



# MICHAEL LYNCH FAMILY LAWYERS

## 10 Quick Tips on Family Law

1. **Don't Panic** - Speak to a counsellor. For a free copy of our book *"A Guide to Family Law"* call **3221 4300**.
2. **Shared Parenting** does not mean equal time for all parents.
3. Both parents legally have to provide financially for **Child Support**. For the formula and more, visit **[www.csa.gov.au](http://www.csa.gov.au)**.
4. A low income spouse may be able to get **financial support** from a higher income earning spouse.
5. The **division of property** will differ for every couple depending on their respective contributions. Don't be guided by a friend's experience.
6. An agreement for property division must be correctly **documented** - either a Consent Order or a Binding Financial Agreement.
7. **Domestic Violence** is not only physical violence, it also includes, property damage, intimidation and harassment.
8. If you have separated, try and **stay in the house** and keep possession of the furniture.
9. **Immediately** check your financial position, review your Will, cancel any Power of Attorney, collect financial documents and don't delay property settlement.
10. Before you do anything - **get Family Law advice**. Contact Michael Lynch Family Lawyers on Ph **3221 4300** for a – no obligation – fixed cost initial consultation.