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TOONGABBIE
LEGAL CENTRE INC.

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One Day CLE - Continuing Legal Education on

CRIMINAL LAW

**Venue: Metella Road Primary School Hall, 117 - 131 Metella Road, Toongabbie
Saturday 5 March 2016**

About Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC)

TLC is a community legal centre located in Toongabbie in the heart of Western Sydney. TLC commenced its free legal services from 13 October 2007. TLC is in its ninth year of providing legal advice and assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

TLC offers legal advice and referral services. TLC refers matters needing further examination and case management either to funded community legal centres or to private lawyers or migration agents, who are willing to consider part or full pro bono service, depending on the circumstances of each case. TLC operates with the help of over 100 volunteers, with rooms provided by the local Catholic Church. The clients represent diverse backgrounds and TLC has been providing advice on matters involving a range of legal/policy issues, including matters under the migration laws.

TLC now offers legal advice and assistance on Thursdays (6:00 - 9:00pm) and Saturdays (9:00am - 1:00pm).

Community Legal Education

TLC has been undertaking community legal education in the Western Sydney region in locations such as Toongabbie, Mount Druitt, Blacktown, Parklea, Quakers Hill, Wentworthville and Parramatta. Of these, one was presented in cooperation with Legal Aid NSW.

TLC run by volunteers

TLC's volunteers include solicitors, barristers, law students, migration agents, educators, financial planners/advisors, information technologists (IT), sociologists and persons from various other professions.

Our Patron

The President of Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court, Her Honour Justice Margaret Beazley AO, is our Patron. She has been a strong advocate for our legal centre and its on-going legal services to the vulnerable and those who are lost when caught in the legal net.

TLC Telephone Service

We have established a 24/7 telephone answering service (1300 375 353) whereby the callers can indicate their needs and

TLC will communicate with them and explain how it can help the caller.

Funding Sources

At the present time, the Centre does not receive any core funding either from the State or the Federal governments.

We need substantial funds to expand TLC's legal service on a fulltime basis to the community and to serve the needy.

We have received a few small grants toward specific projects undertaken by TLC.

In order to raise funds to meet our on-going cost including insurance, we hold our Annual Fundraising Dinners, sell raffle tickets and seek donations.

Our Annual Fundraising Dinner

The First Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 28 June 2008 in the Hall next to the St Anthony's Catholic Church, Toongabbie, within Holroyd LGA (local government area). Her Honour Justice Margaret Beazley AO, Court of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court was the Chief Guest.

The Second Annual Fundraising Dinner was held in Parramatta within the Parramatta LGA on 13 November 2009 with Her Honour Justice Virginia Bell of the High Court as the Chief Guest.

The Third Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 15 October 2010 in Blacktown with the Honourable John Hatzistergos MLC, NSW Attorney-General as the Chief Guest.

The Fourth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 28 October 2011 in Blacktown with the Chief Guest being The Honourable Greg Smith SC MLA, NSW Attorney General.

The Fifth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 27 October 2012 in Blacktown with the His Honour Justice Robert French AC Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Saturday 12 October 2013 with The Hon T F Bathurst, Chief Justice of NSW Supreme Court as our Chief Guest.

The Seventh Annual Fundraising Dinner was held in Blacktown on 28 November 2014 with The Hon J L P Allsop AO, Chief Justice, Federal Court of Australia, as our Chief Guest.

The Eighth Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on Friday 20 November 2015

with The Hon Brad Hazzard MP Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing and former Attorney General and Minister for Justice, as our Chief Guest.

TLC - Formal Launch

The Federal Attorney General the Hon Robert McClelland MP formally launched TLC and its website on Friday, 8 July 2011 at 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, in the hall next to the St Anthony's Catholic Church. We held the formal launch after our feasibility had been tested and our legal service had been firmly established. The function was attended by over 200 guests including judicial officers, legal practitioners, community organisations representatives and TLC volunteers.

TLC's Outreach Legal Service

On 1 December 2011, TLC opened its Outreach Legal Services in Blacktown with the help of CatholicCare of the Diocese of Parramatta. We have been allocated four interview rooms at their facility in Blacktown. Our legal services in Blacktown maintain the same pattern as in Toongabbie, ie Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. However, the base of the facility continues at Toongabbie.

On 27 April 2012 this service was formally launched by Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of High Court of Australia. In March 2014 this was renamed and is now known as Blacktown Legal Centre (BLC), part of Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. BLC now functions from 38 Prince Street Blacktown.

Tax Deductible Donations

TLC has tax-deductible status (DGR) with the Australian Tax Office for all donations. Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

Our Vision

With huge population increases and many new migrants settling in the Toongabbie - Seven Hills - Blacktown area, our vision is to establish full-time free legal services for the vulnerable people.

Susai Benjamin

Hon. Director & Acting Principal Solicitor

TLC is pleased to announce its CLE – one-day program on
Criminal Law on Saturday 5 March 2016.

Venue: Metella Road Primary School Hall, 117-131 Metella Road, Toongabbie



OPENING CLE

8.15 am

Welcome

Chris Jurd
President, TLC Management Committee

SESSION ONE

8.30-9.30am

Criminal Justice in NSW: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Presenter: Prof. Nicholas Cowdery AM QC
Visiting Professorial Fellow University of
New South Wales & Former Director Public
Prosecutions

Chair: His Honour Judge Andrew Haesler
District Court

SESSION TWO

9.30-10.30am

'New Mental Health Manual' – How does this impact legal proceedings?

Presenter: His Honour Judge Peter Maiden
District Court, Sydney

Commentator: Kevin Connor SC
Barrister, Maurice Byers Chambers, Sydney

Chair: His Hon Justice Peter Hamill
NSW Supreme Court

Coffee/Tea Break: 10.30-11.00 am

SESSION THREE

11.00-12.00pm

Issues in Criminal Proceedings before the NSW Land and Environment Court

Presenter: The Hon Justice Rachel Pepper
NSW Land and Environment Court

Chair: Michael Finnane QC, Former Judge
District Court, Barrister, Wentworth
Chambers, Sydney

SESSION FOUR

12.00-1.00pm

Bail Reform? Retrospective Analysis

Presenter: The Hon Greg Smith SC
Former NSW Attorney General and
Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions
Barrister, Forbes Chambers, Sydney

Chair: His Honour Magistrate Theo
Tsavdaridis

Lunch Break: 1.00-1.30pm

SESSION FIVE

1.30-2.30pm

Discounts on Sentence for Assistance to Authorities

Presenter: His Honour Magistrate Michael
Antrum

Chair: Andrew Bide
Senior Solicitor, NSW Legal Aid

SESSION SIX

2.30-3.30pm

Impact of media in Criminal Law - Trial by media?

Presenter: Phil Boulten SC
Barrister, Forbes Chambers, Sydney

Chair: Dr Geesche Jacobsen
Former Crime Editor
The Sydney Morning Herald

Afternoon Coffee/Tea break: 3.30-4.00pm

SESSION SEVEN

4.00-5.00pm

Sentencing in the District Court – Issues and Challenges

Presenter: Her Honour Judge Dina Yehia SC
District Court, Sydney

Chair: Valentino Musico, Senior Solicitor
Criminal Law Practice Group
Office of the NSW Crown Solicitor

MCLE Seminar on Family Law
Saturday 20 February 2016
For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

MCLE Seminar on Rule 6.1 (for Barristers & Solicitors)
Saturday 19 March 2016
For more details see www.tlc.asn.au

Registration includes welcome
breakfast coffee/tea; morning coffee/
tea; buffet lunch; and afternoon tea/
coffee

If this programme is relevant to you and accepted
by your professional body, then you may claim
one 'unit' for each hour of attendance.

**Full day: 7 CPD Units (for both
solicitors and barristers)**

Early Registration \$400
(ends on 20 February 2016)

Late Registration \$500

**Full time employees at
CLCs & TLC Volunteers \$100**

Webinar option \$250

Refund Policy: If you pay and cancel before
25 February 2016, 50% of the amount will be
refunded

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE DETACH FORM ✂

Name: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Prof _____

Phone (day): Work: _____ Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Address: _____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Email: _____ Barrister Solicitor Other _____

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Enclosed Cheque for: \$ _____ payable to: **Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC)**, PO Box 232, Toongabbie NSW 2146

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