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Piloting a legal advice system that responds holistically to prevent family violence

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Complexity of the legal system

- Child support matters in the Federal Magistrates Court
- Property and children's matters in the Family Court if the matter is complex
- Family violence intervention/protection orders in the [State]Magistrates' Court, and
- Child protection issues in the Children's Court.
([Women's Legal Service Victoria 2009](#))

- Criminal matters, e.g. breach of FVIO or assault in the County Court
- Breaches of parenting plans – such as location orders, e.g. when child is not returned, and
- Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

- Family Violence Protection Act – Victorian Law – Magistrate Courts
- Family Law Act – Federal Law – Family Law Court
- Child Support and Social Security Law – Federal Law – Social Security Appeals Tribunal
- Children and Young Persons Act – State Law – Children’s Court
- Victims of Crime – Magistrate’s Court
- Immigration Matters – MRT - RRT

About the WLW Project





State
Courts

Federal
Courts

High Court

Court of Appeal

Full
Court
Of the
Federal
Court

Full
Court
Of the
Family Court

Supreme Court

Children's Court

County Court

Family
Court

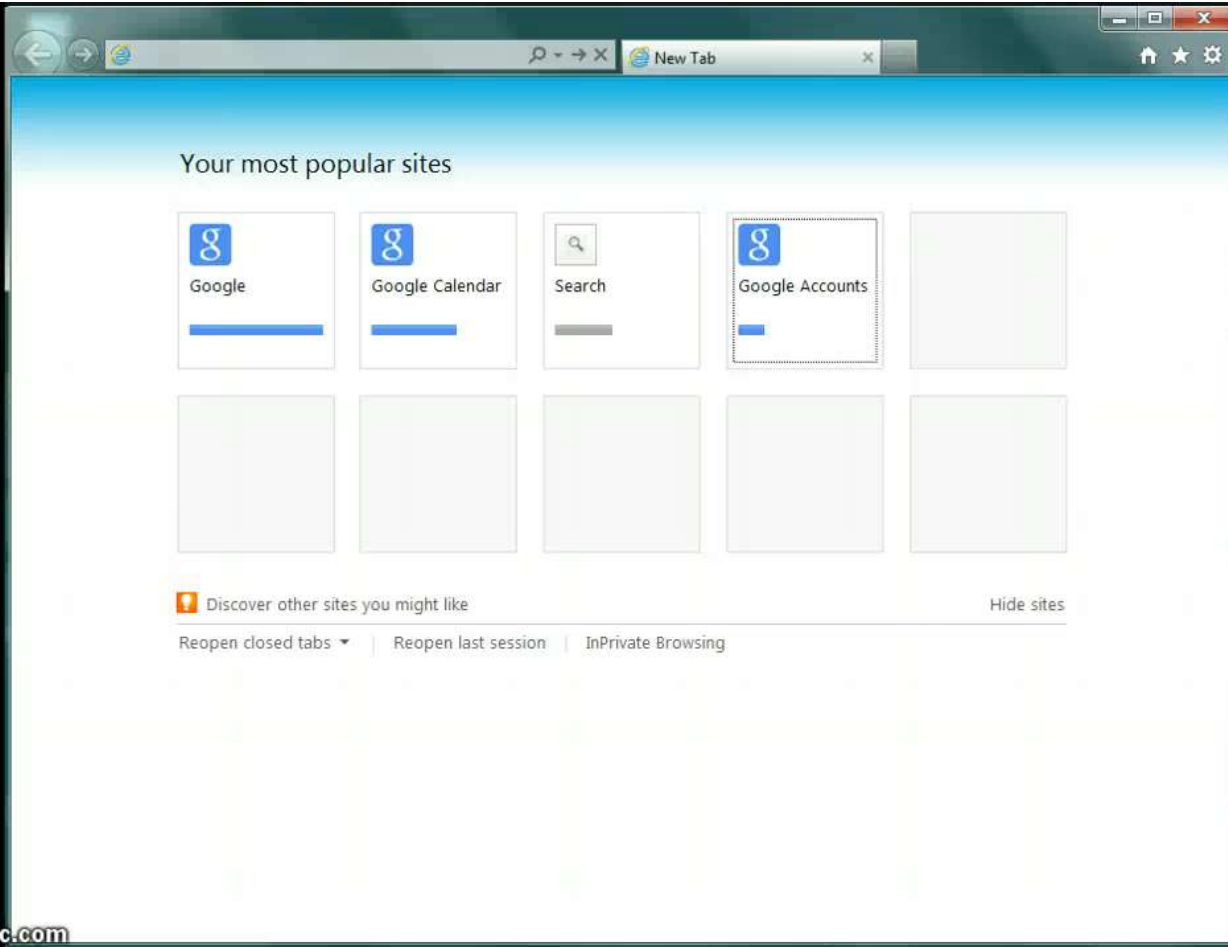
Federal
Court

Magistrates' Court

Federal Magistrates'
Court

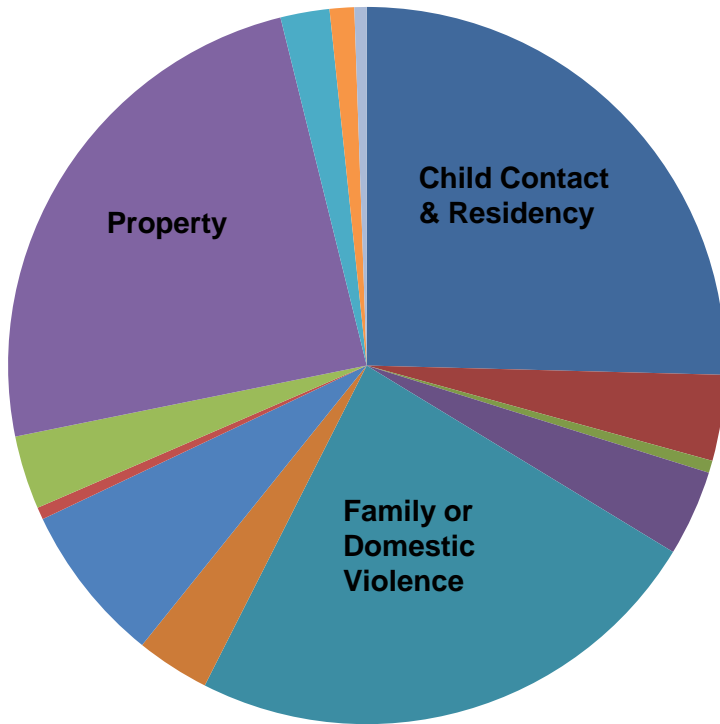
State Tribunals
(VOCAT & Administrative Appeals Tribunal)

Federal Tribunals
(National Native Title Tribunal)





All Legal Matters



- Child contact and residency
- Child protection
- DNA testing
- Divorce and separation
- Family or domestic violence
- Government pensions/benefits allowances breaches
- Victims of crime
- Civil or process
- Parental abduction
- Property
- Taking children overseas
- Tenancy
- Wills/probate guardianship/trusteeship