



Child Lawyer for Child Inclusive Mediations



NLS Law provides Child Inclusive Services for Mediations. Neisha Shepherd, Founder and Solicitor Director, is an Independent Children's Lawyer in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, as well as a Children's Lawyer in Children's Court of NSW. Neisha is also qualified in Child Inclusive Mediation and can be engaged as a Child Lawyer in mediation for parenting matters in Family Law matters.



In this context Neisha independently talks with the child to obtain where the child is at, and if appropriate, their views, needs and wishes with the aim to help parents focus and think strategically to develop the appropriate and workable plans to achieve positive resolutions in parenting matters.

Neisha is committed to providing her clients with a team that believes in justice and will strive for the best outcome for the client.

The role of a Child Inclusive Lawyer can assist the mediation process for parents as it provides impartiality and helps the mediation remain child focused.

To bring a voice of the child to the Mediation space may help parents resolve disputes about parenting arrangements in a way that focuses on the child's needs and best interests.

What is a Child Consultant Lawyer in the Mediation Space?

Child Lawyers are experienced professionals who specialise in working with children and young people who experience separation. They have extensive knowledge of the developmental and emotional needs of children and young people during separation, and of the issues experienced by parents. They have extensive knowledge and experience in representing children and young people in the Family Law and Children's Law area and uphold the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Their experience also extends to understanding safety/trauma intervention, child development, family separation and family violence and child protection. They have specialist training in Children's issues and Child Inclusive Mediations.



Importance of Child Inclusive Mediations

Child Inclusive Mediation is a necessary decision if families are seeking to reach positive outcomes in mediation. Parents and carers need to be aware of how the relationship breakdown is impacting each child and be focused on solutions in residence, care and contact that support children and promote their best interests. Understanding the experiences and perspective of your children will give parents, and carers engaged in mediation, the opportunity to formulate agreements that are more likely to work. The process allows children to be heard and valued and have their needs prioritised.



What's involved in child inclusive mediation?

Step 1

Parents can be referred or refer during a mediation process, or may request a session, when concerns for their child's adjustment to separation are raised.

Step 2

The Child Lawyer will obtain the written consent for their child/ren to be seen before the process can continue and information about any relevant issues is provided to the Child Lawyer by both parents.

Step 3

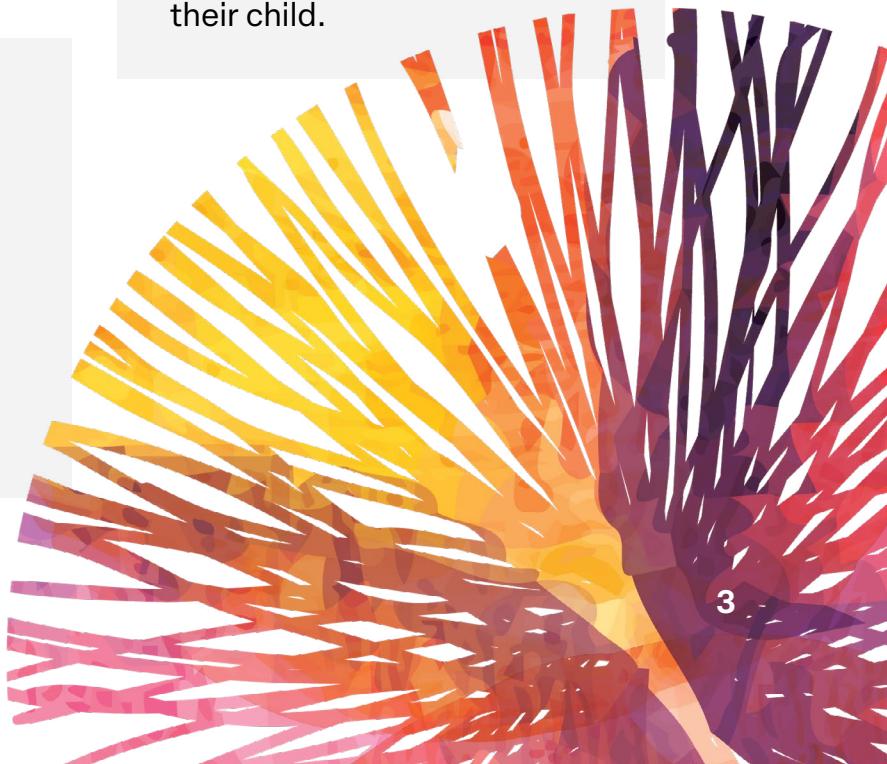
The Child Lawyer will then meet with the child, or in the case of sibling groups several children may be seen at the same time and in individual sessions.

Step 4

Within the Family Dispute Resolution session, parents will be provided feedback around how their child is coping with the separation and how they will be supported to assist their child to manage any problems they may be experiencing. Parents may also be provided with relevant referrals at this time.

Step 5

This information may then be used in the Family Dispute Resolution process to assist parents to make decisions in the best interest of their child.



At NLS Law helping children and parents navigate and survive family separation is important to us. If you would like to discuss the involvement of Neisha Shepherd as a Child Lawyer in your case, please contact NLS Law.

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Cost

Fixed Fee \$3000.00 (excluding GST)

Inclusions

- Intake session
- Planning and preparation for meeting with child/children
- One-hour meeting with the child/ren (if more than one child, each child will also be met with separately depending on age) at a neutral, comfortable location or my child focus office (includes travel time)
- Confidential feedback for parents through mediation process
- Attendance and active participation in mediation session (2 hours)
- Appropriate referrals, if required

