libraries. Also available online in full text at Find Legal answers.

**Managing the financial affairs of a missing person (Factsheet 14) (NSW)**, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], NSW Trustee & Guardian, 1300 364 103, [http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/verve/\\_resources/FM\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_14\\_Managing\\_the\\_financial\\_affairs\\_of\\_a\\_missing\\_person\\_2012.pdf](http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/verve/_resources/FM_Fact_Sheet_14_Managing_the_financial_affairs_of_a_missing_person_2012.pdf)  
This factsheet provides information about the circumstances under which the Supreme Court can appoint the NSW Trustee and Guardian as the manager of the missing person's financial affairs. Alternatively a family member or friend can be appointed as manager, in which case the NSW TG is required to direct and authorise their actions.

**My next car (NSW)**, 2012, [Application], NSW Fair Trading, 02 9895 0111, [http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About\\_us/Online\\_services/Mobile\\_apps/My\\_next\\_car\\_app.html](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/Online_services/Mobile_apps/My_next_car_app.html)

This app enables car buyers to store details and photos of the cars they are interested in. It has an interactive inspection checklist to identify, record and take photos of any problems. Users can compare cars side-by-side, calculate loan repayments, run a debt check to find out if the car was stolen or has money owing on it (to avoid repossession) and access tips and advice. The iPhone version is available as a download (requires iOS 5.0 or later); the Android version to be available later.

**Neighbours and the law (NSW)**, Nadine Behan, Cathy Hammer, 2012, 99p., [Book], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/neighbours/index.html>

This updated book outlines the most common forms of dispute between neighbours. It sets out the law on a range of common neighbourhood problems including property rights, trees, boundary issues, noise, garbage, animals, harassment and land use. A Tool Kit title available in NSW public libraries. Also available in full text at Find Legal Answers.

**Positive migration guide (NSW)**, 2012, 20p., [Booklet], HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Inc. (HALC), 02 9206 2060, [halc@halc.org.au](mailto:halc@halc.org.au)  
<http://www.halc.org.au/downloads/positive-migration-guide.pdf>

This booklet is for people with HIV, their family members and others who fail the health criteria and are seeking to travel or migrate to Australia. It outlines the considerations and processes involved in obtaining a health waiver. Produced with funding assistance from the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW.

**Prisoners Legal Service (NSW)**, 2012, 4p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/101.pdf>

This pamphlet explains how this specialist service can help people in gaol. It is an update of the 2008 version in English, but the translations of the old version in Arabic, Chinese (Traditional), Korean, Indonesian, Spanish and Vietnamese are not available.



**Probate guide (NSW)**, 2012, 18p., [Booklet], HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Inc. (HALC), 02 9206 2060, [halc@halc.org.au](mailto:halc@halc.org.au)

<http://www.halc.org.au/downloads/probate-guide.pdf>

This booklet is designed to make estate distribution easier. It includes information and pro forma documents on distributing an estate, applying for probate and the process if there is no will. Produced with funding assistance from the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW.

**Roles and responsibilities of office bearers and general members of board of management of incorporated associations (NSW)**, 2012, 5p., [Factsheet], Council of Social Service of New South Wales (NCOSS), 02 9211 2599, [info@ncoss.org.au](mailto:info@ncoss.org.au) <http://ncoss.org.au/projects/msu/downloads/resources/information%20sheets/03-Roles-Responsibilities-Board-2012.pdf>

This factsheet lists the roles and responsibilities of office bearers and general members of boards of management of incorporated associations.

**The share housing survival guide (NSW)**, 2012, 3rd ed., [Booklet & Website], Redfern Legal Centre, Free, 02 9310 3586, [info@rlc.org.au](mailto:info@rlc.org.au) <http://sharehousing.org/>

This guide provides both practical and legal information for people in share housing. This guide is based on the law applying to residents in NSW in January 2012. It includes information on co-tenancy, head-tenancy and sub-tenancy and boarders and lodgers and a model share housing agreement. A Tool Kit title available in NSW public libraries.

**Tenants' rights manual: a practical guide to renting in NSW (NSW)**, Chris Martin for the Tenants' Union of NSW, 2012, 4th ed., 272p., [Book], Tenants' Union of NSW, \$28.00, 02 8117 3700, [tunsw@clc.net.au](mailto:tunsw@clc.net.au)

This new edition helps tenants become aware of and act on their rights. It contains practical material on a range of tenancy issues including rent, bond, rates and dispute resolution, and includes case studies and sample letters. It covers: all the changes to renting laws made by the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, including the new provisions about rent arrears, sales of premises, share housing and tenancy databases; an expanded chapter on social housing, with information about eligibility, rent rebates and public housing policies; a new chapter

on marginal renting, with information for boarders and lodgers on the new Australian Consumer Law. It is available for purchase at

<http://www.federationpress.com.au/bookstore/book.asp?isbn=9781862878921>. Available soon on the

Find Legal Answers website

<http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au>.

A Tool Kit title available in NSW public libraries.

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**There's a better way than payday loans (NSW)**, 2012, 4p., [Factsheet & Poster], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/509.pdf>

This factsheet and poster explain the options for people who have an expensive, short term loan that is hard to repay.

## SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Resources included in past editions of the newsletter can be found in our Plain Language Law Database which contains over 900 resources and is searchable using the plain language law search tool. Resources are searchable by format (eg DVD, booklet, etc), language, law type and target group.

## ABOUT PLL

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