

Get in touch

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Slater and Gordon Social Work Services

We understand that obtaining the correct legal entitlements is only one of the many issues people may have to face following a life-changing incident. Slater and Gordon established its Social Work Service in 2009 to assist clients in times of difficulty while their legal issue is addressed.

We are the only law firm in Australia with a service like ours. The Social Work Service is provided as a complement to the legal services our clients receive. Clients can access free assistance from our social workers via referral from their legal team.

Our team has extensive social work knowledge, skills and experience gained through working in the health services and community sectors. This includes work in public and private health settings within acute care, rehabilitation and non-government community agencies.

Our social workers can assist Slater and Gordon clients across Australia with their personal and practical needs.

Common issues our clients experience

- + Financial difficulties
- + Housing and Homelessness
- + Emotional distress
- + Suicidal ideation
- + Mental Health issues
- + Family Violence
- + Refugee and Immigration issues
- + Social Isolation
- + Guardianship and Administration
- + Difficulties managing at home and/or in the community.

How our Social Work Service can help

- + Crisis assessment and intervention
- + Brief intervention telephone counselling, education and support regarding grief, loss and adjustment issues
- + Provision of community information and resources
- + Referral to local community or specialised services regarding financial, housing, support, psychological and care issues
- + Advice and assistance regarding benefits and applications with community agencies, such as Centrelink and housing
- + Advocacy and liaison with insurers and service providers.

For further information about our Social Work Service, please visit our website:

www.slatergordon.com.au/social-work-services

How clients can access our Social Work Service

If your client chooses to become a Slater and Gordon client, they can access assistance via a referral from their lawyer.

Assistance for Social Workers

Our team has a range of programs and initiatives for social workers and health professionals to assist their daily practice and to help them understand how the legal system affects their clients.

Where Social Work and the Law meet

Since our Social Work Service was first established, we have been raising social workers' awareness of the legal issues that impact on their practice via:

- + Provision of education about different areas of law
- + Our Social Work + the Law Newsletter that is sent nationally to social workers on our mailing list
- + Development of legal glossaries and other resources
- + Articles + conference presentations
- + Provision of an access point for social workers to consult with our legal professionals regarding their practice issues or queries on behalf of their clients.

The Slater and Gordon Legal Education Program

Our program for social workers provides legal education and information seminars covering a range of legal topics that will assist you in your daily practice and in understanding the legal system that affects your clients.

The program is available in Victoria, NSW, Queensland and Western Australia + nationally online. Some of the topics include:

- + Issues of capacity in the health arena
- + Confidentiality and privacy
- + Documentation, reports and court appearances
- + The psycho-social impact of serious injury in the compensation context.

Our seminars are cost and obligation free. They can be provided upon request at your workplace where there is a Slater and Gordon office nearby with available staff for your topic/s of choice.