

Specialised Indigenous Lists - Sydney Registry of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia

The Federal Circuit Court in the Sydney Registry is trialling specialised lists for family law matters involving one or more Indigenous parties.

Where either party identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, the Registry should be asked to list the matter on one of the following dates:

29 September 2016
2 December 2016
30 January 2017

The Legal Aid NSW Early Intervention Unit and Family Dispute Resolution unit is supporting the Indigenous list in the Sydney Registry. The Legal Aid Early Intervention Unit will be able to provide a dedicated solicitor for the three list dates of 29 September 2016, 2 December 2016 and 30 January 2017.

The Legal Aid NSW Family Dispute Resolution unit has also made arrangements to roster an Indigenous Conference Organiser for the three list days. This Conference Organiser will attend Court and will be able to assist any unrepresented clients to complete the Family Dispute Resolution in-take form and then organise a Family Dispute Resolution conference with an Indigenous Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner.

Indigenous support workers from Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre will also be available to assist litigants on those dates.

For lawyers who wish to have their clients' matters listed on one of these days, the following request should be made in the orders filed seeking fresh applications: "*That this matter be listed in the Indigenous Families list on [specify one of the dates above]*".

If you have any questions please contact the Federal Circuit Court National Enquiry Centre on 1300 352 000.