

Women's Legal Service Victoria

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Victorian Women Lawyers

present

When justice takes its toll: assisting traumatised clients

A workshop worth 1.5 CPD points for Practice Management or Practical Skills

When	24 August 2011
Where	Lander & Rogers Level 12, 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Time	5:45pm drinks and finger food 6:30 workshop 8:00pm finish
Cost	\$50 for VWL members & lawyers employed by CLCs/Legal Aid/Not-for-profits \$70 for others
Registration due	15 August 2011 (see overleaf) Note: strictly limited numbers



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Many clients who seek assistance from a lawyer are traumatised because of the nature of their case or as a result of their prior life experiences. A client's experience of trauma can impact severely on their ability to access or cope with the demands of the legal system.

Vicarious trauma is a significant workplace health and safety issue for lawyers and can lead to negative outcomes for firms due to staff illness, absenteeism and turnover as well as client dissatisfaction that stems from dealing with a 'burnt out' lawyer.

The aim of this session is to address some of the issues that lawyers face in assisting traumatised clients by:

- raising awareness of the impact of trauma on clients
- exploring how trauma, as an emotional state, affects a client's ability to navigate the legal system
- developing strategies to overcome the difficulties faced by a lawyer when assisting a traumatised client, and
- developing strategies to address the impact of vicarious traumatisation on lawyers.

This is an interactive session where participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences, discuss issues and ask questions.

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PLEASE REGISTER BY MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2011 via <http://www.vwl.asn.au/events/index.html>

Or return the slip below to Tracey Spiller, Administrator, Victorian Women Lawyers, c/-
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When Justice Takes Its Toll CPD Session, 24 August 2011**

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