Lawyer Education Series

Children's Crime



Overview

This training module provides participants with an overview of the skills and knowledge required to practice effectively as a duty solicitor for Legal Aid NSW at the Children's Court.

The course will provide an overview of:

- · practical considerations when doing duty work in the Children's Court.
- · the most important legislation to be aware of when representing young people.
- · child specific principles like doli incapax, and how to exclude evidence in the Children's Court.
- serious children's indictable offences and sexual offences.
- support services that are available at the Children's Court.

Learning Outcomes

By completing this training module, participants will:

- 1. be able to competently undertake Legal Aid NSW duty work in the Children's Court.
- 2. make effective release applications.
- 3. apply relevant child-specific legislation, including the Young Offenders Act.
- 4. understand how to exclude evidence in the Children's Court.
- 5. advocate effectively for young people.
- 6. understand various Children's Court specific sentence outcomes.
- 7. appreciate how to deal with serious children's indictable offences and sexual offences.
- 8. be able to most effectively assist Legal Aid NSW lawyers throughout their duty appearance.

Course Content



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Required Reading

- Children's Convictions and Criminal Records
- The Child Protection Register
- Paul Campbell v R [2018] NSWCCA 87



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Useful Resources

- Criminal CPD website
- · Child Protection Register Quick Reference Guide
- I am in the Children's Court What the hell do I do?
- · What do I need to know about practicing in the Children's Court?

