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Question 1

To ensure the safety inclusive of mental health needs of all family members. Ensure timely outcomes for family disputes. Hear all parties, (currently skewed towards litigant with the defendant guilty as accused until he can prove innocence) Ensure fair distribution of financial resources (that don't result in the defendant being homeless, and encourage the defendant to remain in the workforce. Good for mental health and society) Current adversarial Victorian system generates anger, stress and eventually hatred which are all negatives in outcomes for the children, leading to an increased risk of continuing trauma.

Question 2

:Safety - physical and mental :Fareness -in regard to access to children (to nurture love relationships and support for the children) - regarding financial distribution :Communication - keeping all parties informed. :timely resolution Currently the physical safety of the custodial parent and children is addressed. The mental health impacts are largely ignored, especially for the accused who is guilty as accused, and treated as sub human, with no effective right of reply (it is almost impossible to defend a negative), is given no feedback and left to rot in a black hole devoid of useful counselling/information.

Question 3

A Brochure in form of a flow chart including a time line, defining the pathway forward, to resolution. Case management: Having a case manager to guide, coordinate and communicate with all parties. may lead to a less adversarial outcome, than being entirely dependant on legal practitioners (where there may be a conflict of interest) to define the process. Context :Family violence has context, and this is largely ignored by the current system. Family violence (by current definition) will occur in families that have become dysfunctional and is likely to be perpetrated by both parents without intent (with underlying health/mental health issues including untreated depression. In this scenario an AVO should start as a temporary order with consideration given to reports from treating clinician before it becomes a full court order. This may also assist in reparation of the family unit.

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A case manager should be appointed, to coordinate and oversee the journey of both parties and ensure that the children are heard. Timely assessments-Children should have an immediate and ongoing individual assessments with psychologists/counsellors, documenting/reporting, to support them in making independent decisions about parental access,with feedback to both parents. Children can feel great pressure to support their custodial parent, and their can be "brain washing by parent and/or sibling peers and extended family that can compromise individual choice - parents should undergo timely psychological assessments, to assist with immediate and ongoing risk management in terms of children. Mental health of the accused (respondent) should be considered in terms of providing information regarding health/welfare of children

Question 21

A case manager should be appointed, so that there is a focus point for communication and information Psychological assessments of all immediate family members should be compulsory prior to full court order being issued. In the case of family violence a temporary AVO should be put in place but then there should be compulsory mediation prior to full court order, with negotiations directed through the case manager.

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Ongoing psychological interventions, to assist in identifying risk. Mindfulness in the knowledge that accusations can grow/multiply in litigants who ruminate.

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Individual psychological assessments and interventions Encouragement to incorporate trusted extended family or friends as support. Involvement in group therapies to build confidence

Involvement in "kids speak"

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