

sbA FAMILY LAWYERS

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Firm News

sbA family Lawyers are pleased to welcome two new staff members.



William Schoenmaker

Mr. William Schoenmaker, Senior Solicitor -

William is a Family Lawyer and has over 20 years experience, practicing exclusively in Family and Relationships Laws for the past 6 years. William has a keen interest in

assisting clients to reach a resolution by exploring all possible options.

William is also happy to take instructions in relation to Wills and Estate together with Drink Driving matters.

Ms Melissa O'Toole, Receptionist -

Melissa has recently moved from Bundaberg to join our team. Melissa has experience in Commercial Litigation and Property support and has taken up the challenge of a Family Law support staffer.

We congratulate Shanán Gleeson of our office who recently gave birth to a very healthy and happy



Shanán Gleeson

baby boy, Michael. We wish Shanán and her family all the best.

We also congratulate Bridgette McGuinness, William Schoenmaker's personal assistant, who will be getting married on 6 June 2009. We wish Bridgette and her fiancé Russell all the best for their future together.

Seminar

sbA family Lawyers will be hosting another free seminar on 16th June 2009 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm at our office, 10 Hall Street, Chermiside.

The seminar will focus on general information on

navigating your way through:

- Separation
- Divorce
- Property
- Parenting
- Child Support

Bookings are essential. Please contact sbA family Lawyers on 3359 2166 to register your interest.

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Family Law Amendment (Defacto financial matters and other measures) Bill 2008 passed and in force as of 1 March 2009



FAMILY LAW COURTS



FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA

“The new laws also make provision for maintenance of Defacto partners”

From 1 March 2009, the Family Law Act allows De facto couples (including same sex couples) to obtain property settlement in the Family Court and Federal Magistrates Court.

However, you may still have to apply in the State Court if you are de facto who separated before 1 March 2009.

Superannuation is now splittable in De facto property pools falling within the amended Family Law Act.

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