

Aboriginal Family Law Services (WA) aims to provide free, culturally secure, and legal and support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims and survivors of family violence and/or sexual assault.

**Principal Legal Officer**

The Principal Legal Officer is responsible for the delivery of legal services for AFLS. AFLS provides legal services in the following areas: Family Law, Children’s’ Court, Magistrates Court, particularly in matters concerning family violence and Criminal Injuries Compensation.

The successful applicant will be:

* Responsible for the provision of AFLS legal services to the Legal Practice Board WA;
* Required to remotely supervise restricted practitioners in regional office locations which will require extensive travel;
* Expected to provide leadership to legal staff and other AFLS staff; and
* Undertake a key role within the executive of AFLS and report to the Board

**Essential**

* Admitted or eligible for admittance to practice in the Supreme Court of Western Australia
* Minimum of 7 years’ legal practice experience as an unrestricted practising solicitor
* Minimum of 2 years’ experience working within family law
* Demonstrated understanding of principles relating to family violence law
* Minimum of 2 years’ experience supervising junior lawyers
* Demonstrated experience in practice management of staff
* Demonstrated ability to prioritise tasks and meet deadlines
* Must be able to travel to regional office locations regularly
* Confidence in establishing networks and experience advocating on behalf of legal organisations
* Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with stakeholders
* Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal people

**Desirable**

* Completion of the Legal Practice Management course
* Knowledge of and/or experience with remote Aboriginal community issues
* Commitment to the principles of Aboriginal self-determination and social justice
* Post graduate education in Aboriginal Family Violence issues
* Good operational knowledge and experience running remote operations / organisations

**Essential Eligibility Requirements**

* Current ‘C’ Class WA Driver’s License
* Current Police Clearance Certificate
* Current Working with Children Check

Applications should include a Letter of Introduction, a Statement Addressing the Selection Criteria and a Resume including names of two (2) referees.

**Applications close 20th March 2020 – Applications should be sent** to:

humanresources@afls.org.au or Human Resources, AFLS, PO Box 5254, East Victoria Park, WA 6981.

Please note that only those successful to interview will be contacted.

***AFLS is an Equal Opportunity Employer - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People***

***are encouraged to apply***