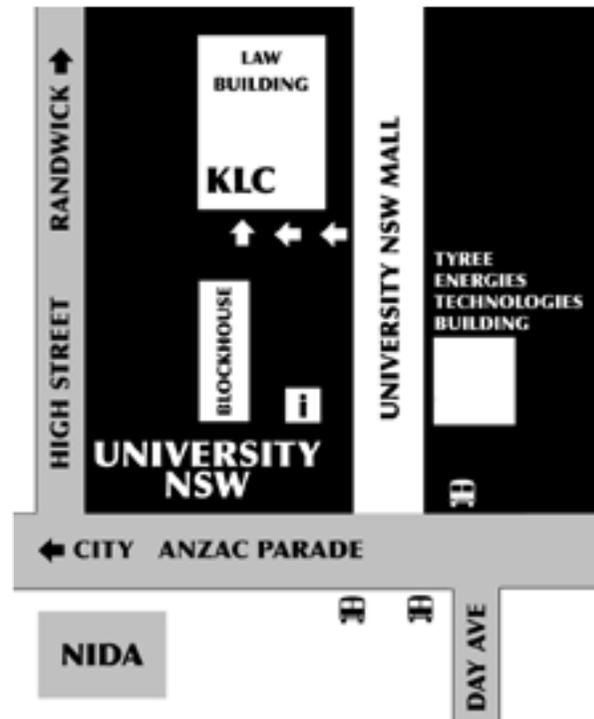


KLC aims to provide quality legal services to the community & to promote excellence in clinical legal education, whilst fostering a critical analysis of the legal system.

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#### Location

Kingsford Legal Centre is located on the ground floor of the Law Building, University of New South Wales, Anzac Parade, Kensington.

Enter the university at the main entrance on Anzac Parade, walk down the main walkway and turn down the second path on the left. The entrance to the legal centre is opposite the Uni Bar.

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# Legal Aid or a community legal centre?

Where should you go for free legal advice?



## Information

Never Stand Still

Many people are confused as to where they can go to get free legal advice. To get free legal advice contact either the Legal Aid Commission or your local community legal centre.

## Which service is best for you?

### The Legal Aid Commission (Legal Aid)

#### Who are Legal Aid?

The NSW Legal Aid Commission is an independent government funded body providing legal services to people who cannot afford private lawyers.

#### What do Legal Aid do?

You can get toll free information about legal aid and related services from the Legal Aid HelpLine on 1800 806 913.

Legal Aid provide free legal advice and minor assistance at their head office in Sydney as well as at 19 regional offices. Family law advice is available without appointment from 9am to 4pm on Monday to Friday at 323 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (near Central Station).

If you need more than legal advice, Legal Aid may be able to provide lawyers to go to court for you, especially in family law and criminal law matters. Legal Aid provide grants of legal aid for many civil, family, criminal, administrative law, mental health and veterans' matters.

Legal Aid will consider whether you have too much money or assets, have a legal problem that they deal with, whether your legal problem is serious and whether you are likely to win your case. Also you may have to pay some money towards the cost of your case.

It is always worth applying for Legal Aid if you think you are able to receive it. If you are refused and you think the decision was wrong, you can contact a Community Legal Centre to help you challenge this decision.

Look under Legal Aid Commission in the White Pages for more information.

### Community legal centres (CLCs)

#### What are CLCs?

CLCs are community based, non-profit organisations which provide a range of legal services, including:

- legal advice in person and by telephone
- representation in some courts
- representation for public interest and test cases
- community legal education
- community involvement through volunteer work in legal services, research, administrative support and management of services
- initiatives in law reform.

Each centre is different, but broadly they fall into two groups: generalist and specialist.

- Generalist centres handle a wide range of legal issues. Many of the generalist centres are locality based and provide assistance to people in their area. Some legal centres have tenancy and domestic violence schemes.
- Specialist centres deal almost exclusively with one area of the law, for example immigration or environmental law.

See the back of this leaflet to find a community legal centre near you.

## Quick guide

Family law	Legal aid commission
Criminal law	Legal aid commission or duty solicitors at court
Veterans' matters	Legal aid commission
Tenancy	Tenants' advice services or local legal centre
Civil matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discrimination</li> <li>• Car accidents</li> <li>• Wills and estates</li> <li>• Consumer problems</li> <li>• Domestic violence</li> <li>• Employment.</li> </ul>	Community legal centres or legal aid commission head office