

The Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) recognises that people coming to the Family Law Courts have more than just legal needs.

FASS includes both a duty lawyer service and a social support service.

This is an integrated service to help people with their legal and social needs.

FASS can help get you on the right track.



FASS is funded by the Australian Government

Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania

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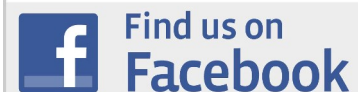
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**Family
Advocacy
and Support
Services**



1800 431 157

What is FASS?

The Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) is a free service providing assistance to families with family law matters who have been affected by family violence.

This service includes the FASS Duty Lawyer Service and the FASS Social Support Service.

FASS Duty Lawyer Service

The FASS Duty Lawyer can:

- Assist with legal advice, information and referral in relation to family law matters, family violence matters and child protection matters;
- Draft simple court documents in matters involving allegations of family violence;
- Help you gather information and evidence about family violence;
- Provide representation in court to assist you to progress your matter where there have been allegations of family violence;
- Provide representation in court in urgent interim matters where there have been allegations of family violence;
- Assist you with advice and advocacy where you may have family violence and/or child protection matters in the state Magistrates Courts as well as matters in the Family Law Courts.

The FASS Duty Lawyer cannot:

- Complete complex documentation and affidavits in non-urgent matters;
- Represent you in contravention applications and final hearings;
- Appear or be appointed as an Independent Children's Lawyer;
- Offer ongoing assistance.

FASS Social Support Service

The FASS Social Support worker can:

- Assist in safety planning and risk assessment when attending court;
- Assist in liaising with court staff and security staff;
- Provide court support before, during and after court;
- Provide referrals to other social service providers;
- Provide co-ordination and assistance in relation to dealing with other social service providers.

The FASS Social Support worker cannot:

- Provide legal advice or legal assistance;
- Provide ongoing counselling.



Do I need to make an appointment?

To make an appointment to see the Duty Lawyer or the Social Support Worker contact **1800 431 157**.

Alternatively, you can drop in at any time at the Family Court Registries or Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania offices listed in this brochure and an appointment can be made for you.

Please note that when court is in session the FASS Duty Lawyer will need to prioritise those appearing in court on that day.

Where can I find FASS?

FASS providers will be located at the Family Law Courts Registries or the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania offices as follows:

Hobart

- Family Court - 1st Floor 39-41 Davey Street, Hobart
- Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania - 158 Liverpool Street, Hobart

Launceston

- Family Court - 3rd Floor ANZ Building, Corner Brisbane & George Streets, Launceston
- Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania - 64 Cameron Street, Launceston

North West Tasmania

- Burnie Magistrates Court - 38 Alexander Street, Burnie (when Federal Circuit Court are sitting only)
- Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania - 50 Alexander Street, Burnie