

LYNDAL GOWLAND PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR



Hello, I'm Lyndal Gowland, and I'm the Principal Solicitor at Gowland Legal.

I am a passionate advocate for social justice, law reform and the end of domestic violence, particularly for women and children victims. I've spent the past three decades channelling those passions into my work as a Family Law practitioner. In fact my passion for social justice is only matched by my passion for red frogs!

NEGOTIATION

Let me put my comprehensive Family Law knowledge and my Masters of Applied law (Family Law) to use for you in your Family Law matter. My experience and skills as a negotiator mean that, whenever possible and appropriate, I will offer you alternatives to the expense of Court to obtain your desired results. I often think about what a pleasure it was to be able to successfully negotiate consent orders for a client that allowed her to relocate with the children overseas, without resorting to Court.

COURT OUTCOMES

In matters where Court is unavoidable, you can trust in my extensive experience as a litigator. You will have me by your side to coach through your Court proceedings to obtain the best possible outcome. Accomplishing this for you will be another rewarding outcome for me - I have achieved successful results for clients in the Family Court and impacted the Family Law through precedent cases in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

ADVOCACY

If you come from a diverse background or uncommon circumstances, you will find my professional experience to your advantage. My varied career has taken me all across Outback Australia. I have worked with disadvantaged clients in remote and Indigenous communities, and I have championed Law Reform and advocated for domestic violence victims at Redfern Legal Centre.

FAMILY LAW

People often ask why I'm so passionate about Family Law. What I love is that by helping you with a good parenting, property or child support agreement, I can make a positive impact not only on you but on the next generation of your family, and the next...

If you are experiencing an abusive relationship, let me help to empower you to get control of your life, protect your children and escape from the violence. I am often inspired by the strength of my clients who are domestic violence survivors and I take great pride in the part myself and my team have played to help assist them and their families become safe, strong and happy.



WILLS, PROBATE & ESTATE DISPUTES

When I established Gowland Legal in Dulwich Hill in 2009, it was to deliver exceptional Family Law legal services to this fabulous part of Sydney. I'm so pleased that in the time since, the practice has grown and we now offer you quality legal services in the areas of Wills, Probate, Estate Disputes and Conveyancing. We've assisted clients from all over Sydney.

My keen interest in Wills and Estates has allowed me to expand my practice to offer services to you in those areas of law. When you come to me for assistance with your Will, know that I understand how important it is to get it right for you. Drafting your Will is not just a service, it is an instrumental component of your financial and emotional legacy to your loved ones.

As a critical person to those you love, your Will or any Estate Dispute can have a significant impact on the future generations of your family, especially if yours is a modern or blended family. I will work closely with you to provide guidance on your wishes from your executor to your gifts to ensure they are effectively documented as far as is possible.

CLIENTS FIRST. ALWAYS.

When you are a Gowland Legal client, you will receive the very best legal support. I want you to feel comfortable when you attend our office, and I will tailor our services to your needs with a flexible, team-based approach and cost-effective solutions for your legal issues. After all, our team motto is "Clients First. Always", and we mean it!

In addition to running the practice at Gowland Legal, I'm also a proud mother, grandmother, partner and owner of two gorgeous dogs. When I'm not hard at work to achieve results for my clients (sometimes with "practice manager" Lucy the mini fox terrier in tow) you'll find me enjoying time with my family, enjoying a lemon cake from one of Dulwich Hill's fantastic cafes, or off somewhere on an adventure.

If you need help with a Family Law, Wills, Probate, Estate Dispute or Conveyancing matter, it would be my pleasure to assist you.



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- I acted as the sole solicitor in remote Queensland for the Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Legal Service;
- I drafted the submission by Redfern Legal Centre to 2003 Parliamentary Inquiry into Child Custody Arrangements;
- I have drafted submissions in response to the closure of Domestic Violence services, police stations and to the Australian Law Reform Commission regarding the complexities of Family Dispute Resolution and Domestic Violence;
- I gave evidence to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2004 Redfern Riots;
- I sat on the AVLIC Committee, a state working group establishing standards for Apprehended Violence Orders;
- I have been M.C. for the Women's Domestic Violence Advocacy Conference;
- I participated in the Law & Justice Foundation Family Law Affidavit Pilot Project;
- I am an ex-committee member of the Women Lawyers Association;
- I was the solicitor attached to the Family Relationship Centre's Mediation Program;
- I was formerly the coordinator of the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service;
- Precedent cases published in the National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book;
- I devised the BRAVO Project into breaches of Domestic Violence Orders;
- I developed the publication Walking Through the Courts to assist women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds to navigate Domestic Violence court proceedings and the AVO process;
- I judged the Professional Skills and Advocacy Competition at Macquarie University's Law School;
- I have lead legal information sessions into the good drafting of Wills;
- I have been interviewed for ABC media coverage of domestic violence victim support;
- I have been instrumental in law reform and policy development;
- I have contributed to academic papers;
- I am a current committee member of the Feminist Legal Service;
- I am a current member of the Family Law Council; and
- I am a member of Law Society NSW.