

FAMILY LAW SPECIALIST ACCREDITATION CASE LIST 2025

Topics for Assessment

Candidates will be expected to display a high standard of knowledge regarding:

- The Family Law Act 1975 (Cth); The Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021; The Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Family Law) Rules 2021; The Family Court Act 1997 (WA); The Family Court Rules 2021 (WA); The Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989 (Cth) and other relevant legislation and case law
- the core knowledge areas set out in Schedule 4 of the Assessment Guidelines
- State legislation relating to domestic violence, children and child protection, medical procedures and professional responsibilities, and the intersection between state and federal legislation.

Note:

- The contents of Schedule 4 of the Assessment Guidelines should not be taken as exhaustive. It is aimed at assisting candidates in their preparation for Specialist Accreditation.
- The cases and sections of legislation are provided by way of guideline assistance only. The reference to cases listed below is not an exhaustive list of all cases which candidates may be tested on.
- In the event that any new legislative reforms become effective before the date of assessment and / or new cases delivered, candidates will be required to be aware of the changes to the law resulting from that legislation and / or those cases.

2025 Family Law Specialist Accreditation Case List	
1. Divorce	• <i>Stanford v Stanford</i> (2012) 247 CLR 108. • <i>Anderson & McIntosh</i> [2013] FamCAFC 200 • <i>Whitford</i> (1979) 24 FLC 90-162 • <i>Hedley v Hedley</i> [2009] FamCAFC 179 • <i>Walton v Esposito</i> [2016] FamCA 336.
2. Nullity	• <i>Nagri & Chapal</i> [2012] FamCA 464
3. Children	
3.1 Dispute Resolution	• <i>Unitingcare – Unifam Counselling & Mediation & Harkiss & Anor</i> [2011] FamCAFC 159; (2011) 46 Fam LR 12 • <i>Choat & Grendel</i> [2018] FamCA 579 • <i>Kenley Mair and Grieves & Ors</i> [2022] FCWA 163
3.2 Jurisdictional Requirements and Discretion to Exercise Jurisdiction	• <i>In the Marriage of Rice and Asplund</i> (1979) 6 Fam LR 570 • <i>Defrey & Radnor</i> [2021] FamCAFC 67 • <i>Radecki & Radecki</i> [2024]

	FedCFamC1A 246 • <i>Babic and Taccini</i> [2024] FCWA 203 • <i>Mankiewicz & Anor & Swallow & Anor</i> [2016] FamCAFC 153; • <i>KAM & MJR & Anor</i> [1998] FamCA 1996; [1999] FLC 82-847 • <i>Mendelson & Kerner</i> [2018] FCCA 3344 • <i>Chandra & Chandra</i> [2017] FCCA 451 • <i>B & B (Re Jurisdiction)</i> [2003] FamCA 105 • <i>Clayton v Bant</i> [2020] HCA 44. • <i>Masson & Parsons</i> [2019] HCA 21 • <i>MRR v GR</i> (2010) 240 CLR 461 • <i>Feranti & Connor</i> [2010] FamCA 71 • <i>Kwon & Lee</i> (2006) FLC 93-287 • <i>Pascarl & Oxley</i> (2013) FLC 93-536 • <i>Jasvir and Atwal</i> [2023] FCWA 222 • <i>OHB v MTM</i> [2007] WASCA 6 • <i>Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs v B</i> (No 3) (2004) 219 CLR 365
3.3 Decision-making responsibility	• <i>Goode & Goode</i> [2006] FamCA 1346 • <i>Pickford & Pickford</i> [2024] FedCFamC1A 249
3.4 Parenting orders: general principles	• <i>U v U</i> (2002) 211 CLR 238; (2002) FLC 93-112 • <i>Morgan & Miles</i> [2007] FamCA 1230 • <i>Sarti and Anor & Sarti (No. 2)</i> (2020) FLC ¶93-993 • <i>Bondelmonte v Bondelmonte</i> [2017] HCA 8; (2016) 259 CLR 662 • <i>R v R: Children's Wishes</i> [2000] FamCA 43 • <i>H v W</i> [1995] FamCA 30 • <i>DT & JT</i> [1999] FamCA 473 • <i>Re K</i> (1994) FLC 92-461 • <i>M v M</i> (1988) 166 CLR 69; • <i>Isles & Nelissen</i> [2022] FedCFamC1A 97 • <i>Stott and Holgar & Anor</i> [2017] FamCAFC 152 • <i>Keane v Keane and Anor</i> (2021) 62 Fam LR 190 • <i>Blinko & Blinko</i> [2015] FamCAFC 146

	• <i>Amador v Amador</i> (2009) 43 Fam LR 268 • <i>Campbell and Louis (Contempt)</i> [2021] FCWA 34 • <i>R v T</i> [2022] WASCA 34 • <i>Schieffer & Schieffer</i> [2013] FamCA 168 • <i>Hallett & Malcolm & Anor</i> [2020] FCCA 835; • <i>Rodelgo & Blaine</i> [2019] FamCAFC 73 • <i>Sahrawi & Hadrami</i> [2018] FamCAFC 170 • <i>Aitken & Gladstone</i> [2020] FCCA 966 • <i>Napier & Hepburn</i> [2006] FamCA 1316 • <i>Slater & Light</i> [2013] FamCAFC • <i>Gorman & Huffman and Anor</i> [2016] FamCAFC 174 • <i>Farnel & Chanbua</i> [2016] FCWA 17 • <i>Ellison and Anor & Karnchanit</i> [2012] FamCA 602 • <i>Mason & Mason and Anor</i> [2013] FamCA424 • <i>Shaw & Lamb and Ors</i> [2018] FamCAFC 42 • <i>Bernieres and Anor & Dhopal and Anor</i> [2017] FamCAFC 180 • <i>Darley & Darley</i> [2016] FamCAFC 10 • <i>Re: child's passport application</i> [2008] FMCAfam 1031 • <i>Mankiewicz and Anor & Swallow and Anor</i> [2016] FamCAFC 153 • <i>Hendy & Penningh</i> [2018] FamCAFC 257 • <i>Oswald & Karrington</i> [2016] FamCAFC 152 • <i>Sayer & Radcliffe and Anor</i> [2012] FamCAFC 209 • <i>Bergman & Bergman</i> [2022] FedCFamC1A • <i>SS v AH</i> [2010] FamCAFC 13 • <i>Marvel & Marvel</i> [2010] FamCAFC 101 • <i>Hurley & Melton (No.2)</i> [2020] FamCA 917, • <i>Owen & Owen</i> [2020] FamCA 90 • <i>Hills & Caldwell</i> [2020] FamCA 574
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	• <i>Line & Line</i> (1997) FLC 92-729 • <i>Re G: Children's Schooling</i> (2000) FLC 93-025 • <i>Bilz & Breguelman</i> [2013] FamCA 578 • <i>Pickford & Pickford</i> [2024] FedCFamC1A 249 • <i>Ajit & Thuvaragesh</i> [2022] FedCFamC1A 80 • <i>Oberlin & Infeld</i> (2021) FLC 94-017 • <i>Lainhart & Ellinson</i> (2023) FLC 94-166 • <i>Cowling & Cowling</i> [1998] FamCA 19: (1998) FLC 92-801
3.5 The parenting compliance provisions	• <i>Tryon and Clutterbuck (no 2)</i> [2009] FamCAFC 176 presumptions • <i>Clarence & Crisp</i> [2016] FamCAFC 157 • <i>Masson and Parsons</i> [2019] HCA 21 • <i>Gillick v West Norfolk and Wisbech Area Health Authority</i> [1985] UKHL 7; [1986] AC 112 • <i>Re: Imogen (No.6)</i> [2020] FamCA 761
4. Spousal Maintenance	• <i>Hall & Hall</i> [2016] HCA 23 • <i>Qin & Donato</i> [2023] FedCFamC1A 223 • <i>Elei & Dodt</i> [2018] Fam CAFC 92 • <i>Wicklow and Wicklow</i> [2007] FamCA 792 • <i>Rollins-Wallis & Wallis</i> [2008] FamCA 1272 • <i>In the Marriage of Clauson</i> (1995) FLC 92-595: Cessation of spousal maintenance orders • <i>Rice & Rice e</i> • <i>Simpkin & Simpkin</i> [2020] FamCAFC 315 • <i>Grange & Grange</i> [2022] FedCFamC1A 9 • <i>Stein v Stein</i> (2000) FLC 93-004 • <i>Mitchell & Mitchell</i> (1995) FLC 92-601
5. Child Maintenance and Support	• <i>In the Marriage of Gyselman</i> (1991) 15 Fam LR 219 • <i>DJM v JLM</i> [1998] FamCA 97 • <i>Child Support Registrar v Crowley</i> [2015] FamCAFC 76

	• <i>Martyn & Martyn</i> [2020] FamCA 526 • <i>Billing and Tillick (Child Support)</i> [2018] AATA 220 • <i>Panagi & Panagi</i> [2021] FedCFamC1F 135 • <i>Bonnett & Bonnett</i> [2021] FedCFamC1A 95 • <i>Re AM (Adult Child Maintenance)</i> (2006) FLC 93-262
6. Financial Agreements	
6.1 Conceptualising a Financial Agreement	• <i>Piper & Mueller</i> [2015] FamCAFC 241 • <i>Parkes & Parkes</i> [2014] FCCA 102 • <i>Hoult & Hoult</i> [2013] FamCAFC 109 • <i>Daily & Daily</i> [2020] FamCA 486 • <i>Cording & Oster</i> [2010] FamCA 511 • <i>Adame & Adame</i> [2014] FCCA 42. • <i>Parke & Parke</i> [2015] FCCA 1692 • <i>Thorne & Kennedy</i> [2017] HCA 49. • <i>Frederick & Frederick</i> [2018] FCCA 1694. • <i>Gongsun & Paling</i> (2020) FLC 93-987 • <i>Fewster & Drake</i> [2016] FamCAFC 214 • <i>Frederick & Frederick</i> [2019] FamCAFC 87 • <i>Daily & Daily</i> [2020] FamCA 486 • <i>Garvey & Jess</i> [2016] FamCA 445 • <i>Sullivan and Sullivan</i> [2011] FamCA 752 • <i>Birdwood & Gravino</i> [2023] FedCFamC1A 114 • <i>Bryson & Bryson</i> [2012] FMCAfam 197 • <i>Ruane & Bachman-Ruane (Accrued Jurisdiction)</i> [2012] FamCA 369 • <i>Orwin v Rickards</i> [2019] VSC 375
7 De facto relationships	
7.1 De facto Relationships – Cth	• <i>Fairbairn and Radecki</i> [2022] HCA 18
7.2 De facto Relationships – WA	• <i>Truman and Clifton</i> [2010] FCWA 91 • <i>O & H</i> [2021] FCWA 184 • <i>B & J</i> [2023] FCWA 72
7.3 General principles	• <i>Sinclair & Whittaker</i> (2013) FLC 93-551
8. Property	

8.1 Forum / Stay / Anti-suit injunction	• <i>Voth v Manildra Flour Mills Pty Ltd</i> [1990] HCA 55 • <i>Henry v Henry</i> (1996) 185 CLR 571 • <i>Obannon & Scarffe</i> [2021] FamCAFC 33 • <i>Beng & Kwok</i> (2022) FLC 94-096 • <i>Lan & Hao (No 2)</i> (2017) FLC 93-795
8.2 Approach to Determining Property	• <i>Hickey & Hickey & Attorney-General for the Commonwealth of Australia</i> [2003] FamCA 395 • <i>Stanford v Stanford</i> (2012) 247 CLR 108 • <i>Bevan & Bevan</i> [2014] FamCAFC 19
Preliminary Step	• <i>Stanford v Stanford</i> (2012) 247 CLR 108 • <i>Bevan</i> (2013) section 79(2) FLA. • <i>Oamra & Williams</i> [2021] FamCAFC 117
Step 1: Identifying and valuing property, liabilities and financial resources	• <i>Kennon v Spry</i> (2008) 238 CLR 366 • <i>Barrett & Winnie</i> [2022] FedCFamC1A 99 • <i>Woodcock & Woodcock (no. 2)</i> [2022] FedCFamC1F 173 • <i>Coghlan v Coghlan</i> [2005] FamCA 429 • <i>Hickey</i> (2003) FamCA 395 • <i>Rosati & Rosati</i> [1998] FamCA 38 • <i>Hsiao v Fazarri</i> [2020] HCA 35 • <i>In the Marriage of Biltoft</i> (1995) 19 Fam LR 82
Step 2: Identify and evaluate the Contributions of Parties	• <i>In the Marriage of Norbis</i> (1986) 161 CLR 513 • <i>In the Marriage of Mallet</i> (1984) 156 CLR 605 • <i>Cabbell & Cabbell</i> [2009] FamCAFC 205 • <i>Wallis & Manning</i> (2017) FLC 93-759 • <i>Lovine & Connor and Anor</i> (2012) FLC 93-515 • <i>Stiller & Power</i> [2011] FMCAfam 996 • <i>In the Marriage of Zyk</i> (1995) 19 Fam LR 797 • <i>Fields & Smith</i> [2015] FamCAFC 57 • <i>Harris & Dewell</i> [2018] FamCAFC94 • <i>Calvin & Mctier</i> [2017] FamCAFC 125 • <i>Farmer v Bramley</i> [2000] FamCA

	1615 • <i>G & G</i> [2000] FamCA 1075 • <i>Fontana & Fontana</i> [2018] FamCA 63 • <i>Kennon v Kennon</i> (1997) 22 Fam LR 1 • <i>Jabour & Jabour</i> [2019] FamCAFC78 • <i>Barnell & Barnell</i> [2020] FamCAFC 102 • <i>Robb & Robb</i> (1995) FLC 92-555
Step 3: Identify and assess the various relevant matters set out in section 79(4) (d) to (g), which includes section 75 (2), and section 90SM(4)(d) to (g), which includes section 90SF (3) factors	• <i>In the Marriage of Mallet</i> (1984) 156 CLR 605 • <i>Waters and Jurek</i> (1995) FLC 92-635 • <i>In the Marriage of Kowaliw</i> (1981) FLC 91-092 • <i>Kozak (Deceased) and Kozak</i> [2020] FCWA 161
Step 4: Consider matters of justice and equity	• <i>Washburn & Pacini</i> [2020] FamCAFC 296. • <i>Watson & Ling</i> [2013] FamCA 57 • <i>Chancellor & McCoy</i> (2016) FCCA 53; and <i>Chancellor & McCoy</i> [2016] FamCAFC 256
8.3 Interim property orders	• <i>Strahan & Strahan</i> (2011) FLC 93-466 • <i>Wenz v Archer</i> [2008] FMCAfam 1119 • <i>Panshin & Farmer</i> [2012] FamCAFC 197 • <i>Arthur and Arthur</i> [2015] FamCA 403
8.4 Section 106B – Transactions to defeat claims	• <i>In the Marriage of Gould; Swire Investments Ltd</i> (1993) FLC 92-434 • <i>Atkins & Hunt and Ors (No. 3)</i> [2019] FamCA 977
8.5 Consideration of Third-Party Interests	• <i>Kennon v Spry</i> (2008) 238 CLR 366; [2008] HCA 56 • <i>Commissioner of Taxation v Tomaras & Ors</i> [2018] HCA 62 • <i>John Alexanders Clubs Pty Ltd v White City Tennis Club Ltd</i> (2010) 241 CLR 1
8.6 Execution of Instruments by Order of Court – section 106A	• <i>Jebbett & Corey (No. 3)</i> [2020] FamCAFC 233
8.7 Effect of Bankruptcy	• <i>Bankruptcy Act</i> 1966 (Cth) – sections 35 and 35A
10. Evidence	• <i>Makita (Australia) Pty Ltd v Sprowles</i> [2001]

	• <i>Mandall & Camdyn (No 2)</i> [2022] FedCFamC1A 91 • <i>Nagel & Clay</i> [2020] FamCA 326 • <i>Briginshaw v Briginshaw</i> (1938) 60 CLR 336
12. Costs	• <i>Strahan v Strahan</i> [2009] FamCAFC 166 • <i>Parker & Jacks (No.3)</i> [2009] FMCAfam 993 • <i>Z (A Solicitor) & Limonsin</i> (2010) FLC 93-433 • <i>Bain & Bain (Deceased) (Costs)</i> [2017] FamCAFC164
13. Reviews/Appeals/Transfers	• <i>House v The King</i> [1936] HCA 40 • <i>Collu and Rinaldo</i> [2010] FamCAFC 53 • <i>CDJ v VAJ (No 1)</i> (1998) 197 CLR 172 • <i>Allesch v Maunz</i> (2000) 203 CLR 172 • <i>Werth & Pacapelli</i> (2018) FLC 93-843 • <i>Aldridge & Keaton (Stay Appeal)</i> [2009] FamCAFC 106 • <i>Gull (Stay Application)</i> [2009] FamCAFC 104 • <i>Hunter v Morrison (Contravention)</i> [2014] FamCA 198 • <i>Barden v Barden</i> [2014] FamCA 745 • <i>D & D</i> [2006] FamCA 339 • <i>Simpson v Brockmann</i> [2010] FamCAFC 37 • <i>Harrell & Nesland</i> [2020] FamCAFC 21 • <i>Teo v Guan</i> [2015] FamCAFC 94 • <i>CDW v LVE</i> [2015] WASCA 247 • <i>Brunton & Kramer</i> [2014] FCCA 131 • <i>Stott & Stott</i> [2021] FCCA 1690 • <i>Campbell and Louis (Contempt)</i> [2021] FCWA 34 • <i>R v T</i> [2022] WASCA 34
14. Inherent, Implied, Associated, Accrued and Diversity Jurisdiction	• <i>DJL v Central Authority</i> (2000) 201 CLR 226 • <i>Re Wakim; Ex parte McNaly</i> (1999) 198 CLR 511 • <i>C and C and C: Accrued Jurisdiction</i> [2001] FamCA 459 • <i>Ruane v Bachman-Ruane (Accrued</i>

	<i>Jurisdiction</i>) [2012] FamCA 369 • <i>Rizeq v Western Australia</i> (2017) 262 CLR 1 • <i>Teo & Guan</i> (2015) FLC 93-653 • <i>Camden Pty Ltd & Laue and Ors</i> (2018) FLC 93-840 • <i>McKenzie & Ors and McKenzie</i> [2015] FCWA 84
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NB: It is stressed that the above list is not intended to be exhaustive and that any matter relevant to practice in Family Law may be examined.