

Staff

The Public Solicitor's Office has 10 solicitor's working in its offices, as well as a number of administrative and support staff.

The Public Solicitor's Office has full time offices in Port Vila, Santo, Tanna and Malekula. Solicitors from all the offices also attend other islands within Vanuatu on circuit to provide legal services to people unable to attend to the offices.



If you want to get advice or need legal representation you should either telephone the office of the Public Solicitor or come to the office at your area to make an appointment.

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Offices are located at:

PORT VILA
Rue Emile Mercet, Tel: 33160 Voip 2911

SANTO
Vanamele Area, Luganville, Tel: 33825 Voip
6689 ,PMB 003

MALEKULA
P.O. Box 126, Lakatoro, Tel: 48442

TANNA
Isankel, Tel: 33915 Voip 8275

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Role and Services

The Public Solicitor's Office is set up to provide advice and legal representation to needy people through out the Republic of Vanuatu. It is administered under the Public Solicitor's Act.



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Roles & Services cont...

One very important role of the Public Solicitor's Office is to provide advice and representation in Court to anyone charged with a serious criminal offence. In providing this service the Public Solicitor's Office ensures that anyone charged with a serious criminal offence receives proper advice and has someone to speak on their behalf and represent their interests when the matter comes before the Court.



The Public Solicitor's Office also advises and represents people in a range of other legal matters. Examples of some of the matters where the Public Solicitor's Office assists people with are

- Divorce and Family Law
- Maintenance of Children
- Restraining orders
- Employment Law including unfair dismissal and non-payment of entitlements
- Personal injury claims
- Accident claims

The Public Solicitor's Office provides advice to people on any legal matter they may have.

Merit Test



The Public Solicitor's Office will only provide representation to someone if their case has a reasonable prospect of success.

Means Test

The Public Solicitor's Office provides services to 'needy people'. In order to ensure that services are provided to needy people the Public Solicitor's Office has a means test. This means that the Public Solicitor's Office will look at your monthly income and your assets before they will provide representation in a case. If you fall outside the Means Test the Public Solicitor's Office is only able to provide you with advice.