



# Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House

## Law for Non-Lawyers

### An introduction to the Law and Legal Systems

When: Wednesday, 12 September, 2012. 10am – 1pm.

Where: Room 3.07, Griffith University Legal Practice Centre,  
Griffith Graduate Centre, South Bank,

#### Course Content

This introductory course is designed to provide you with an overview of the legal system, legal concepts and legal institutions. Using a variety of interactive training methods, the course will introduce and explain the critical components of the legal system:

#### ***Parliament, courts, executive government and the rule of law***

##### ***Sources of Law***

- Common Law, Statute law and subordinate legislation
- State, Federal and International Law

##### ***Structure and classification of the law***

- Private and public law
- Substantive and procedural law

##### ***Legal Concepts***

- Precedent, jurisprudence, judgements

##### ***Where to find decisions and legislation?***

- Reported and Unreported Cases
- Legislation and subordinate legislation

**Cost** The cost is \$55 (ALLA members) & \$70 (non-ALLA members) and includes morning tea. Proceeds will be used by QPILCH to support its mental health legal services.

#### Learning Outcomes

The course will provide you with a basic understanding of the legal system, its vocabulary, institutions and structure. It will assist you to better understand the legal framework and identify gaps in your own knowledge and understanding so that you can better meet the needs of your clients.

#### Who Should Attend

This course is aimed at new law librarians and others who want to gain a better understanding of the key components of the legal system.

#### QPILCH

The Queensland Public Interest Clearing House coordinates pro bono legal services in Queensland. It partners with universities, law firms and barristers as well as government to provide a range of legal services for the most disadvantaged members of our community including the homeless, people with mental illness and others who cannot afford or access legal services.

#### Presenters

The training will be provided by two experienced lawyers and trainers drawn from QPILCH staff and member barristers or solicitors selected for their expertise and training experience.

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