



Support and information
for people attending a final hearing
in the Family Law Courts
without a lawyer

What do we offer?



A free plain language resource booklet to assist litigants in preparing to represent themselves as best they can in court.



A specially trained and experienced volunteer from Court Network to support the litigant in the courtroom at no cost.

Eligibility

- Melbourne Registry of Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
- Final hearings
- No legal representations
- Matter involving children
- Litigant would benefit from the presence of a skilled and informed support person in court.

Request or download a PDF version of:

- A Resource Booklet For People Attending a Final Hearing in the Family Law Court without a lawyer
- The referral form which can be emailed when completed.

How do I refer?

Referrals can be made by legal practitioners, registry staff, judges' associates, agencies or individuals via:



Phone

Freecall 1800 681 614 **or** (03) 9603 7433



Email

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Online via our website

www.courtnetwork.com.au



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Support for Unrepresented Litigants Project

About Court Network

Court Network is a not-for-profit organisation that operates in Victoria and Queensland.

Court Network employs volunteers for the delivery of information, support and referral services to community members who are attending court.

Court Network recruits, selects, trains and provides ongoing support and development for more than 300 volunteers in 28 courts across Victoria.

Court Network has supported court users in the Melbourne registry of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia for more than 20 years.

About the project

The Support for Unrepresented Litigants Project is funded through the Legal Services Board Grants Program for two years, as a Court Network key access to justice initiative.

The project is managed by Court Network and guided by a reference group, chaired by the Hon Philip Cummins AM that includes Family Court judges, registry staff, Women's Legal Service, and Victoria Legal Aid.

Experienced Court Network volunteers have undertaken intensive specialised training to provide non-legal support to unrepresented litigants in the courtroom.

Court Network would be pleased to tell you more about the project and encourage you to refer people who need support to access the service.