

Duty Lawyer Scheme

The duty lawyer scheme aims to provide preliminary advice to people who are representing themselves in Court, guiding them through the Court process and referring them to appropriate services. It is the result of a collaboration between the Environment and Planning Law Association, the Environmental Defenders Office, Macquarie University Law School and practitioners from the Land and Environment Court Users Group.

The scheme is focused on assisting litigants who are respondents in matters within Classes 4 (except judicial review), 5, 6 and 7 of the Court's jurisdiction.

- Class 4 includes civil enforcement matters
- Class 5 includes criminal matters
- Class 6 includes criminal appeal matters
- Class 7 includes other environmental offence appeal matters

For more information on Class 4 and 5 matters, click here:

Class 4: http://www.lec.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/types_of_disputes/class_4/class_4.aspx

Class 5: http://www.lec.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/types_of_disputes/class_5/class_5.aspx

Class 6 & 7: http://www.lec.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/types_of_disputes/class_6_and_7/class_6_and_7.aspx

The duty lawyer is available every second Friday between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm, at Level 4 of the Land and Environment Court. On alternate Fridays a telephone service is available.

If you have not yet attempted mediation or would like to make further efforts at settling, a Community Justice Centre Mediator can facilitate this:

https://www.cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/cjc_what_is_mediation/com_justice_mediation.aspx



Schedule an Appointment

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Website: <http://www.lec.justice.nsw.gov.au>

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If you have not made an appointment, you can also visit the duty lawyer on the day of your directions hearing (also called a list hearing). If you are at your directions hearing and decide to see the duty lawyer, you can request an adjournment.