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TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

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One Day CLE – Continuing Legal Education on

Family Law

Saturday 7 March 2020

Venue: Toongabbie Christian College, 30-40 Metella Road, Toongabbie

About Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC)

TLC is a community legal centre located in Toongabbie in the heart of Western Sydney. TLC commenced its free legal services from 13 October 2007. TLC is in its twelfth year of providing legal advice and assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

TLC offers legal advice and referral services. TLC refers matters needing further examination and case management either to funded community legal centres or to private lawyers or migration agents, who are willing to consider part or full pro bono service, depending on the circumstances of each case. TLC operates with rooms provided by the local Catholic Church, Toongabbie and in Blacktown*. The clients represent diverse backgrounds and TLC has been providing advice on matters involving a range of legal/policy issues, including matters under the migration laws.

TLC offers legal advice and assistance on Thursdays (6:00pm - 9:00pm) and Saturdays (9:00am - 1:00pm).

Community Legal Education

TLC has been undertaking community legal education in the Western Sydney region in locations such as Toongabbie, Mount Druitt, Blacktown, Parklea, Quakers Hill, Wentworthville and Parramatta. Of these, one was presented in cooperation with Legal Aid and one with Blacktown City Council.

As part of our tenth anniversary during 2017, TLC conducted ten free seminars over ten Saturdays in ten locations covering 25 topics. The successful series has continued annually ever since (see website for details).

TLC run by volunteers

TLC's volunteers include solicitors, barristers, law students, migration agents, educators, financial planners/advisors, information technologists (IT) and persons from various other professions.

Our Patron

We are delighted that on 2 May 2019, our Patron, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC was sworn-in as the 39th Governor of NSW and she has kindly agreed to continue as our Patron. She has been a strong advocate for our legal centre and its on-going legal service.

*See website for details.

TLC Telephone Service

We have a 24/7 telephone answering service (1300 375 353).

Funding Sources

At the present time, the Centre receives no core funding either from the State or the Federal governments.

We need substantial funds to expand TLC's legal service on a fulltime basis.

We have received a few small grants toward specific projects undertaken by TLC.

In order to raise funds to meet our on-going cost, we hold Annual Fundraising Dinners, raffles and seek donations. We propose to seek business and legal firm sponsorship for TLC.

Our Annual Fundraising Dinner

The First Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 28 June 2008 in the Hall next to the St Anthony's Catholic Church, Toongabbie, within Holroyd LGA (local government area). Her Honour Justice Margaret Beazley AO, Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court was the Chief Guest.

The Second Annual Fundraising Dinner was held in Parramatta within the Parramatta LGA on 13 November 2009 with Her Honour Justice Virginia Bell of the High Court as the Chief Guest.

The Third Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 15 October 2010 in Blacktown with the Honourable John Hatzistergos MLC, NSW Attorney-General as the Chief Guest.

The Fourth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 28 October 2011 in Blacktown with the Chief Guest being The Honourable Greg Smith SC MLA, NSW Attorney General.

The Fifth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 27 October 2012 in Blacktown with His Honour Justice Robert French AC Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 12 October 2013 with The Hon T F Bathurst, Chief Justice of NSW Supreme Court as our Chief Guest.

The Seventh Annual Fundraising Dinner was held in Blacktown on 28 November 2014 with The Hon J L P Allsop AO, Chief Justice, Federal Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Eighth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Friday 20 November 2015 with The Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing and former Attorney General and Minister for Justice, as our Chief Guest.

The Ninth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 22 October 2016 with Mr Gary Ulman, President of the NSW Law Society, as our Chief Guest.

The Tenth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 14 October 2017 with The Hon Mark Speakman SC MP, Attorney General of NSW as our Chief Guest.

The Eleventh Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 1 September 2018 with Mr Paul Lynch MP, Shadow Attorney General, State Member for Liverpool as Chief Guest.

The Twelfth Annual Community Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 16 November 2019 with the Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland of the Family Court of Australia as our Chief Guest.

TLC – Formal Launch

The Federal Attorney General the Hon Robert McClelland MP formally launched TLC and its website on Friday, 8 July 2011 at Toongabbie.

TLC's Outreach Legal Service

On 1 December 2011, TLC opened its Outreach Legal Services in Blacktown with the help of CatholicCare of the Diocese of Parramatta.

On 27 April 2012 this service was formally launched by Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of High Court of Australia. In March 2014 this was renamed and is now known as Blacktown Legal Centre (BLC)*, part of Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.

Tax Deductible Donations

TLC has tax-deductible status (DGR) with the Australian Tax Office for all donations. Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

Our Vision

With huge population increases and many new migrants settling in the Toongabbie – Seven Hills – Blacktown area, our vision is to establish full-time free legal services for vulnerable people.

Susai Benjamin
Hon. Director & Acting Principal Solicitor

TLC is pleased to announce its CLE – one day program on **Family Law – Saturday 7 March 2020**

Venue: Toongabbie Christian College, 30-40 Metella Road, Toongabbie

Doors Open at 7.45am – Breakfast served

Opening Welcome & Introduction
8.20am

SESSION ONE

8.30-9.30am

Topic: *Applications for leave to apply for property relief out of time*

Presenter: *Giles Stapleton*, Barrister,
9 Selborne Chambers, Sydney

Chair: *Dean Bainbridge*, Solicitor-Volunteer@
TLC and Accredited Specialist in Family Law,
Bainbridge Legal, Blacktown and Member
of Toongabbie Legal Centre's Management
Committee

SESSION TWO

9.30-10.30am

Topic: *Who is responsible for this? – The assessment of liabilities in Family Law cases*

Presenter: *His Honour Justice Robert McClelland*,
Deputy Chief Justice of Family Court of Australia
and former Attorney General of Australia

Chair: *Ian Coleman SC Barrister*, Culwulla
Chambers, Sydney and Former Justice of the
Family Court of Australia

10.30-11.00am – Morning Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

11.00-12 noon

Topic: *A day in the life of a Federal Circuit Court*

Presenter: *Her Honour Judge Jane Costigan*,
Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Chair: *Christopher Dunn*, Solicitor,
Watts McCray, Parramatta



SESSION FOUR

12.00-1.00pm

Topic: *The first three years of Family Arbitration: Where to from here?*

Presenter: *His Honour Judge Joe Harman*,
Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Chair: *Maurice Edwards*, Special Counsel
at Watts McCray

1.00-1.30pm – Lunch Break

SESSION FIVE

1.30-2.30pm

Topic: *An introduction to expert witnesses evidence*

Presenter: *His Honour Judge Bruce Smith*,
Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Sydney

Chair: *Richard Battley*, Barrister,
Samuel Griffiths Chambers, Sydney

SESSION SIX

2.30-3.30pm

Topic: *ADR: Mediation- A practical method of early resolution of Family Law proceedings*

Presenter: *Mary Rebehy*, Barrister,
Lachlan Macquarie Chambers, Parramatta

Chair: *Chris Bryett*, Solicitor,
A R Walmsley & Co and Member of Toongabbie
Legal Centre's Management Committee

3.30-4.00 pm – Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION SEVEN

4.00-5.00 pm

Topic: *Cross-examination in Family Law proceedings*

Presenter: *Melissa Gillies SC*, Barrister,
Culwulla Chambers, Sydney

Chair: *Sally Cole*, Solicitor in Charge,
Parramatta, Legal Aid Office

13th Annual Community Fundraising Dinner 2020

For updates visit: www.tlc.asn.au

MCLE Seminar Family Law

Registration includes welcome breakfast, coffee/tea; morning coffee/tea; buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee

If this programme is relevant to you and accepted by your professional body, then you may claim one 'unit' for each hour of attendance.

Course Fees:

Early Bird Registration[†]
(closing 21 February 2020) **\$400 pp**

Late Registration[†] **\$600 pp**

TLC volunteers & full time employees at CLCs

Early Registration[†] **\$150* pp**

Late Registration[†] **\$200 pp**

*conditions apply †includes Webinar Registration

Refund Policy: If you pay and cancel before 24 February 2020. 50% of the amount will be refunded. No refund for late registration.

MCLE Seminar Criminal Law Saturday 14 March 2020

For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

MCLE Seminar Employment & Industrial Law Friday 20 March 2020

For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

Legal Research Workshop Saturday 21 March 2020

For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

MCLE Seminar on Tax and Equity: Current and Contentious Issues Friday 27 March 2020

For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

MCLE Seminar on Rule 6.1 Mandatory Subjects for Solicitors & Barristers Saturday 28 March 2020

For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

REGISTRATION FORM (Family Law Seminar, Saturday 7 March 2020)

You can also register on line at: www.tlc.asn.au

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