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The Family Law Act 1975 (Cth) governs marriages and from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 was extended to govern all domestic relationships i.e. married, defacto and same sex.

The Act covers Divorce, Custody of minor children, Access/contact/Child Support (Maintenance), Division of matrimonial property and, spousal support.

It's a complex Act, open to interpretation and you need to deal with someone who has 30 plus years' experience in the field.

The breakdown of a relationship can be traumatic, but tragically, domestic violence can be fatal. It's so important that you get support if you're in danger.



(Left to right)  
Attilio, Connie and Frank Costanzo

We have the experience to protect you legally if you are a domestic violence victim, so please reach out to us.

At Costanzo Lawyers, we are a family helping other families, in the best and worst of times. If you need help, you deal with me. Sadly, at the bigger firms you could end up as just a

number, just a file.

Look after yourself, know your rights and please remember there's a legal family here waiting for you if you need help.

At Costanzo Lawyers, we care because you care, and we care about you.

We also practice in the areas of:

- Family Law
- Wills, Probate, Powers of Attorney
- Testators Family Maintenance (TFM)/Disputed Estate Claims
- Litigation & Mediation
- Property Law, Development and Conveyancing
- Commercial Law
- Migration Law
- Common Law
- Corporate Law, Business Structures and Establishment of Trusts

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TODAY MORE THAN at any time in our HISTORY, we all know someone affected by the breakdown of a marriage or relationship.

It can be a devastating time.

At Costanzo Lawyers, we are a family run practice and we're helping more separating and divorcing couples than ever before. And unlike some big CBD law firms, we know, you're not always thinking clearly, and we really CARE if you're suffering.

If your life has been turned upside down, it's important that you know your rights and entitlements.

We are here to give you practical solutions that will help steer you out of turmoil immediately.

If you're going through a relationship breakdown, you need a lawyer who is sympathetic to your needs but also pragmatic and strategic about your particular situation.

We recently acted for a woman who was a young mother to young children of the relationship. She was offered a nominal property adjustment as the husband owned the principal investment with his family members.

We argued that the asset pool should be revalued and obtained a much more advantageous value and property settlement for her to better reflect the true asset pool, her contribution and her needs that was fair and equitable.

And in another matter, we recently helped a man who had been in a bonafide domestic relationship of long duration where his partner owned the former matrimonial home but on advice of her lawyers offered him a nominal settlement which would have left him destitute, homeless and on the street! After seeing us he obtained an equitable settlement, he now has his own home and travels around Australia pursuing his travel wish!

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