

A MULTI DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO RESOLVING FAMILY VIOLENCE

People who are experiencing or who have experienced family violence can be better supported if the experts and organisations in this space find ways to work more collaboratively. With this in mind, at our Law Week event, which we are co-hosting with Nicholes Family Lawyers, a panel of family violence experts will describe practical ways different sectors can improve the way they work together in response to family violence.

DATE

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

TIME

12pm - 1pm

COST

Free for VWL members and non-members

LOCATION

Webinar - registered attendees will receive a link to the webinar via email

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Helen Matthews has practised as a family lawyer for over 30 years, in private practice, for Victoria Legal Aid and at Women's Legal Service Victoria. She is a Family Law Accredited Specialist through the Law Institute of Victoria. Helen has enjoyed a leadership role at Women's Legal since commencing as principal lawyer in 2012. She leads its family violence and family law reform work and oversees the provision of direct client services to women experiencing family violence and disadvantage. These services include representation in complex family law litigation and family dispute resolution.



Julie Borninkhof is the CEO of PANDA and brings significant experience to as a recognised leader and Clinical Psychologist in the mental health sector. Julie has worked across primary and tertiary settings, namely with people from vulnerable and diverse communities. She is passionate about ensuring that people's lived experience informs the development of progressive services and supports. Julie loves leading the dedicated team at PANDA.



Louise Simms. Prior to her current role as Executive Director of Policy, Communications and Engagement at DV Vic and DVRCV, Louise held several roles at DVRCV, including Director of Communications and Policy and Advocacy Manager. She has previously worked in policy at No To Violence, the peak body for specialist family violence services working with perpetrators, and had an extensive communications career in the housing and homelessness sector. Louise has a Master of Public Policy, a Graduate Certificate in Social Science, and a Diploma in Design – three disciplines which she is very fortunate to be working at the intersection of.



Jane O'Hanlon is a support and Information Worker, Training Facilitator and Community Educator at WIRE. Working at WIRE aligns with her views that knowledge empowers individuals to have genuine choice and control. WIRE is the only free support information and referral service for women non binary and gender diverse people in Victoria.



Moderated by Sally Nicholes. Sally is the Managing Partner of Nicholes Family Lawyers and is a leading family lawyer with particular expertise in international family law disputes, complex property cases, and disputes between parties to a same-sex relationship. Sally is Deputy Chair of the World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, an accredited independent children's lawyer, a qualified collaborative lawyer, a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, a AFLAM member and a Nationally Accredited Mediator.