

# LAWS 3001 ADVANCED FAMILY LAW

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200629

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**Description** This subject provides a practical framework around complex family law matters and builds upon the skills obtained in Family Law. This subject provides students with the opportunity to obtain practical skills in taking instructions from clients, drafting orders, making urgent applications, children's matters including complex family dynamics, child dispute services, Family Reports, Magellan matters, drafting documents, Relocation Cases, Hague Convention Cases and Contravention Proceedings, Property Matters including assets and values, financial disclosure, conciliation conferences, contributions, expert evidence, spousal maintenance and enforcement proceedings, as well child support and running undefended hearings.

**School** Law

**Discipline** Family Law

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 3023

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Develop legal skills for family law proceedings, including analysing client instructions and drafting Court documents related to both property and children's matters.
2. Advise as to appropriate Family Law Orders.
3. Prepare the client and their case for expert evidence and hearings.
4. Present written and oral submissions in relation to complex family law issues, including matters involving allegations of family violence and risk.
5. Prepare and conduct a mock Hearing, demonstrating effective advocacy skills.

## Subject Content

1. Interviewing Clients - Obtaining Client Instructions
2. Drafting Family Law Orders and Court Documents
3. Drafting and Running Urgent Applications
4. Providing Advice to Clients Regarding Complex Family Law Children's Matters
5. Magellan Matters
6. Family Reports
7. Relocation Cases
8. Hague Convention Cases
9. Contravention
10. Pre-Action Procedures (Property)
11. Contributions - s79 and s75(2)

12. Conciliation Conferences
13. Asset Values and Expert Evidence
14. Enforcement Proceedings
15. Child Support
16. Undefended Hearings
17. Specialist Indigenous Lists

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Professional Task	(1) Case Outline (s 60CC Considerations - Children) - 1,000 words (15 marks); and (2) Prepare Notice of Risk (15 marks).	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	(1) Written Submission (s79 and 75(2) Factors (Property) - 1,000 words (15 marks); (2) Prepare Draft Balance Sheet (format length) (15 marks).	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	(1) Written submissions - 1,000 words; (2) Oral Submissions regarding Undefended Hearing - 15 minutes.	40	N	Individual	N

**Prescribed Texts**

- *Australian Master Family Law Guide* (CCH, 12th ed, 20213) (ISBN 9781922847676)

**Teaching Periods**

## Spring (2025)

### Online

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