Expert and engaged team making a real-world difference

Ana's story: Bringing experience to community law



After years teaching, researching and thinking about how the law can better serve people, Ana Muir wanted to get closer to where that work matters most.

Ana began her legal career in Colombia, studying law from the age of 16 before working as a prosecutor. After moving to Australia, she completed a second law degree with honours and postgraduate research qualifications, then built a successful career in legal academia.

In November 2025, Ana left academia and returned to legal practice, joining ARC Justice's Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre in Shepparton as a supervised lawyer.

Reflecting on the move, Ana laughs: ***"I realised I was more than halfway up a ladder leaning against the wrong wall."***

Today, her week reflects the breadth of community law. Ana works as a duty lawyer at Shepparton's Specialist Family Violence Court, supports clients with civil law matters and works through partnerships with Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative and the Centre for Non-Violence.

At Rumbalara, Ana's focus is on building relationships and trust, making herself available when legal issues emerge.

"People say, 'Oh, you're not going to change the system.' Actually, yes, you can. Every day I bring a little more parity to the equation, using well-developed legal knowledge, heart and conviction to help people navigate systems that were never designed with them in mind," Ana says. "Every day we're doing it."