

Law Access coordinates the giving of pro bono (free or reduced cost) legal assistance by the Western Australian legal profession. The service is targeted at not-for-profits and individuals in genuine need of legal assistance who satisfy a means and merits test.

Vision: Equal access to justice
Purpose/mission: To relieve disadvantage through pro bono legal assistance.

The Law Access Pro Bono Referral Scheme was originally established by the Law Society of Western Australia in October 1992. Law Access Limited was established on 11 December 2014 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Law Society. From 1 July 2015, the Law Access Pro Bono Referral Scheme has been delivered by Law Access Limited, a public benevolent institution registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission with significant ongoing administrative assistance being provided by the Law Society of Western Australia at no cost.

The work of Law Access is informed by a Stakeholder Advisory Committee with representatives from a diverse group including the Courts, Legal Aid Western Australia, the Western Australian Bar Association, the Family Law Practitioners' Association, the Criminal Lawyers' Association, community legal centres, university law schools and practitioner representatives from remote and regional areas as well as from small, medium and large firms. Law Access acknowledges our principal supporters, the Law Society of Western Australia and the University of Western Australia. We also acknowledge the contributions of our funders, donors and in-kind supporters.

Enhancing services	Working in partnership	Building organisational capacity	Ensuring Sustainability
<p>Continue to expand the pro bono referral service.</p> <p>Implement strategies for increased reach to regional areas.</p> <p>Explore mechanisms such as education sessions and advice clinics as a future model of service delivery, especially for self-represented litigants.</p> <p>Explore the possibility of developing an alternative dispute resolution referral service.</p> <p>Formulate a training strategy to address the needs of pro bono lawyers in collaboration with the Law Society.</p>	<p>Collaborate with Universities on a common research agenda.</p> <p>Participate in collaborative service planning with other legal assistance providers.</p> <p>Work with stakeholders to identify and plan community legal education.</p> <p>Collaborate with the Law Society's Access to Justice Committee.</p>	<p>Continue to develop service policies, procedures and referral pathways.</p> <p>Continue to develop required ITC and operational systems.</p> <p>Update human resource and knowledge management policies and procedures.</p> <p>Develop a board succession plan.</p> <p>Explore non-legal secondment opportunities.</p> <p>Secure ongoing administrative support requirements.</p> <p>Develop a recognition strategy for pro bono lawyers, volunteers, secondees, pro bono partners and staff.</p>	<p>Develop a marketing strategy to build brand and profile.</p> <p>Develop a relationship and engagement strategy.</p> <p>Develop a patrons and champions strategy.</p> <p>Update the monitoring and evaluation plan.</p> <p>Demonstrate the value and impact of our work.</p> <p>Update the fundraising and revenue strategy.</p>