



Meet our new solicitor, Micaela Chomley

Current Position?

I am a solicitor at Carvosso & Winship specializing in Family Law.

Career path?

I graduated from University of New England with a Bachelor of Commerce Law in 2009. Upon finishing my degree, I was fortunate enough to live in Edmonton Alberta in Canada for a year and work in a large top tier firm. In this position I was practicing in Family Law, Criminal Law and Civil litigation. While in this position I developed a passion for Family Law and upon returning to Australia in 2011 I have practiced in this challenging area.

I am currently studying my Masters of Applied Law in Family Law with the aim of becoming an Accredited Specialist in Family Law.

I handle divorce, matrimonial property settlement, de facto property settlement, parenting arrangements, domestic violence and child support issues.

What is your greatest joy in your work?

When people go through a family law separation it is often one of the hardest and biggest decisions in their life. I get a great deal of joy in helping them through that process and getting great results for clients, especially when it is above and beyond their expectations.

I enjoy the challenge of Family Law. I have acted in a wide range of family law matters including complex property proceedings, child support, spousal maintenance and children's issues involving relocation, abduction and child abuse. I achieve positive outcomes for my clients both at trial, but more regularly by agreement without litigation

Most memorable moment in Law?

There are so many memorable moments that it is hard to identify one as being more memorable than so many others. Getting good results for unforgettable clients means a lot because the work you do is worthwhile .

I recently had a trial in Melbourne Family Court involving both property and children. My client was residing in Mongolia. We would have weekly conferences via Skype. His matter settled on the first day of trial whereby he received a much better outcome than if the matter had gone to trial and he was extremely satisfied. This was a memorable moment to see and know that you have helped your client through this process and they are extremely satisfied with the outcome.

Have you worked in a rural environment before?

Having grown up in the country I have chosen to work in a rural community. When I returned from Canada I started working in Dubbo, rural New South Wales. Within the first week I was sent down to the local Court to do a matter which would not occur if you were practicing in the city.

I don't see a huge difference in the city compared to the country. In Dalby you still have the same opportunities as you would in the city. Despite working in the country I have still been given the opportunity to regularly appear in Newcastle, Sydney, Parramatta and Melbourne Family Court.

I can still do everything in life. Towns like Dalby offer everything you need to get in and get on with life, and have a good time. For a start you can be in a city where you're not always sitting in traffic; and you can finish the working day much earlier. There are many benefits to working in a rural environment.