

## Legal help for First Nations People

**Question 1: Are you looking for information or a solicitor/service to speak to?**

**Question 2: What does the issue involve?**

Examples of <b>civil law</b> issues	Examples of <b>family law</b> issues	Examples of <b>criminal law</b> issues
<p><b>Business matters</b></p> <p><b>Traffic matters ie</b> (Car accidents, <b>insurance cover</b>)</p> <p><b>Discrimination</b></p> <p><b>Disputes with neighbours</b> (Animals, Fences, Noise)</p> <p><b>Credit and consumer matters</b> (contractual agreements, Faulty products, Protection and Product Safety)</p> <p><b>Government</b> (Right to Information, Ombudsman, Privacy, Stolen Wages/ Reparations)</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Disability matters negligence personal injury</b></p> <p><b>Housing &amp; Tenancy matters (evictions,</b></p> <p><b>Banking &amp; Money problems</b> (Superannuation, Bankruptcy, Credit / Debt, Taxation, Insurance, Pensions and Allowances)</p> <p><b>Land &amp; Sea country issues</b> (including cultural heritage claims and Native Title)</p> <p><b>Wills and Estates or Trusts or organising family matters</b> (Funerals, Power of Attorney)</p> <p><b>Sport</b></p>	<p>Marriage</p> <p>Divorce</p> <p>Separation</p>	<p><a href="#">Criminal Law</a> court cases are always initiated by the Police. If a court case has not been started by Police then it is not a criminal matter.</p> <p>Traffic offences</p> <p>Assaults</p> <p>Domestic Violence</p>

<b>Employment (fair work conditions &amp; wages, compensation, getting sacked)</b>  Other Victims' Compensation Coronial Inquests		
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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld)** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld) offers legal representation for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples in criminal, civil and family law. Call 1800 012 255 24 hrs, 7 days

Areas of Practice: Criminal Law, Civil Law, Family Law

The **Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland** deals with all discrimination and unfair treatment matters. Call their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff on 1300 130 670

Areas of practice: Discrimination, Work, Housing, Money issues.

**Cancer Council Legal Referral Service (for those living with cancer) 13 11 20**

Cancer Council operates a pro bono legal referral service in relation to legal matters faced by those living with cancer. This includes wills and powers of attorney, access to superannuation, mortgage hardship and other consumer credit problems, insurance, employment and other matters. The referral service is means tested.

Areas of Practice: Health, Discrimination, Organising family matters, Money problems

**Indigenous Family Violence Legal Services (QIFVLS)**

Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Services help Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples with family violence and sexual assault matters.

Call 1800 887 700 Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm

Areas of Practice: Criminal Law, Family Law

**LawRight**

LawRight (formerly QPILCH) is a non-profit, community-based legal service that coordinates the provision of pro bono legal services for individuals and community organisations Call (07) 3846 6317 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

Areas of Practice: Housing (homelessness), Going to Court for civil matters

**Legal Aid Queensland**

Indigenous Information Line on **1300 650 143** in business hours to make an appointment.

Areas of Practice: Criminal Law, Civil Law, Family Law

**QLS's** Solicitor searches on specific topics. Referrals are to paid services though some solicitors do legal aid work.

[Family lawyer search](#) including solicitors who are funded by Legal Aid.

[Conveyancer lawyer search](#)

[Workplace and employment solicitor search](#)

[Search for a solicitor](#) to help with wills and estates

Search for an [accidents and compensation solicitor](#)

Search for a [solicitor to help with disputes](#)

Search for a [criminal law solicitor](#)

Search for a [small business solicitor](#)

**Queensland South Native Title Services Limited (SNTS)** is a Native Title Service Provider has responsibility for a region covering almost two-thirds of Queensland. Call 1800 663 693 Mon-Fri

Area of Practice: Native Title

**Women's Legal Service**

1800 957 957 Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm Information and appointments for women throughout Queensland seeking legal advice in relation to family law and domestic violence matters.

Areas of Practice: Family Law, Criminal law

**Resources**

A plain English Legal Dictionary that has over 300 terms.

<https://ards.com.au/static/pages/Plain-English-Legal-Dictionary/lexicon/index.htm>

[Legalpedia Queensland](#) is an online legal database hosted by LawRight. There are factsheets, resources and articles.

Caxton Legal Centre's private referral list for the Brisbane area only

<https://caxton.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Private-Referral-List-February-2019.pdf>