

Other Legal Issues Your Client Might Face

Debt

Depending on the situation, our lawyers might be able to help clients argue against responsibility for debts or loans in their name, or challenge the conduct of the lenders, debt collection agencies or insurers.

Contact our General Law Team on (03) 9783 3600 or pclc@pclc.org.au



Tenancy

There are protections available for people affected by family violence under the tenancy laws in Victoria.

Because they act for landlords, real estate agents often do not make people aware of these protections

We have a Tenancy Assistance & Advocacy Team that gives legal advice and representation in this area.

The best thing you can do for any clients who are renting – regardless of whether they intend to stay in or leave a tenancy – is reach out.

Contact our TAAP Team on (03) 9783 3600 or pclc@pclc.org.au



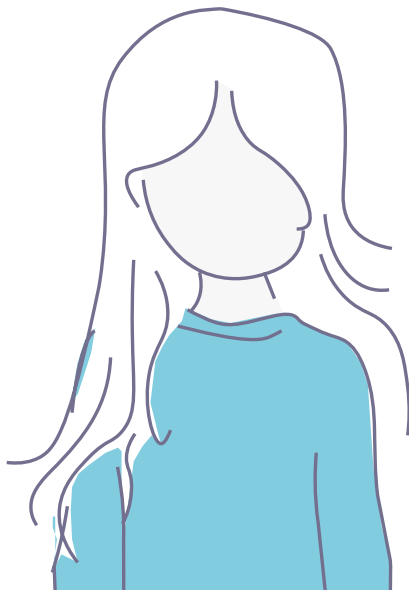
VOCAT

If they are a victim of a violent crime in Victoria, your clients might be eligible for a payment through VOCAT to help them recover from the impacts.

These payments can be broad, including things like:

- Counselling, medical and dental expenses (past and future)
- Safety-related expenses
- Loss of earnings; and
- Loss or damage to property

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Fines



Fines Victoria's specific Family Violence Scheme allows applications to have infringement fines withdrawn if family violence substantially contributed to the offence, or if it's not safe for them to name the person responsible.

You can help by:

- Asking your clients if they have outstanding fines during intake and make an appointment with our Fines Clinic early on; and
- Contact Fines Victoria and ask that the fines be placed on hold or an extension provided for time to seek advice

Contact our Fines Clinic on (03) 9783 3600 or pclc@pclc.org.au

Immigration



Migrants on temporary visas can experience family violence perpetrated by their sponsoring partner or family member in Australia.

If so, they may be eligible for a permanent visa under the family violence provisions in the immigration law.

Any of your clients affected by family violence on a sponsored temporary visa, whether they are remaining in the relationship or not, should seek legal advice to understand their options.

To book an appointment at our Migration Law Clinic please send an email with the subject 'Migration Clinic Referral' to migration@pclc.org.au or call us on (03) 9783 3600.