

PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING PLACEMENTS AT WLS NSW

Women's Legal Service NSW (WLS NSW) is currently recruiting women PLT students to assist in providing legal services to women across NSW. WLS brings a feminist philosophy to its work which includes a deep understanding of the gendered nature of violence against women and the value of accessible information and advice about the law to empower women to make safe choices about their legal options.

About WLS NSW

WLS NSW is an independent non-profit organisation which provides a voice for women in NSW, and promotes access to justice, particularly for women who are disadvantaged by their social and economic circumstances.

From a feminist perspective, WLS NSW fosters legal and social change to redress the inequalities that women experience through:

- [legal advice and casework](#)
- [community legal education](#)
- [law and policy reform](#)

PLT students on placement at WLS NSW have the opportunity to:

- take instructions and communicate directly with clients;
- attend outreach advice clinics;
- develop file management skills;
- deliver supervised legal information to clients;
- support the work of the lawyers by communicating with lawyers, case workers and court and tribunal staff;
- draft correspondence;
- engage in legal research, analysis and problem solving and
- attend team meetings and take minutes.

If you wish to be considered for a volunteer placement at WLS NSW please apply **in writing**, briefly addressing the selection criteria (see below) and attaching your resume.



Selection criteria for Practical Legal Training placement

1. Eligible to complete practical legal training.
2. Willingness to commit to working a minimum of two days per week for at least six months.
3. Understanding of social justice issues for women, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, and those experiencing economic, social and cultural disadvantage and lack of access to legal services.
4. Understanding of cross cultural issues for women, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault or family breakdown.
5. Understanding of areas of law relevant to the work of Women's Legal Service NSW, including domestic violence, sexual assault, family law and discrimination.
6. High level oral and written communication skills.
7. Ability to work in an electronic environment including the use of word processing, email and web browsing tools.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are highly encouraged to apply.

Being a woman is a Genuine Occupational Qualification for the purposes of WLS service provision (Section 31 *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*).

Applications can be addressed to:
Executive Officer, Women's Legal Service NSW
reception@wlsnsw.org.au

Positions will remain open until filled.