



A program of Advocacy & Rights Centre Ltd (trading as ARC Justice)
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Community Lawyer

Term: Full Time 38 hours per week (1.0 EFT) – Ongoing

Are you seeking an opportunity to apply your legal expertise and advocacy skills in a diverse and stimulating environment that enables access to justice for some of regional Victoria's most vulnerable community members? We have the role for you!

ARC Justice is an independent, not-for-profit, human rights organisation that incorporates the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre, the Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre and Housing Justice.

Our programs deliver accessible legal services, tenancy advice and support to those in our community in the greatest need. We deliver community education and advocate for systemic change that enhances the rights of rural and regional Victorians. We recognise that housing and legal issues do not occur in isolation and we work with local partners to ensure a whole-of-person approach to our work.

The role

This Community Lawyer position will provide family violence intervention order support at the Shepparton Specialist Family Violence Court (SFVC) and ongoing legal assistance with related matters such as Family Law, Child Protection, Criminal Law and Victims of Crime assistance (VOCAT).

Working with both victims and perpetrators, the Community Lawyer will ensure that all legal issues are identified, and referrals are made to support services to address underlying issues. The Community Lawyer will aim to provide ongoing legal assistance with all related matters, with a focus on family law, and where appropriate make referrals to other legal services.

Networking, building good working relationships and working collaboratively with relevant stakeholders will be an integral part of the role. The position will work closely with all practitioners working in the family violence space and will be required to attend relevant stakeholder meetings to continually improve experiences for those attending court for family violence matters with the aim to achieve better outcomes for their families.

As a member of the GVCLC legal team, the Community Lawyer will be supported in the role by GVCLC colleagues, a strong referral network and a range of training opportunities.

GVCLC lawyers work across teams and the position will be required to occasionally support the generalist and family violence services of GVCLC, including by travelling to outlying courts and undertaking other duties reasonably required.

On offer is an attractive salary, 3 days ex gratia between Christmas and New Year's Day, salary packaging and accommodation and meal/entertainment packaging is also available. Relocation assistance is also on offer for the right candidate.

You will be joining an established and cohesive team that has a strong culture of collaboration and continuous improvement.

A Position Description can be downloaded from <http://arcjustice.org.au/about-us/employment/>. Enquiries can be directed to our Senior Coordinating Lawyer; Sejal Amin at sej@gvclc.org.au or by phone at 03) 5831 0900. Alternatively, enquiries can also be directed to recruitment@arcjustice.org.au.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted via email to recruitment@arcjustice.org.au and not through the Seek website.

Applications must include a Curriculum Vitae (CV/Resume), Cover letter and response to the key selection criteria (not exceeding two pages). **Please note that applications that do not address the key selection criteria will not be considered for interview.**

Please address applications to Naomi Burch, HR & Governance Officer and emailed **by 5pm Friday the 12th June 2020** to recruitment@arcjustice.org.au.

Equal opportunity principals will be applied and people from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.