



## **CANBERRA COMMUNITY LAW**

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Canberra Community Law offers the following services:

### **Housing Law**

#### **What is it?**

Housing Law provides free and confidential legal advice in regards to public housing and tenancy issues. Some examples of problems we can help you with are:

- Difficulties applying for housing
- Repairs and maintenance
- Rent arrears/behind on rent
- Housing transfers
- Evictions
- Housing debts

#### **Who is eligible?**

Anyone living in the ACT who is a tenant in public or community housing. We can also provide advice to tenants in private rentals who are on a low income.

#### **Who runs it?**

Canberra Community Law

#### **How do I apply?**

If you are seeking legal advice in regards to any of the above issues, please contact Canberra Community Law on the phone number below.

#### **Contact**

To request advice please call us on (02) 6218 7977. The advice line is open from 9:30am to 1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you call outside these times, please leave a message with your full name and number.

Website: <http://www.canberracommunitylaw.org.au/>

## **Social Security Law**

### **What is it?**

Social Security Law provides free and confidential legal advice about Centrelink.

Examples of problems we can help you with include:

- Appealing Centrelink decisions
- Overpayments/underpayments
- Entitlements
- Debt recovery
- Payments cut off, reduced, cancelled and suspended
- Claims refused

### **Who is eligible?**

Anyone who lives in the ACT or in south-east NSW

### **Who runs it?**

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### **How do I apply?**

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## **Night Time Legal Advice Service**

### **What is it?**

Night Time Legal Advice Service (NTLAS) is a service of Canberra Community Law providing information, referral or one-off legal advice in most areas of law. NTLAS runs each Tuesday evening from 6pm to 8pm (except December and January) each year.

Some examples of problems NTLAS can help you with are:

- Fines and other traffic infringements
- Minor criminal law offences
- Family law
- Employment law
- Debts
- Complaints
- Consumer issues

### **Who is eligible?**

Anyone who lives in the ACT

### **Who runs it?**

A solicitor is employed to supervise NTLAS, but otherwise the service is provided by a committed group of volunteer solicitors.

### **How do I apply?**

NTLAS operates on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm (from February to November each year).

Doors open at 6pm and you must arrive or ring in by 7pm to be assisted on the night.

### **Contact**

Please call us on (02) 6218 7999 or visit us at 1st Floor, 21 Barry Drive, Turner ACT 2612 during service hours.

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Web: <http://www.canberracommunitylaw.org.au/>

## **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION LAW**

### **What is it?**

Disability Discrimination Law provides free, independent and confidential legal assistance in disability discrimination law for people living in the ACT.

### **Who is eligible?**

Anyone who has a disability and has been treated unfavourably because of the disability.

Anyone who is associated with a person with a disability (such as a carer, friend or family) who has been treated unfairly because of that association.

Anyone who is a carer, friend or family member of a child or a person with a disability who has been treated unfavourably because of the disability and who requires supported or substituted decision-making.

### **Who runs it?**

Canberra Community Law

### **How to apply?**

If you are seeking advice from Disability Discrimination Law, please contact us using the details below.

### **Contact**

You can speak to a solicitor by calling us direct on (02) 6218 7918.

If you need an interpreter please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450 and ask them to ring us.

To contact us via the National Relay Service ring 133 677 (voice calls) or 1300 555 727 (speak and listen).

If you prefer to communicate in writing please email us at [info@canberracommunitylaw.org.au](mailto:info@canberracommunitylaw.org.au)

Web: <http://www.canberracommunitylaw.org.au/>

## **STREET LAW**

### **What is it?**

Street Law is a generalist law outreach service. It assists people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless by providing a free legal service and by connecting clients with other services. Street Law provides free and confidential legal advice and assistance.

### **Who is eligible?**

Street Law will assist people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless by providing a legal service and by connecting clients with other services. The service is free.

A person is homeless or at risk of homelessness if they do not have adequate access to safe and secure housing. This includes situations where the person's housing:

- damages, or is likely to damage their health
- is unsafe
- fails to provide adequate amenities
- fails to provide the supports that a home normally affords
- is not affordable.

### **Who runs it?**

Canberra Community Law

### **How to apply?**

If you are in need of our services, please contact us.

### **Contact:**

Phone: 1800 STR LAW (1800 787 529)

Officer: (02) 62187995

Fax: (02) 6257 4801

Post: PO Box 337 Civic Square ACT 2608

Office: Level 1, 21 Barry Drive, TURNER ACT 2612

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