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Administrative Law: Grounds for Review and Error

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AEST

WEB268N02
\$505

Strengthen your command of administrative law in this high-level session designed to give you practical, immediately applicable insights from some of the Bar's leading minds. Be guided through the evidential issues that can make or break your case, equipping you with strategies to confidently manage complex evidential concerns. Take a deep dive into proportionality and legal unreasonableness, helping you better frame arguments and anticipate judicial scrutiny. Gain a clear and authoritative update on recent developments in judicial review, ensuring you stay ahead of evolving case law decisions and judicial trends. You will leave with a stronger, more confident approach.

Chair: **Peter Bridgman**, Barrister, Level 15 Inns of Court; Co-Author, *The Australian Policy Handbook (6th Edition)*, Routledge

NAVIGATING THE EVIDENCE

- The onus and burden of proof in administrative law matters
- Identifying the evidentiary record: a matter of relevance to the ground of review
- Compellability, secrecy and immunity: barriers to establishing the record and i
- Establishing the materiality of a jurisdictional error: is it necessary to prove the counterfactual?

Presented by **Alexander Flecknoe-Brown**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall: *Legal 500: 2026*, Leading Junior, Commercial Disputes, Asia Pacific and **Dr Michael Adams**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall

MATERIALITY AND WHEN ERROR BECOMES LEGALLY SIGNIFICANT

The High Court's decision in *LPDT v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] HCA 12; (2024) 280 CLR 321 clarified the role of materiality in determining whether an error in an administrative decision is jurisdictional.

- Examine the principles emerging from LPDT and survey recent decisions applying those principles in practice, illustrating when errors have (and have not) been found to be legally significant.

Presented by **Tim Maybury**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Presented by **Stephanie Morrow**, Special Counsel, Russell Kennedy Lawyers

PREPARING REASONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

- Develop issues-based reasons for decision
- Make findings on material questions of fact
- Deal with the evidence or other material
- Provide a clear path of reasoning
- Avoid common errors in reasoning and drafting that can expose decisions to challenge
- Apply practical techniques to avoid common errors and provide clear outcomes

Presented by **Matt Black**, Barrister, Quay 11 Chambers

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- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Statutory Interpretation Masterclass

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEST

WEB269N03

\$420

Tackle complex statutory interpretation questions with greater confidence. Across three practical sessions, you will build a clear framework for approaching novel and unresolved issues, from key interpretive principles, linguistic canons and presumptions through to context, purpose and the use of extrinsic materials. You will learn how to use a provision's function to select the most persuasive interpretive tools, resolve competing constructions and strengthen your legal arguments. You will also examine how courts approach broad statutory powers, open-textured concepts and the limits of executive discretion. Walk away with practical checklists, analytical frameworks and strategies you can apply immediately when interpreting legislation and advising on difficult statutory questions.

Chair: **Elisa Hesling**, Special Counsel, FOI Solutions; Accredited Specialist in Administrative Law

MATCHING FUNCTION TO CANON

- Why function matters: Identifying the role a provision performs in a statutory scheme as a preliminary step in statutory interpretation
- A functional taxonomy of statutory provisions: A guide to classifying statutory provisions by their function
- Matching function to canon: How different provision types attract different canons of construction and interpretive presumptions
- A practical framework for interpretation: Using statutory function to assess and resolve competing constructions

Presented by **Katherine McGree**, Barrister, Murray Gleeson Chambers and **Fiona Albert**, Barrister, Halsbury Chambers

INTERPRETING BROAD STATUTORY POWERS

- Reading contextually and purposively
- Open-textured concepts, like the "national interest"
- Limits on broad powers

Presented by **Jim Hartley**, Barrister, List G Barristers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Victorian Junior Counsel in Administrative & Public Law in *Doyle's Guide* 2023

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO NOVEL QUESTIONS OF STATUTORY INTERPRETATION FILLING IN THE BLANK SLATE

Sometimes you're dealing with a section or scenario that has never been considered before. Everybody knows the statement, "the task of statutory construction must begin with a consideration of the text itself".

- What does that exercise actually look like in practice when all it seems you have to go on are first principles?
- Drawing from experience in a practice which frequently faces this question, unpack a framework of practical tips for breaking down the task of considering novel questions of statutory construction and/or application.
- A checklist of common issues and sources to consider
- Linguistic canons and presumptions
- The relevance of context and extrinsic materials, and how to deploy them

Presented by **Sarida McLeod**, Barrister, 35 West Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Queensland Junior Counsel in Administrative & Public Law in *Doyle's Guide* 2025

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Government Litigator's Toolkit: Practical Skills for Complex Public Law Disputes

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 12.15PM AEST

WEB2610N01
\$420

Government litigation requires more than strong advocacy. It demands sound decision-making, effective evidence management and a clear understanding of the unique obligations that apply to public sector litigants. Join leading government lawyers and barristers for a practical half-day program designed to help you navigate every stage of the litigation process, from preparing lay and expert witnesses and defending administrative decisions under judicial review, through to managing model litigant obligations, privilege and sensitive government information. Gain practical strategies, litigation insights and risk management tools to help you confidently represent government agencies and decision-makers while meeting your professional and ethical responsibilities.

Chair: **Felicity Nagorcka**, Barrister, Higgins Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* 2025, Leading Administrative & Public Law Junior Counsel Queensland

LITIGATION AND TRIAL PREPARATION: BRIEFING AND DEALING WITH EXPERT AND LAY WITNESSES

In a practical session you will:

- Learn techniques for identifying, preparing and managing lay and expert witnesses, from initial engagement through to trial
- Gain tools to strengthen the clarity, credibility and effectiveness of witness evidence, supported by practical examples and lessons learnt

Presented by **Kathryn Finlayson**, Partner, MinterEllison; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Administrative & Public Lawyers Queensland, 2025 and **Nicole Broderick**, Senior Associate, MinterEllison

JUDICIAL REVIEW IN PRACTICE: DECISION-MAKING, LITIGATION RISK AND MODEL LITIGANT OBLIGATIONS

- Examine recent judicial review decisions and what they reveal about the limits of statutory power and administrative decision-making
- Identify common pitfalls in investigations and decision-making processes that can expose decisions to challenge
- Consider practical strategies to minimise risk and build defensible administrative records and reasons
- Explore the role of model litigant obligations in judicial review proceedings and their impact on litigation strategy and conduct

Presented by **Kate Betts**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Administrative & Public Lawyers Queensland, 2025 and **Samantha Amos**, Barrister, George Street Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Administrative & Public Law Junior Counsel Queensland, 2025

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

PUBLIC INTEREST IMMUNITY AND LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE IN GOVERNMENT LITIGATION

Explore two of the most important protections available to government litigants - Public Interest Immunity and Legal Professional Privilege.

- Understand what to disclose, what to protect, and how to defend it
- Focusing on the government litigation setting, address the legal principles, practical challenges and strategic considerations involved in identifying, protecting and, where necessary, defending claims over sensitive government information throughout the litigation process

Presented by **Michael Lucey**, Deputy Crown Solicitor, Crown Law Queensland; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Administrative & Public Lawyers Queensland, 2025

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3 CPD UNITS

- 2 units in Substantive Law
- 1 unit in Ethics and Professional Responsibility



Ethics Lunchtime Series for Government Lawyers

WEDNESDAY 04, TUESDAY 10, WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026
12.00PM TO 1.00PM AEDT

WEB2611V05
\$420

As government lawyers you face a distinct set of ethical and professional responsibilities that require careful judgement, practical decision-making and a clear understanding of your obligations to the public interest. This three-part series explores some of the most significant ethical issues facing government practitioners today, from identifying who the client is and managing confidentiality, privilege and conflicts of interest, to understanding and applying model litigant obligations and navigating the opportunities and risks presented by artificial intelligence. Through practical guidance, real-world examples and expert insights, you will develop the skills to recognise and respond to ethical challenges, minimise risk, and make confident, defensible decisions in complex situations. Leave with a stronger understanding of your professional responsibilities and a practical framework for maintaining the highest ethical standards in government legal practice.

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2026
12.00PM TO 1.00PM AEDT

WEB2611V05A
\$160

As a government legal advisor, understanding who your client is, navigating competing obligations across agencies and managing issues of confidentiality, privilege and conflict requires sound judgement is essential. Be equipped with the tools to confidently identify and respond to common ethical dilemmas, explore real-world scenarios, examine where you can inadvertently fall into ethical traps and gain practical strategies for protecting privilege, maintaining confidentiality and managing actual or perceived conflicts of interest. Leave with greater confidence in your ethical decision-making and a clearer framework for discharging your duties as a government lawyer with integrity and professionalism.

Chair: **Simon Fuller**, Barrister & Mediator, Foley's List

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

WHO IS THE CLIENT? REAL-WORLD ETHICAL CHALLENGES FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS

- Determining who the client is in a government context
- Maintaining confidentiality and protecting legal professional privilege
- Identifying and managing real or apparent conflicts of interest

Presented by **Brenda Tronson**, Barrister, Level 22 Chambers & Senior Lecturer, UNSW Law & Justice

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2026
12.00PM TO 1.00PM AEDT

WEB2611V05B
\$160

Ensure that you are able to balance your legal ethical duty to act fairly and consistently with your responsibility to protect the public interest. Gain practical guidance on applying the model litigant obligation, managing risk and making sound decisions when difficult strategic or procedural issues arise. Examine what it requires in day-to-day practice and explore how courts and oversight bodies have responded to alleged breaches. Leave with a clearer understanding of your responsibilities as a government lawyer and the confidence to meet them in practice.

Chair: **Michael Rennie**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

MODEL LITIGANT OBLIGATIONS

- Why is the Model Litigant Obligation essential for government lawyers?
- What is the source of the Obligation and what does it really mean in practice?
- How is it enforced and what are the consequences for breach?

Presented by **Elizabeth Forbes**, Partner, Clayton Utz

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2026
12.00PM TO 1.00PM AEDT

WEB2611V05C
\$160

As artificial intelligence and automated decision-making tools become increasingly embedded in government legal practice, lawyers must navigate a complex landscape of ethical, professional and public law obligations. This session explores the key risks associated with using AI in legal advice, policy development and administrative decision-making, including issues of confidentiality, privilege, accuracy, bias and accountability. Delegates will gain practical guidance on assessing and verifying AI-generated outputs, applying appropriate levels of human oversight, and ensuring professional judgment remains central to legal practice. Presented by Brenton Steenkamp, this session will provide government lawyers with practical safeguards and governance strategies to support defensible decision-making, protect public trust, and enable the responsible use of emerging technologies.

Chair: **Michael Rennie**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

AI IN PRACTICE, AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING AND ETHICS FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS

- Identifying the ethical risks that arise when using AI or automated decision-making tools in government
- Protecting confidentiality, privilege and sensitive government information when working with AI-generated outputs
- Requirements to assess accuracy, bias, accountability and oversight before relying on AI-assisted advice or analysis
- Implementing practical safeguards to maintain professional judgement, public trust and defensible decision-making

Presented by **Brenton Steenkamp**, Partner, Clayton Utz; Lead Partner heading up Cyber Security Practice

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3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Ethics & Professional Responsibility



Navigating Procedural Fairness in Decision Making

RECORDED IN AUGUST 2026

WEB268N01

\$420

Strengthen your decision-making and safeguard your outcomes. In this practical session, equip yourself to confidently apply procedural fairness in administrative decision making situations. Learn how to identify the true limits of your powers, avoid common pitfalls that trigger legal challenge and protect the integrity and usefulness of your decisions and investigations - including in compulsory examination settings. Then move from theory to action. Work through real-world scenarios, test your approach and walk away with clear, defensible strategies you can implement immediately. Paired with a targeted update on recent case law and its practical implications, this session ensures you don't just understand procedural fairness but that you can apply it with confidence, consistency and legal rigour.

Chair: **Daniel McCredden**, Barrister, List G Barristers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Junior Counsel Administrative & Public Law, 2025

GOOD DECISION MAKING – SCOPE, FAIRNESS, REASONS, CONFLICT AND REVIEW

- A brief refresher on the principles of good administrative decision making
 - Scope of power
 - Procedural fairness
 - Providing reasons
- The relevance of conflicts of interest in administrative decision making
- Review of decisions

Presented by **Georgina Rhodes**, Barrister, Ah Ket Chambers

MAKING LAWFUL GOVERNMENT DECISIONS: FROM POWER TO PRACTICE

Be guided by Rachel Walsh, barrister who will draw on her deep experience of advising a wide range of government agencies on the principles of good decision-making, including her experience of conducting compulsory examinations or representing those being examined.

- Explore the importance of understanding the lengths and limits of an agency's powers
- Navigate through what will expose a decision or investigation to legal challenge
- Understand the requirements of protecting the integrity and usefulness of decisions and investigations

Presented by **Rachel Walsh**, Barrister, Green's List; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Junior Counsel Administrative & Public Law, 2025

PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS: APPLYING PRINCIPLES TO REAL EXAMPLES – A PANEL DISCUSSION

Facilitator: **Daniel McCredden**, Barrister, List G Barristers

Panellists:

Kelly Griffiths, Partner, Gadens; *Best Lawyers* in Australia for Litigation 2027

Gregory Buchhorn, Barrister, Chapman's List

Sarah McKellar-White, Special Counsel, VGSO

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- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



Administrative Law: The Have to Know Cases and Tribunal Direction Hearings

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266V05

\$305

Learn from the best – a leading junior counsel in administrative law plus senior government inhouse counsel. Gain practical take aways from the most significant recent administrative law decisions that you can apply straight away, helping you strengthen your advice and refine your strategic approach. Develop essential skills to confidently handle directions hearings in tribunals, from effective preparation and securing instructions to navigating preliminary issues such as standing and jurisdiction plus strategies to assist you to shape practical, efficient timetables.

Chair: **Michael Rennie**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall

RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CASES WORTH KNOWING

Presented by **Christopher Tran**, Barrister, 5 St James' Hall; *Doyle's Guide's* Leading Junior Counsel Administrative and Public Law 2025

DIRECTIONS HEARINGS IN TRIBUNALS

- Being prepared and obtaining instructions
- Preliminary issues: Standing of parties and jurisdiction of Tribunal
- Shaping a timetable for proceedings

Presented by **Sonja Gasser**, A/g Practice Leader - Regulation, ACT Government

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- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law



Force Majeure and Frustration: Dealing with the Contracts We Wrote for the Last Crisis

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N27

\$160

Against the backdrop of escalating tensions arising from the closure of the Gulf of Hormuz, contractual risk is no longer hypothetical but immediate. The resulting disruption is not confined to geopolitics or energy markets, it is being felt across entire supply chains, affecting not just fuel but a wide range of goods and services and driving up costs at every stage. These pressures are exposing the limits of force majeure clauses drafted for past crises, as parties confront cascading delays, indirect sanctions and pricing shocks that fall outside traditional definitions. Examine how those real-world impacts intersect with force majeure and frustration and what lawyers need to understand when contracts written for one risk environment are tested by another.

FORCE MAJEURE, FRUSTRATION AND DEALING WITH THE CONTRACTS WE WROTE FOR THE LAST CRISIS

Gain insights and practical guidance that you can immediately use to advise your current clients.

Most commercial contracts in circulation today were drafted for a different decade's problems. COVID-19 still sits inside force majeure definitions signed this month. The lists catch pandemics, terrorism and nuclear contamination, and miss the supply chain distortion, energy shocks and indirect sanctions clients are actually walking in with today.

When the clause does not cover what has gone wrong, the common-law backstop is narrower than most lawyers remember.

Mark will draw on a working archive of agreements and the recent Australian authorities from *Codelfa to Cao v ISPT* to focus on:

- What current force majeure clauses actually do
- Where frustration sits behind them
- How the two interact in ways that often surprise the party relying on it

Presented by **Mark Lazarus**, Principal, Lazarus Legal

ABOUT YOUR PRESENTER:

Mark Lazarus has been admitted as a solicitor in NSW and England and Wales, and called to the NSW Bar. He has had more than 20 years of experience spanning private practice, the bar, and in-house legal director roles across multiple jurisdictions. Mark spent close to a decade in senior in-house roles at Monster Energy, most recently as Legal Director with responsibility across EMEA, APAC and the United States. His in-house work covered distribution and supply across more than forty countries, sponsorship and IP, regulatory matters and the contractual fallout from large-scale disruption events including the pandemic, the closure of major shipping routes and successive waves of sanctions.

At Lazarus Legal, Mark advises Australian and international businesses on commercial contracts, distribution and supply, trade marks and IP, and commercial disputes. He has a particular interest in the practical operation of force majeure, frustration and hardship in contracts written for one risk environment and asked to perform in another.

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Rural Property Transactions Intensive

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

WEB265V02

\$160

Rural property transactions present a distinct set of legal and commercial challenges that differ markedly from metropolitan property matters. This focused, fundamentals-level session provides a practical overview of rural property transactions in Victoria, guiding participants through each key stage of the process.

Chair: **Gia Cari**, Partner, Arnold Bloch Leibler; Recommended Property & Real Estate Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

RURAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

- Understand the end-to-end lifecycle of a rural property transaction, from initial negotiations through to settlement
- Identify and manage common risks unique to rural land, including title issues, water rights, access, and use restrictions
- Gain practical guidance on structuring agreements to avoid disputes and manage deadlock scenarios effectively
- Receive a clear, step-by-step framework to support confident advice on rural acquisitions and disposals in Victoria

Presented by **Lisa Gaddie**, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Leading Property & Real Estate Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

TAX CONSIDERATIONS IN RURAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

- Understand the key tax issues impacting rural property transactions
- Identify tax risks specific to rural land
- Explore structuring options for acquisitions and disposals to achieve tax efficiency while managing compliance and audit risk
- Gain practical insights into common tax traps and planning opportunities for clients buying or selling rural property

Presented by **Neil Brydges**, Principal, Sladen Legal; Leading Tax Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*; Accredited Specialist in Tax Law and **Kseniia Gasiuk**, Associate, Sladen Legal; Chartered Accountant

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Navigating the Payment Licensing Reforms

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2026
12.00PM TO 1.00PM AEST

WEB269N16
\$160

Stay ahead of one of the most significant regulatory developments affecting the payments sector. This practical session will equip delegates to identify how the PSP reforms expand the regulatory perimeter, assess whether their organisation falls within scope, and understand the new licensing, governance and compliance obligations. Walk away with actionable strategies to address implementation challenges, manage regulatory risk, and develop a practical compliance roadmap for the new regime.

Chair: **Christopher Dobbs**, Barrister

NAVIGATING THE PSP REFORMS

- Determine whether your organisation is captured by the expanded PSP regulatory regime and identify the key changes affecting your operations
- Navigate new obligations imposed on participants, including licensing and governance
- Practical steps and compliance challenges for participants

Presented by **Craig Hine**, Partner, Clayton Utz and **Vanessa Pallone**, Partner, Clayton Utz

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CPS 230 in Practice

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.30AM TO 10.30AM AEST

WEB269N04
\$160

APRA's Prudential Standard CPS 230 is reshaping how operational risk is managed across the financial services supply chain. Whether you act for an APRA regulated entity or a service provider to a regulated entity, this practical session focuses on what CPS 230 means at the coal face: uplifting operational risk frameworks, negotiating contracts that satisfy APRA's expectations without creating unworkable commercial terms, and embedding resilience thinking into day-to-day decision making.

Chair: **Marcelo de Farias**, Senior Legal Counsel – Group Legal, Auto & General Insurance Company

BRACING FOR IMPACT: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR CPS 230 OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE

We will examine how CPS 230 reshapes negotiation dynamics around material service arrangements, where the pressure points arise for both sides of the table, and how practitioners can build proportionate, defensible approaches to compliance that go beyond a dusty register.

Key Takeaways:

- Assessing and uplifting operational risk frameworks to meet CPS 230 expectations
- How to negotiate and structure contracts with (and for) APRA-regulated entities in a CPS 230 environment
- Strengthening material service provider arrangements and contractual protections
- Board and senior management accountability – common gaps and what regulators are focusing on

Presented by **Timothy Chan**, Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright; *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2022-2025) Recommended Lawyer 'Rising Star' for Insurance

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Responsible Lending and Consumer Credit Risk

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026
12.00PM TO 1.00PM AEDT

WEB2610N02
\$160

Understand how responsible lending obligations are evolving and what this means for managing consumer credit risk in practice. Unpack key legal requirements, enforcement trends and risk indicators, equipping you with actionable strategies to strengthen credit assessment processes and ensure compliance. You will develop the ability to identify high-risk lending scenarios, apply responsible lending principles in practice, and implement robust governance and monitoring frameworks, leaving you with practical tools to manage risk, meet regulatory expectations and support sound lending decisions.

Chair: **Ian Lockhart**, Partner, MinterEllison; Recognised in *Best Lawyers Australia* for Banking and Finance Law since 2014; Chair, Banking and Financial Services Law Committee, Queensland Law Society; leading adviser on consumer credit, banking regulation and financial services compliance

RESPONSIBLE LENDING AND CONSUMER CREDIT RISK

Responsible lending remains a key area of ASIC interest and compliance focus for lenders and brokers.

In this session you will navigate:

- The impact of the Money3 decision: understand the level of inquiries and verification lenders and brokers should make
- Technological developments: What role can AI play in the Responsible Lending process?
- Responding to tax and regulatory changes: assess how recent tax reforms may affect credit assessments and responsible lending obligations
- Preparing for the future regulatory landscape: identify ASIC's current areas of focus and emerging trends shaping responsible lending enforcement and supervision

Presented by **Steven Klimt**, Partner, Clayton Utz; Author, *Australian Consumer Credit Law Reporter*, CCH; *Best Lawyers Australia* in Banking and Financial Services and Regulatory Practice for many years.

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Scam Prevention Framework: Practical Guidance

RECORDED IN AUGUST 2026

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With the SPF Rules and EDR authorisation commencing on 1 September 2026 and sector codes to follow in April 2027, you need to focus on how to operationalise compliance, align legal, risk and frontline teams and manage implementation challenges across governance, systems and processes. Gain a clear, actionable strategies to translate SPF requirements into workable frameworks, strengthen scam prevention capability within your organisation and confidently prepare for upcoming regulatory deadlines.

Chair: **Frank Tao**, Barrister, 9th Floor Selbourne Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* 2025 and 2026 Recommended Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Junior Counsel NSW

SCAM PREVENTION IN ACTION: ALIGNING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS WITH OPERATIONAL DELIVERY

Australia's new Scam Prevention Framework (SPF) is planned for phased implementation

- The SPF Rules and EDR authorisation are planned to take effect 1 September 2026, with sector codes to follow 1 April 2027
- Regulated entities will need to understand their obligations under the SPF
- Regulated entities will also need to plan for the operationalisation of their obligations, many of which will present implementation challenges

Presented by **Hong-Viet Nguyen**, Partner, Ashurst and **Jonathan Perkinson**, Partner, Ashurst; Specialising in Financial Services Regulation

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Complying with Financial Hardship Requirements

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Step beyond compliance and take decisive action to strengthen your financial hardship responses. Pinpoint gaps in your current approach, sharpen your processes against ASIC's latest expectations and implement improvements that stand up to regulatory scrutiny. Learn how to apply general conduct obligations in practice, reduce enforcement risk and respond confidently to emerging pressure points. With real case insights and over \$80 million in penalties as the backdrop, you'll walk away ready to uplift your frameworks, improve customer outcomes and deliver consistent, compliant and compassionate hardship support.

Chair: **Mark Hosking**, Barrister, List A Barristers

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP – FROM COMPLIANCE TO CARE

ASIC continues to focus on how lenders deal with customers in hardship.

- Unpack the key findings from ASIC's hardship review, including where we have seen significant uplift in lenders' processes and where there is still room for improvement across the lending industry
- Discuss how the general conduct obligations on credit licensees are becoming an important enforcement tool for the regulator
- With over \$80 million in penalties (and counting!) for hardship breaches in recent years, consider lessons from the cases ASIC have run, and what lenders should be focused on when supporting customers in hardship.

Presented by **Rachel Walker**, Partner, Gilbert & Tobin; *Chambers Asia-Pacific* 2026 Ranked Up and Coming in Financial Services Regulation, *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific* 2026 Recognised as a Next Generation Partner in Fintech and financial services regulatory, *Chambers FinTech Legal* 2026 Ranked in FinTech

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Stop Work Orders, Serious Defects and the NSW Building Commissioner's Expanding Powers

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026
2.00PM TO 3.00PM AEST

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The *Residential Apartment Buildings Act 2020* has significantly reshaped the regulatory landscape for residential construction, equipping the NSW Building Commissioner with broad powers to investigate defects, halt works and enforce compliance. These powers operate alongside the *Home Building Act 1989* and the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015*, creating an increasingly complex framework governing building quality, defect rectification and stakeholder rights. This session will examine the interaction between these key legislative regimes, the role of the NSW Building Commissioner, and the practical implications

Chair: **Stephen Ipp**, Barrister, Greenway Chambers

THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND REGULATION OF BUILDING DEFECTS

- Understand the scope and operation of the *RAB Act 2020* (NSW) and its impact on residential construction projects
- Examine the role and expanding powers of the NSW Building Commissioner in regulating building quality and compliance
- Identify what constitutes a "serious defect" and how it triggers regulatory intervention under the *RAB Act* and *Home Building Act 1989*
- Explore the relationship between the *RAB Act*, statutory warranties under the *Home Building Act 1989* and defect rectification regimes
- Consider the rights and obligations of owners' corporations under the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* when identifying, reporting and pursuing building defects
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Presented by **Garth Campbell**, Barrister, Tenth Floor St James Hall Chambers

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Domestic Building Contracts Act Reforms: New Protections and Obligations

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026
2.00PM TO 4.00PM AEST

WEB269V08
\$305

Understand Victoria's latest domestic building contract reforms and advise your clients with clarity and confidence. Unpack the latest changes to the *Domestic Building Contracts Act*, examine the new buyer protections and obligations and identify the key legal Strengthen your understanding of the evolving compliance and the emerging areas of exposure.

Chair: **Todd Allen**, Barrister, Aickin Chambers

DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS ACT REFORMS: NEW PROTECTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

Gain practical insights into and essential implications of the new rights, protections and obligations in the

- **What's Changed and Why It Matters:** Gain a clear breakdown of the key amendments to the *Domestic Building Contracts Act* and the intent behind the reforms, so you understand the full picture, not just the fine print
- **Strengthened Buyer Protections:** Examine the implications of the new rights and safeguards for buyers, including enhanced disclosure obligations, cooling-off provisions and defect-related protections
- **Your Compliance Obligations:** Walk away with a practical guide to what builders, agents and industry professionals must now do differently, including contract documentation, pre-sale requirements and warranty obligations
- **Common Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them:** Understand real-world scenarios highlighting where industry participants are getting caught out and how to mitigate those risks
- **Practical Takeaways and Next Steps:** Actionable checklists, updated processes and practical strategies to confidently navigate the new regulatory landscape

Presented by **Donna Abu-Elias**, Director - Principal Legal Counsel, Spectrum Lawyers & Consultants; Nationally Accredited Mediator; Deputy Chair, IR & Legal Committee of the Housing Industry Association

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Construction Law Fundamentals

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2026
1.30PM TO 5.15PM AEST

WEB269Q01
\$463

Build a strong foundation in Queensland construction law with this practical fundamentals session. Unpacking the fundamentals, walk away with a practical understanding of the frameworks governing construction projects and the implications of the main issues and concerns in running matters, from Security of Payment to contract structures and defect claims. You will gain the essential insights into how construction contracts operate in practice, how risks are allocated and how to navigate common issues such as variations, extensions of time and payment mechanisms under AS4902.

Chair: **Lachlan Tassell**, Barrister, George Street Chambers; Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ESSENTIALS

- Key contracting models and how risk is allocated
- Roles and responsibilities
- How standard form contracts (AS4902) are structured and commonly amended
- Common contract pitfalls

Presented by **Emily Ng**, Special Counsel, Holding Redlich; *The Best Lawyers* in Australia; Construction & Infrastructure Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution, One to Watch, 2026; *Doyle's Guide*, Construction Law Rising Star, 2025

UNDERSTANDING AS4902 CLAUSES

- Variations clauses
- Extensions of time (EOTs)
- Payment mechanisms

Presented by **James Green**, Barrister, Level Twenty Seven Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Law Junior Counsel, 2025

QUEENSLAND SECURITY OF PAYMENT FUNDAMENTALS

- Understanding the *Security of Payment Act 2017* and when it applies
- Payment claims and payment schedules
- Adjudication process
- Practical strategies

Presented by **BJ Doyle**, Barrister, Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

DEFECT CLAIMS FUNDAMENTALS

- What is a "defect"?
- Types of defects and how liability arises
- Defects liability periods vs statutory warranties
- Common dispute scenarios
- Managing defect claims in practice

Presented by **Charles Matthews**, Barrister, Alfred Lutwyche Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Law Junior Counsel, 2025

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Arbitration in Construction Law Intensive

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 3.30PM AEDT

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Arbitration is becoming a critical forum for resolving major construction and infrastructure disputes and if you treat it like ordinary litigation, adjudication or mediation you can quickly find yourself on the back foot. High-value project arbitrations bring their own procedural pressures, evidentiary demands and strategic risks, where missed objections, poorly managed expert evidence or the wrong approach to pleadings can materially affect the outcome. Gain practical guidance on managing arbitration from commencement through to final award, including key procedural stages, tribunal powers, pleadings, evidence, experts and common trap. Essential preparation for arbitration issues you cannot afford to mishandle.

Chair: **Robert Holt KC**, Arbitrator, Mediator, Facilitator & Expert Determiner, Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Professional Skills

MANAGING THE CHALLENGES OF ARBITRATION IN CONSTRUCTION LAW

- Key procedural stages, tribunal powers and strategic considerations from commencement through to final award
- Pleadings, evidence, expert witnesses and advocacy techniques tailored to arbitration proceedings
- Identifying common pitfalls, preserving objections and dealing with complex procedural disputes
- Practical strategies to streamline arbitrations, manage document-heavy treating arbitration like an adjudication process

Presented by **Philip Bambagiotti**, Barrister, Tenth Floor St James Hall Chambers

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Navigating the SOPA Reforms, Unfair Contract Terms and Time Bar Clauses

RECORDED IN AUGUST 2026

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\$305

Are you grappling with the significant October 2025 SOPA reforms and the growing risks surrounding unfair contract terms and time bar clauses? Then this is for you. Led by leading barristers, this commercially focused session will equip you with actionable drafting strategies, strengthen your dispute preparedness and help you confidently navigate risk in a rapidly shifting legal environment.

Chair: **Natalie Blok**, Barrister, Ah Ket Chambers; Accredited Mediator (AMDRAS)

SOPA REFORMS: NAVIGATING THE NEW REGIME IN PRACTICE

- Overview of the October 2025 SOPA reforms
- Operational and commercial impact of the reforms
- Drafting and compliance strategies
- Emerging disputes and practical lessons

Presented by **Sam Angelatos**, Partner, Warlows Legal

UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS AND TIME BAR CLAUSES: MANAGING CONTRACT RISK

- The expanding UCT regime and increased enforcement risk under the ACL
- Identifying and redrafting high-risk clauses in construction contracts
- When time bar clauses are enforceable and when they may be challenged
- Practical drafting strategies to preserve claims and minimise disputes

Presented by **Nicholas Andreou**, Barrister, Aickin Chambers

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Effect of Price Escalations, Contract Variations and Delay on Construction Contracts

RECORDED IN JULY 2026

WEB267Q01

\$305

In an increasingly volatile construction market, escalating diesel and input costs are placing significant pressure on project delivery, contract performance and dispute risk. The ability to advise on cost allocation, contract mechanisms and claims strategy has never been more critical. Examine how rising costs are driving variations, delays, disruption and acceleration claims and gain guidance on the key issues, legal risks and strategic implications.

Chair: **Petrina Macpherson**, Special Counsel, MinterEllison; Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2026*

ESCALATING DIESEL COSTS AND CONTRACT VARIATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- How rising diesel and input costs are impacting project delivery
- Interpreting cost escalation and variation clauses in standard form contracts
- Drafting and negotiating effective cost escalation mechanisms to minimise disputes
- Common pitfalls and disputes arising from poorly managed cost increases

Presented by **Kristen Kipps**, Special Counsel, Thomson Geer; Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2026*

DELAYS, DISRUPTION AND ACCELERATION CLAIMS: MANAGING COST-DRIVEN PRESSURES

- How cost escalation is contributing to delay and disruption claims in practice
- Key principles for extensions of time, disruption and acceleration claims
- Strategic considerations when pursuing or defending claims
- Practical tips for managing disputes

Presented by **Veno Panicker**, Partner, Hamilton Locke

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Defect Claims: Risk Allocation, Claims and Remedies

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Gain a clear, practical roadmap for navigating defect claims in the post Pafburn landscape. Examine how defect claims are now framed under the *DBP Act*, why liability exposure has shifted and where litigators are most commonly being caught out. Ideal for lawyers seeking a strong grounding in contemporary defect litigation, this program emphasises actionable insights and real-world lessons from the courtroom and negotiation table for all building and construction lawyers.

Chair: **Carlos Mobellan**, Barrister & Mediator, Third Floor St James Hall Chambers

DESIGN AND BUILDING PRACTITIONERS ACT FUNDAMENTALS, PAFBURN AND RISK REALLOCATION

- How defect claims are now framed in NSW
- Why defendants often wear 100% exposure
- Where litigators are getting caught out post-*Pafburn*

Presented by **Veno Panicker**, Partner, Hamilton Locke; Lawyers Weekly, Partner of the Year Awards, Finalist – Construction and Infrastructure Partner of the Year, 2018, 2019 and 2025

PLEADING, PARTY SELECTION AND CROSS-CLAIMS AFTER PAFBURN

- How to plead defects claims defensively and offensively post-*Pafburn*
- When expert evidence should be engaged
- Practical ways to preserve leverage

Presented by **Ashley Cameron**, Barrister, Greenway Chambers; Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

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Contracts Law Masterclass

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AEDT

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\$505

Exceptional contract drafting requires identifying where risk sits, who carries it and how disputes can be avoided before they arise. Throughout this Contracts Masterclass you will move beyond standard drafting approaches and tackle the contract issues now creating real exposure for you including AI risk, unfair contract terms, overlooked boilerplate and IP protection. Gain practical strategies to draft with greater confidence, allocate risk more effectively and better protect your clients in increasingly complex commercial arrangements.

Chair: **William Khong**, Partner, Holding Redlich

AI IN CONTRACT DRAFTING AND AI CLAUSES: BEYOND THE BASICS

- Where AI can and cannot be relied upon in contract drafting
- Drafting clauses governing the use of AI by contracting parties and employees
- Allocating risk for AI-generated outputs, including liability, indemnities, IP ownership, data use and compliance obligations

Presented by **Caitlin Whale**, Partner, Technology, Communications and Commercial Team, Baker McKenzie

UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS AND EMERGING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES REFORMS

- Recent cases on unfair contract terms
- Recent statutory reforms to strengthen the unfair contract terms regime
- Proposed unfair trading practices reforms and likely impacts

Presented by **Dr Oren Bigos KC**, List A Barristers, and **Mitchell Waters**, Barrister, Lonsdale Chambers

DRAFTING THE PARTS OF THE CONTRACT THAT NO ONE EVER READS

- “Boilerplate”: why do we use it, and what happens when it blows up?
- Recitals: their uses (and limitations) in interpreting the contract
- “Entire agreement” clauses: are they entirely useful in Australia?
- The “midnight clauses”: choice of law, choice of forum, and ADR clauses

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PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN CONTRACTS

- Ownership versus licensing structures
- Protecting confidential information and trade secrets
- IP provisions in consulting, technology and software agreements

Presented by **Nicole Murdoch**, Founding Principal and Director, EAGLEGATE Lawyers; Recommended Intellectual Property Lawyer, *Doyle’s Guide* 2020-2026

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Food and Beverage Law Conference 2026

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2611V03
\$795

Protect your clients, your organisation and your reputation in a food and beverage sector facing sharper scrutiny. Get the legal, regulatory and commercial insight you need to advise with confidence. You will move beyond a general regulatory update and focus on the issues that matter most in practice: FSANZ priorities, regulator expectations, consumer law exposure, food/therapeutic goods classification, cartel risk, brand protection, recalls and enforcement trends. Gain targeted technical updates, practical risk guidance and commercially relevant strategies you can use immediately. Enhance your advice, identify emerging risks and help food and beverage businesses respond before problems become costly disputes, investigations or enforcement action.

SESSION 1: REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

9.00AM TO 1.15PM WEB2611V03A \$505

REGULATING THE FUTURE OF FOOD: NOVEL FOODS, HEALTH STAR RATINGS AND EMERGING FSANZ PRIORITIES

Presented by **Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)**

WHERE FOOD MEETS THERAPEUTIC GOODS: NAVIGATING CLASSIFICATION, CLAIMS AND INNOVATION

Presented by **Dr Teresa Nicoletti**, Partner, Mills Oakley; *The Best Lawyers* in Australia; Recognised Lawyer, Life Sciences Practice, Biotechnology Law and Health and Aged Care Law; *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, Ranked Lawyer (Band 1), Life Sciences

FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES: WHAT REGULATORS INVESTIGATE, WHAT GETS PROSECUTED AND WHAT YOU NEED TO WATCH

Presented by **Janine Curll**, Regulatory Manager, Ashbury; Former Commissioner of the NSW Food Authority

PRODUCT RECALLS, FOOD SAFETY INCIDENTS AND CRISIS RESPONSE: MANAGING LEGAL RISK DURING THE CRITICAL FIRST 72 HOURS

Presented by **Dr Andreas Klieber**, Managing Director, Quality Associates; Chair, Fresh Produce Safety Centre Australia & New Zealand

SESSION 2: ADVERTISING, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION LAW IN THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTOR

2.00PM TO 5.15PM WEB2611V03B \$420

FOOD MARKETING – IP AND CONSUMER LAW HOT TOPICS

- Brands - latest food case
- Marketing of food products and IP
- Consumer law - unfair business practices - overview
- Product claims, trade promotions, look alike products and recent cases
- Managing IP in your food business
- Latest developments and other hot topics

Present by **Alison Jones**, Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

PROVENANCE, PLACE AND PROTECTED NAMES: TRADE MARKS, GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABELLING IN FOOD & BEVERAGE LAW

Presented by **Joanna Lawrence**, Partner, Mills Oakley; *Doyle's Guide*, Recommended Contentious IP; World Trademark Review 1000 Guide Silver ranking, Prosecution and Strategy and Enforcement and Litigation

CARTEL RISKS WITH SUPPLIERS AND RETAILERS: HIDDEN COMPETITION LAW TRAPS IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Presented by **Sar Katdare**, Partner, Johnson Winter Slattery; *Doyle's Guide* 2025, Leading Competition Lawyers

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In-House Counsel Series

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 TO THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2026

WEB269N05

\$990

As government lawyers you face a distinct set of ethical and professional responsibilities that require careful judgement, practical decision-making and a clear understanding of your obligations to the public interest. This three-part series explores some of the most significant ethical issues facing government practitioners today, from identifying who the client is and managing confidentiality, privilege and conflicts of interest, to understanding and applying model litigant obligations and navigating the opportunities and risks presented by artificial intelligence. Through practical guidance, real-world examples and expert insights, you will develop the skills to recognise and respond to ethical challenges, minimise risk, and make confident, defensible decisions in complex situations. Leave with a stronger understanding of your professional responsibilities and a practical framework for maintaining the highest ethical standards in government legal practice.

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
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PRACTICAL GUIDANCE ON EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATES

- Recent employment law developments and emerging risks
- Psychosocial hazards and workplace compliance obligations
- Managing investigations, disciplinary issues and employee complaints
- Practical guidance for in-house counsel supporting HR and management teams

Presented by **Sarah Ralph**, Employment Law Partner, Ernst & Young

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

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Privacy regulation is evolving rapidly and your organisation is facing increasing pressure to adopt AI responsibly and strengthen your management of data. Navigating the intersection of privacy reform, AI governance and data management is critical to reducing risk, maintaining compliance and supporting innovation. Gain practical guidance on emerging legal obligations, governance frameworks and accountability measures, helping you manage the complex and fast-changing regulatory landscape.

Chair: **Bronwyn Furse**, Partner, Thomson Geer; Recognised in *Doyle's Guide* for Privacy and Data Security Law, Intellectual Property Law and Franchise Law, Intellectual Property and in Technology, Media & Telecommunications Law

PRIVACY REFORM, AI AND DATA GOVERNANCE

- Key privacy reform developments and evolving compliance obligations
- Managing AI governance, accountability and emerging legal risks
- Building effective data governance frameworks across the organisation
- Practical strategies for in-house counsel overseeing privacy, data and AI compliance

Presented by **Olga Ganopolsky**, General Counsel – Privacy and Data, Macquarie Group

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

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As an in-house counsel you are expected to advise on risk every day, but the greatest challenge is often balancing legal exposure against commercial objectives. This practical session will help you identify, assess and respond to legal and commercial risks in a way that supports decision-making and business outcomes. Explore risk and reward trade-offs, understand the legal environment in which clients operate, and gain practical tools for managing risk while protecting both the organisation and those responsible for its governance and oversight.

Professional Skills

RECOGNISING AND DEALING WITH LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL RISK

- Risk: What is it?
- Legal environment of risk for clients
- Risk return trade off
- How to deal with risk
- Possible tools to use in deal with striking the balance of legal and commercial risk and reward
- Personal risks of advisors and officer's

Presented by **Steven Brown**, Chairman, Ettienne Lawyers; Steven has lectured at UTS in Corporations and Securities Law and Macquarie University in Banking Law Course; Lecturer, College of Law Masters of Law in commercial drafting and business structuring

ATTEND THE FULL SERIES AND EARN

10 CPD UNITS

- 5 units in Substantive Law
- 3 units in Professional Skills

- 1 unit in Ethics & Professional Responsibility
- 1 unit in Practice Management and Business Skills



CONTINUATION: In-House Counsel Series

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

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\$420

ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

In-house counsel must navigate a complex mix of ethical responsibilities, commercial pressures and rapid technological change. Strengthen your ability to identify and manage risk, maintain professional independence and deliver strategic value to your organisation. Explore common ethical dilemmas and professional responsibility issues, develop stronger contract drafting and negotiation skills through a focus on indemnities and risk allocation, and gain insight into how AI and legal function transformation are reshaping the delivery of legal services. Leave with practical tools and strategies to help you address today's challenges and prepare for tomorrow's opportunities.

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

ETHICAL DILEMMAS YOU MAY FACE AS IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

- Managing conflicts of interest
- Dealing with difficult, unethical or high-pressure stakeholders while maintaining professional independence
- Understanding when to escalate concerns, seek advice or step back from a matter
- Recognising ethical issues before they become professional conduct problems

Presented by **Linden Barnes**, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of New South Wales

Professional Skills

PRACTICAL CONTRACT DRAFTING: INDEMNITIES AND RISK ALLOCATION

- Draft indemnity clauses that appropriately allocate risk
- Why insurance clauses are a new battleground in risk allocation
- Rely on case law examples to negotiate with greater confidence
- Identify common drafting pitfalls and apply practical strategies to better protect your organisation's interests

Presented by **Daniel Gosewisch**, Legal Practice Director, NPAA Law & Consultant, Work Pac

Practice Management and Business Skills

LEGAL FUNCTION TRANSFORMATION AND AI FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Presented by **Matthew Morosin**, Australia and Asia Pacific Lead, Deloitte

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

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\$160

ESG obligations are no longer confined to sustainability teams. In-house counsel are increasingly expected to advise on governance, climate reporting, disclosure obligations and the commercial implications of ESG across the organisation. This practical session will help you navigate the evolving regulatory landscape, manage greenwashing and disclosure risks, and provide effective advice to boards and senior leaders on ESG-related obligations. Explore how ESG considerations are shaping contracts, supply chain management, mergers and acquisitions, and broader business operations, and gain practical insights to help your organisation manage risk while responding to growing stakeholder and regulatory expectations.

Chair: **Linda Martin**, General Counsel, REMONDIS Australia Pty Ltd

ESG: MANAGING RISK, COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- Exploring current and emerging legislation and regulation
- Governance and director duty obligations, advising boards and managing ESG risks
- Managing ESG risks including greenwashing and disclosure obligations
- ESG from a commercial lens with contracts, supply chain due diligence, mergers and acquisitions and business operations

Presented by **Emma Peters**, Director, Cowell Clarke; ESG specialist lawyer

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CONTINUATION: In-House Counsel Series

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

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When regulators start asking questions, the way you respond in the first hours and days can significantly influence the outcome. Whether dealing with an ASIC inquiry, ACCC scrutiny, or allegations raised through a whistleblower complaint, in-house counsel play a critical role in managing risk, protecting privilege, and guiding organisations through regulatory pressure. Gain practical insight into current enforcement priorities, the year's most significant settlements and court decisions, emerging theories of systems and accessory liability, and the key issues facing directors and officers. Leave with a clearer understanding of how to respond strategically to investigations, reduce the risk of enforcement action, and provide confident, commercially focused advice when the stakes are high.

MANAGING REGULATORY INVESTIGATIONS AND REDUCING THE RISK OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION

- ASIC and ACCC enforcement priorities, and what they signal for the year ahead
- The year's significant settlements and decided cases, and the lessons in them
- Systems liability and accessory liability for directors and officers
- Practical points for in-house counsel responding to regulatory scrutiny

Presented by **Peter Travis**, Barrister and Mediator, Gibbs Chambers

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

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\$160

Strong financial literacy enables in-house counsel to move beyond identifying legal risks and become trusted commercial advisers. Gain practical skills to interpret the financial information that drives executive and board decision-making, recognise early warning signs of financial stress, and assess the commercial implications of contracts, transactions and strategic initiatives. Learn how to critically analyse budgets, forecasts and management reports, ask more informed questions of finance teams, and deliver advice that is commercially focused, strategically aligned and better positioned to support business objectives.

Professional Skills

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: BEYOND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Building on the fundamentals, this advanced session explores how in-house lawyers can use financial information to identify risks, support decision-making and provide more commercially focused advice. Moving beyond balance sheets and profit and loss statements, delegates will learn how to interrogate financial information, spot warning signs and better understand the commercial realities driving executive and board decisions.
- Identify financial warning signs and assess indicators of financial distress, solvency concerns and business risk
- Interpret cash flow forecasts, budgets and management reports to better understand commercial decision-making
- Use of cash versus non-cash financial information and key instances where commonly interchanged
- Evaluate the financial implications of contracts, transactions and strategic business initiatives
- Ask the right questions of finance teams, executives and boards to provide more commercially focused legal advice

Presented by **Ashley Miller**, Partner, Grant Thornton

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

WEB2611N05H
\$160

Directors are under increasing scrutiny and senior executives and in-house counsel are not far behind. As expectations around governance, oversight and accountability continue to rise, legal teams need to be ready to advise clearly on directors' duties, personal liability and the practical steps needed to reduce risk. Gain a firm, practical understanding of where exposure can arise, how to guide boards and senior executives with confidence and what you can do to strengthen governance before problems escalate. Gain practical insights to help you protect the organisation, support better decision-making and manage your own risk as a trusted in-house adviser.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, DIRECTORS' DUTIES AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

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Regulatory Investigations in 2026: Director Liability, Enforcement Hotspots & How to Stay Ahead of Legal Risk

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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\$230

2026 is set to be a defining year for corporate and director accountability.

Regulators are no longer focused solely on organisational misconduct but they are increasingly targeting the individuals behind the decisions. Directors, executives and senior managers are now firmly in the enforcement spotlight. For legal advisers, this shift changes everything.

This high-impact masterclass cuts through the noise to give you a clear, practical understanding of where regulatory risk is heading, and how to protect businesses and your leadership teams before issues escalate into investigations.

Go beyond theory and gain understanding of how regulators actually engage in practice, what triggers scrutiny and what separates organisations that withstand investigations from those that don't.

Chair: **Dan Rogers**, Legal Director, Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors; Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law

Professional Skills

REGULATORY INVESTIGATIONS IN 2026: DIRECTOR LIABILITY, ENFORCEMENT HOTSPOTS & HOW TO STAY AHEAD OF LEGAL RISK

You will gain practical insights into:

- **Current ASIC & ACCC Enforcement Priorities:** The key themes driving regulatory action, where scrutiny is intensifying and what this means for businesses right now
- **Where Culture and Governance Break Down:** How everyday decisions and overlooked gaps can escalate into major investigations, and how to identify red flags early
- **Personal Liability for Directors and Executives:** When and why individuals are drawn into investigations, emerging risk areas and what every board and leadership team must understand
- **Proactive Legal Risk Management:** Practical frameworks and governance strategies to reduce exposure, strengthen decision-making and create a defensible position.
- **Supporting Businesses Through Live Regulatory Investigations:** How to support businesses and leadership teams under scrutiny, manage regulator engagement effectively and maintain control in high-pressure situations.

Presented by **Suzanne Howari**, Senior Associate, Brown Wright Stein Lawyers: Risk & Governance Specialist, Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia

About Suzanne

Suzanne Howari, Senior Corporate & Commercial Lawyer and Risk & Governance Specialist, who brings frontline experience advising businesses and boards through complex regulatory environments. Suzanne is known for translating regulatory complexity into clear, commercially grounded strategies, and for helping organisations strengthen governance frameworks before problems arise.

“Suzanne translated the theory in a digestible and informative way, and provided helpful practical tips along the way. I highly recommend that you attend Suzanne's presentations in the future!”

“I walked away feeling that the content was immediately useful and that I was more easily able to approach the topic with clients.”

ATTEND AND EARN

1.5 CPD UNITS

- 1.5 CPD units in Professional Skills



Force Majeure and Frustration: Dealing with the Contracts We Wrote for the Last Crisis

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N27

\$160

Against the backdrop of escalating tensions arising from the closure of the Gulf of Hormuz, contractual risk is no longer hypothetical but immediate. The resulting disruption is not confined to geopolitics or energy markets, it is being felt across entire supply chains, affecting not just fuel but a wide range of goods and services and driving up costs at every stage. These pressures are exposing the limits of force majeure clauses drafted for past crises, as parties confront cascading delays, indirect sanctions and pricing shocks that fall outside traditional definitions. Examine how those real-world impacts intersect with force majeure and frustration and what lawyers need to understand when contracts written for one risk environment are tested by another.

FORCE MAJEURE, FRUSTRATION AND DEALING WITH THE CONTRACTS WE WROTE FOR THE LAST CRISIS

Gain insights and practical guidance that you can immediately use to advise your current clients.

Most commercial contracts in circulation today were drafted for a different decade's problems. COVID-19 still sits inside force majeure definitions signed this month. The lists catch pandemics, terrorism and nuclear contamination, and miss the supply chain distortion, energy shocks and indirect sanctions clients are actually walking in with today.

When the clause does not cover what has gone wrong, the common-law backstop is narrower than most lawyers remember.

Mark will draw on a working archive of agreements and the recent Australian authorities from *Codelfa to Cao v ISPT* to focus on:

- What current force majeure clauses actually do
- Where frustration sits behind them
- How the two interact in ways that often surprise the party relying on it

Presented by **Mark Lazarus**, Principal, Lazarus Legal

ABOUT YOUR PRESENTER:

Mark Lazarus has been admitted as a solicitor in NSW and England and Wales, and called to the NSW Bar. He has had more than 20 years of experience spanning private practice, the bar, and in-house legal director roles across multiple jurisdictions. Mark spent close to a decade in senior in-house roles at Monster Energy, most recently as Legal Director with responsibility across EMEA, APAC and the United States. His in-house work covered distribution and supply across more than forty countries, sponsorship and IP, regulatory matters and the contractual fallout from large-scale disruption events including the pandemic, the closure of major shipping routes and successive waves of sanctions.

At Lazarus Legal, Mark advises Australian and international businesses on commercial contracts, distribution and supply, trade marks and IP, and commercial disputes. He has a particular interest in the practical operation of force majeure, frustration and hardship in contracts written for one risk environment and asked to perform in another.

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Criminal Law Evidence Masterclass

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AEST

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\$505

As criminal law becomes increasingly shaped by digital communications, complex evidentiary disputes and emerging technologies, you need to be able to navigate key evidential issues with confidence.

Throughout this masterclass examine specific evidentiary issues that regularly arise in criminal proceedings and can have a significant impact on trial outcomes. Through practical analysis of digital communications, tendency evidence, witness credibility and prior statements, and emerging technology-driven evidentiary challenges, gain practical guidance on admissibility, reliability, authenticity and strategic decision-making in modern criminal matters.

Chair: **Emma Turnbull**, Director, Emma Turnbull Lawyers, Accredited Criminal Law Specialist; Preeminent Criminal Defence Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

MESSAGES, ADMISSIONS AND CONTEXT: ADMITTING DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS IN CRIMINAL TRIALS

- Establishing admissibility of messages as admissions, context evidence and through other evidentiary pathways
- Challenging attempts to tender extensive message chains and digital communications
- Relevance, prejudice and discretionary exclusion considerations
- Practical issues arising from WhatsApp, social media and other digital communications
- Strategic approaches to objections and admissibility arguments at trial

Presented by **Lisa-Claire Hutchinson**, Barrister, Forbes Chambers

AI-GENERATED EVIDENCE: AUTHENTICITY, RELIABILITY AND ADMISSIBILITY IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

- Identifying AI-generated, AI-assisted and manipulated digital material
- Authenticity, provenance and evidentiary reliability
- Deepfakes, synthetic media and altered communications
- Evidentiary challenges in adducing and challenging AI-generated material
- Practical considerations for criminal practitioners navigating emerging technologies
- Future directions for courts and evidence law as AI becomes increasingly prevalent

Presented by **Dr Felicity Gerry KC**, Crockett Chambers; International King's Counsel

TENDENCY EVIDENCE IN PRACTICE: AN UNDERUTILISED TOOL IN CRIMINAL LITIGATION

- Understanding the threshold requirements for admissibility
- Common misconceptions surrounding tendency evidence
- Strategic uses and limitations for prosecution and defence practitioners
- Recent judicial approaches to propensity reasoning
- Practical examples from Local Court and superior court proceedings

Presented by **Caitrin Davis**, Barrister, Svenson Barristers

WITNESS CREDIBILITY, PRIOR STATEMENTS AND CROSS-EXAMINATION: THE EVIDENCE THAT WINS AND LOSES TRIALS

- Prior inconsistent statements and the operation of s 60
- When credibility evidence becomes evidence of facts in issue
- Tactical uses of prior statements in examination and cross-examination
- Challenging witness reliability and credibility
- Common evidentiary pitfalls for prosecution and defence
- Practical lessons from criminal trials and appeals

Presented by **Tanya Skvortsova**, Barrister, Stawell Chambers

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Practical Guidance on Employment Law Updates

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEST

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Presented by **Sarah Ralph**, Employment Law Partner, Ernst & Young

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Workplace Investigations: Minimising the Risks

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AEDT

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\$505

Given the rapidly increasing number of workplace complaints knowing it is more essential than ever that workplace investigations are conducted fairly, thoroughly and with confidence to minimise significant legal, reputational and workplace culture consequences. Join a faculty of leading workplace investigations experts as they provide you with practical guidance on every stage of the investigation process, from establishing scope and gathering evidence to making findings and preparing robust investigation reports. Explore the challenges of assessing conflicting evidence, understand the growing scrutiny on investigations through the lens of psychosocial hazards and organisational justice requirements and unpack valuable lessons from investigations that have unravelled. Walk away with practical strategies to conduct investigations that are legally defensible, minimise organisational risk and withstand internal and external scrutiny.

Chair: **Maree Skinner**, Partner, Maddocks; *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* – Recommended Lawyer, Labour & Employment 2023–2025; *Chambers Asia-Pacific* – Employment: New South Wales, Ranked Lawyer 2026; *The Best Lawyers in Australia* – Labour and Employment Law; Employee Benefits Law 2026–2027

CONDUCTING A WORKPLACE INVESTIGATION FROM START TO FINISH – A PRACTICAL GUIDE

- Establish a clear scope and terms of reference to set your investigation up for success
- Prepare investigation documentation and develop an effective investigation plan
- Gather evidence, conduct witness interviews and assess relevant information with confidence
- Manage confidentiality, privacy obligations and sensitive information throughout the process
- Understand when to conduct an internal investigation and when external investigators may be appropriate
- Navigate legal professional privilege
- Prepare investigation reports, make findings and determine appropriate outcomes

Presented by **Louise Rumble**, Partner, Gadens

MAKING FINDINGS IN WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS: EVALUATING EVIDENCE AND REACHING DEFENSIBLE CONCLUSIONS

- How to assess evidence and make findings, particularly when evidence is imprecise or unclear
- Understanding the rules of evidence and how they may apply in the context of an investigation
- Structuring and preparing an investigation report

Presented by **Ben Motro**, Partner, Piper Alderman; *Doyle's Guide* – Leading Employment Lawyers (Employer Representation) – New South Wales 2026, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* – Recommended for Labour and Employment, Since 2018

WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS AND CREATING PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS – A CRITIQUE OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER

- What is poor organisational justice
- Compliance with policies and procedures and ways to mitigate risk
- SafeWork enforcement trends: what regulators are investigating and the lessons for employers
- Has the New World Order gone too far?

Presented by **James Mattson**, Partner, Bartier Perry; *Doyle's Guide* – Leading Employment Lawyers (Employer Representation) – New South Wales 2026

WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS – WHEN IT GOES WRONG

Unpack the lessons learned from recent Australian workplace investigations

- Common mistakes that can undermine an investigation before it even begins
- What happens when procedural fairness is overlooked
- Consequences of the investigator lacking independence or is perceived to be biased
- Managing legal privilege, confidentiality and record keeping throughout the process
- Practical strategies to minimise legal risk and ensure investigations withstand internal and external scrutiny

Presented by **Cynthia Elachi**, Partner, Clayton Utz

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Psychiatric and Psychological Injury: New Reforms, New Cases

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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With new obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety (Psychological Health) Regulations 2025 and the High Court's evolving approach to employer liability in *Kozarov v Victoria* and *Elisha v Vision Australia Ltd*, psychological and psychiatric risk has increased. Through a combination of regulatory insight, legal analysis and psychiatric expertise explore how psychosocial risk is identified and managed, the implications of employer duties, legal liability and how psychiatrists assess impairment plus the challenges of expert evidence in these complex claims.

Chair: **Nadia Grech**, Legal Counsel, Slater & Gordon; *Doyle's Guide's* Leading Work Injury Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff) – Victoria, 2025, Chair of the Law Institute of Victoria Workers Compensation Committee, Chair of the Law Institute of the Litigation Lawyers Executive Committee, Member of the Personal Injury Committee for the Law Council of Australia, Appointed to the WorkSafe Advisory Committee (WAC) by the Victorian Government

MANAGING AND INVESTIGATING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK IN THE WORKPLACE

Presented by **Jodie Fox**, Director, Worklogic Consulting

PSYCHIATRIC INJURY: LESSONS FROM KOSAROV AND ELISHA

Through this session you will distil the practical implications of the High Court's decisions in *Kozarov v Victoria* and *Elisha v Vision Australia Ltd*, examining how the law of employer liability, psychiatric injury and employment duties continues to evolve.

Presented by **Glenn Worth**, Barrister, Green's List

PSYCHIATRIC INJURY: A CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Navigate the process of psychiatric impairment and related clinical issues
- Gain a practical understanding of the role and challenges of the expert evidence

Presented by **Dr Michael Epstein**, Psychiatrist, Dr Michael Epstein Psychiatry; Author, *The Guide to Civil Psychiatric Assessment*, Member, Medical Panels, Victoria

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



Workers Compensation: Psychological and Psychiatric Claims

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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\$420

You will gain a clear understanding of current workers' compensation reforms, what is changing and how the updated regulatory framework affects your claims in practice. Amanda Bond brings a defendant-side perspective to help you translate reform into action and manage risk with confidence. Receive expert guidance on key issues and strategies for achieving defensible outcomes, drawing on David Baran's extensive experience and expertise. Learn from the war stories of recent cases. Develop core professional skills through a medico-legal lens, gaining valuable insight into the forensic assessment of work-related psychiatric injury. Dr Joshua Flavell demystifies how psychiatric injuries are assessed, how impairment is evaluated and how to work more effectively with medical evidence and expert opinions.

Chair: **Peter Lichaa**, Partner, Bartier Perry; *Doyle's Guide's* Recommended Leading Workers Compensation Lawyers (Defendant) – New South Wales, 2025

NAVIGATION THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORM IN PRACTICE

- What's changing
- Gain an update on the regulations
- Gain insight into the practical effect of the reforms on your claims

Presented by **Amanda Bond**, Partner, Gillis Delaney Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide's* Recommended Public & Product Liability Lawyer (Defendant) – New South Wales, 2025

Professional Skills

FORENSIC ASSESSMENT OF WORK-RELATED PSYCHIATRIC INJURY: A MEDICO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

- Overview of the key clinical components of a psychiatric medicolegal assessment
- Assessment of common work-related psychological injuries, including causation and permanent impairment
- Case examples demonstrating application in practice
- Practical guidance for lawyers to effectively screen and support psychiatric injury claims

Presented by **Dr Joshua Flavell**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Medicolegal Psychiatry; WorkCover Independent Medical Examiner (IME); Assessor of Permanent Impairment; Motor Accident Authority Assessor of Permanent Impairment; Assessor, QLD Guidelines for Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (GEPI)

RUNNING AND DEFENDING PSYCHIATRIC INJURY CLAIMS

- Early-stage decision points & preliminary steps: you're at 15% now what? common law notices, and pre-filing documents – myths and legends
- Key procedural applications & rules: s151D applications and relevant Supreme and District Court practice notes.
- Evidence development & case preparation: conclaves, chronologies, schedules, timelines, and witness preparation (including the "golden bundle").
- Final stages & advocacy: reply evidence/submissions and strategies for concluding or "bringing it home" at trial.

Presented by **David Baran**, Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



Managing Psychosocial Risk in the Workplace: A Practical Guide for All

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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\$160

Psychosocial risks are now widely recognised as one of the most significant—and fastest-growing—sources of employee disputes facing organisations today. Through a realistic case study, you will work through the steps organisations can take to manage psychosocial risks effectively, lawfully, and with confidence. Unpack the psychosocial risk framework, examine key risk factors and how they present in practice and navigate steps for effective triage and early identification of risk. Explore the intersection between psychosocial hazards and potential misconduct and consider practical approaches to investigating workplace behaviour in this complex context.

Practice Management, Equality and Wellbeing

IDENTIFYING, INVESTIGATING AND MITIGATING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK IN THE WORKPLACE. A PRACTICAL GUIDE

Through practical scenario based learning, explore the challenges of identifying, investigating, and mitigating psychosocial risk in the workplace. If you are involved in managing workplace risk, complaints and investigations you can't afford to miss this practical webinar and enable yourself and your organisation to address potential risks before they become a documented hazard.

You will learn how to:

- Navigate the psychosocial risk framework, including the evolving regulatory and workplace safety landscape
- Identify key risk factors and how they present in the workplace
- Manage effective triage and early identification of risk
- Understand the interaction between psychosocial hazards and potential misconduct
- Gain practical approaches to investigating workplace behaviour in this context

Through a practical, scenario-based approach, you will work through the steps you and your organisation can take to effectively manage risk in this complex and developing area.

Workshop Facilitator:

Angela Seach, Associate Director & Practice Leader: Leadership & Culture, Worklogic

About Angela Seach

Drawing on more than 25 years' experience working inhouse in people and culture roles, and in consulting, Angela has extensive experience in conducting complex and sensitive investigations into employee misconduct, including sexual harassment and workplace bullying matters. Angela is also a mediator, conducting mediations and facilitated discussions to resolve interpersonal conflict and rebuild relationships in the workplace

Who Should Attend?

- HR Professionals
- WHS Practitioners
- In-house and external legal advisers supporting organisational risk management
- People Leaders
- Management involved in managing workplace risks
- Anyone involved in managing complaints and investigations
- Board members
- Lawyers practising in workplace safety and employment law

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management or Equality and Wellbeing



WH&S Amendment (Digital Work Systems) Act: New Legislation, New Liabilities

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

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\$160

Are you across the changes to the NSW WHS Framework that expand the primary duty of care for PCBUs to include ensuring that the health and safety of workers is not at risk as a result of the use of digital work systems?

WHS DIGITAL WORK SYSTEMS REFORM: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

The NSW Parliament has passed the Work Health and Safety Amendment (Digital Work Systems) Bill 2025 bringing significant changes to the state's WHS Framework.

The introduction of this bill is an Australian first, specifying that all work demands must be safe, whether they come from a human or come through artificial intelligence (AI) or algorithms.

Understanding the new laws is critical for all businesses.

Hear a run-down on the key features of the new laws, and what employers need to do to avoid potential prosecution for breach of health and safety duties as a result of these.

- What are the new Digital Work System laws?
- Where do they apply?
- What are examples of how they apply?
- What steps do organisations need to take to comply?

What are likely ways that the laws will be used in prosecutions for breach of health and safety duties?

Presented by **Katherine Morris**, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright and **Arabella Cull**, Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



DA Outcomes and Appeal Strategy: Draft Environmental Planning Instruments and their Impact

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

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\$160

Draft environmental planning instruments can significantly influence the assessment of development applications, the conditions ultimately imposed on consent and the prospects of success in the Land and Environment Court. Understanding the weight to be given to evolving planning controls and how best to navigate applications and appeals during periods of regulatory change, remains a complex and strategically important challenge for practitioners. This practical session will focus on the impact of draft environmental planning instruments on development assessment and appeal strategy. You will explore the circumstances in which draft controls may be taken into account by consent authorities and the Court, the operation of savings provisions and the strategic options available when planning frameworks are in transition. The session will also address conditions of consent in changing regulatory environments, equipping you with practical guidance to advise clients, manage risk and make informed decisions throughout the DA and appeals process.

Chair: **Paul Brazier**, Special Counsel, Holding Redlich; Specialist in Compulsory Acquisition, Planning and Environmental Law

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON DA OUTCOMES AND APPEAL STRATEGY

- The weight given to draft environmental planning instruments
- The role of savings provisions
- Options and strategy for DAs around draft environmental planning instruments
- Conditions of consent where the planning framework is undergoing change

Presented by **Katharine Huxley**, Special Counsel, Holding Redlich; Recognised in *Best Lawyers* for Planning Law and Environmental Law 2025-2027; *Doyle's Guide* Planning and Environmental Law Rising Stars

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1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Victorian Planning Law Overhaul: Implications of the Better Decisions Made Faster Act

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

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With the sweeping legislative reform reshaping Victoria's environmental law landscape, this practical session will analyse the progressively and now fully implemented Better Decisions Made Faster reforms. A must to attend as our expert panel shares their insights to equip planning and environment practitioners with understanding of what has changed, what is still to come and how the new framework is likely to affect approvals, restrictive covenants, Tribunal processes, third-party rights and client advice in practice.

Chair: **Jess Kaczmarek**, Principal Lawyer, S&K Planning Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Town Planning and Development Lawyer (Victoria) 2025

IS THE NATIONAL TRUST PRINCIPLE HISTORY? IMPLICATIONS OF THE BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER ACT 2025

- Can better decisions really be made faster?
- How will the purposive approach to decision making be impacted by a more prescriptive approach?

Presented by **Andrew Iser**, Partner, Holding Redlich; Recognised in *Best Lawyers* 'Ones to Watch' for Planning and Environment 2024-2025

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS: IMPLICATIONS OF THE BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER ACT 2025

- Examine the role restrictive covenants currently play in planning decision-making, and the associated cost, delay and risk for development in Victoria
- Gain insights into how the reforms to be introduced by the *Better Decisions Made Faster Act* 2025 seek to address these issues
- Understand what the practical implications of the reforms
- For the owners and developers of land burdened by a restrictive covenant;
- For those whose properties benefit from a restrictive covenant; and
- For local councils and other decision-makers tasked with assessing applications relating to land that is subject to a restrictive covenant.

Presented by **Megan Schroor**, Principal Lawyer, S&K Planning Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Town Planning and Development Lawyer (Victoria) 2023

TECHNICAL REFORMS TO TRIBUNAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

- Examine the technical reforms to Tribunal planning application processes and how they change assessment pathways for residential developments
- Insights into limits on neighbour and third-party rights, including reduced objections and constrained review under key planning scheme and ResCode provisions

Presented by **Eliza Minney**, Partner, Best Hooper Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Planning Lawyer (Victoria) 2023-2024

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3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



Environmental Law Reform: The EPBC Act Overhaul and Australia's New Federal Framework

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N05

\$420

Gain a clear, practical understanding of the most significant environmental law reforms in a generation. Australia's federal environmental laws are undergoing the most significant transformation in decades. For practitioners, proponents and regulators alike, the reforms reshape how projects are assessed, approved and delivered. This three-part webinar series provides a comprehensive, practical roadmap to Australia's new federal environmental framework.

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N05A
\$160

Gain a clear, practical understanding of the most significant environmental law reforms in a generation. Learn how the new EPBC standards framework, the "no regression" principle and how the expanded powers of the National Environment Protection Agency will operate in practice, and importantly, what this means for approvals, compliance and enforcement risk. Walk away confident in advising clients and stakeholders as the new regime takes shape.

Chair: **Peter Holt**, Partner, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Accredited Specialist in Planning & Environmental Law

THE NEW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION REFORM ACT: NEW STANDARDS, NEW ENFORCEMENT

- Understand key amendments made to the *EPBC Act* by the *Environment Protection Reform Act 2025* (Cth)
- Examine the new standards framework and its "no regression" principle
- Practical implications and update on the progress of ongoing consultation in relation to the detail proposed to be including in the standards
- Examine the role of the National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA) and its enforcement powers

Presented by **Lucy Shea**, Partner, Clayton Utz

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N05B
\$160

Better understand how the latest EPBC Act reforms reshape the assessment of climate emissions and land impacts at the federal level. You will be equipped with the knowledge needed to advise on the new mandatory disclosure requirements for direct emissions, including what must be disclosed, when, and how this information will be scrutinised during approvals.

CLIMATE AND LAND IMPACTS UNDER THE NEW EPBC REGIME

- Assess reforms mandating disclosure of direct emissions
- Navigate the tightened controls on land clearing and deforestation

Presented by **Alistair Knox**, Partner, Pikes & Verekers Lawyers and **Joshua Palmer**, Partner, Pikes & Verekers Lawyers

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N05C
\$160

Receive practical, up-to-date guidance on navigating the reformed federal framework for environmental offsets, restoration contributions and First Nations engagement. Gain a clear understanding of the new offsetting regime, including the shift to a "net gain" requirement, the strengthened mitigation hierarchy and the expanded use of biodiversity certificates from the Nature Repair Market.

Chair: **Joanna Ling**, Partner, Thomson Geer; Accredited Specialist in Planning & Environmental Law

OFFSETS AND FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT: CHANGES UNDER THE EPBC

- Receive practical guidance on the new legal framework for environmental offsets, including the draft National Environmental Standard for Environmental Offsets, the shift from "no net loss" to the new "net gain" test, a strengthened mitigation hierarchy, the newly permitted use of biodiversity certificates from the Nature Repair Market for environmental offsetting, and the introduction of restoration contributions
- Explore best practice approaches to cultural engagement, discuss legal risks (including the absence of a statutory consultation requirement under the *Reform Act*), and share expert recommendations for effective practitioner strategies
- Analyse the key changes from the previous regime, with a focus on new requirements for environmental offsets and First Nations engagement
- Identify legal risk areas for practitioners, proponents, landholders, First Nations peoples and local communities, and provide practical tips to ensure compliance, robust project delivery, and strong environmental offset outcomes

Presented by **Julieane Materu**, Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright and **Jessica Rusten**, Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright

ATTEND THE FULL SERIES AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



NSW Planning Law Amendments: What Changes in Practice in 2026?

RECORDED IN MAY AND JUNE 2026

WEB265N21

\$305

Confidently navigate significant change to the NSW planning system. As the 2026 reforms fundamentally reshape approvals, controls and enforcement, focus on how the new regime operates in practice - and where legal and procedural risk now sits. Across three targeted sessions, you will gain practical insight into Planning Agreements, Development Control Orders and a practical guide to the *New EP&A Act*. Essential attendance for lawyers, planners and advisers who must guide clients and projects through significant planning reforms in NSW.

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

WEB265N21B

\$160

Gain practical insight into the amended Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, including key provisions commencing from March and April 2026 and those still to come. Walk away with a clear understanding of how the changes affect day-to-day decision-making and compliance.

Chair: **Marc Jaku**, Legal Practitioner Director, Jaku Legal; *Doyle's Guide* Leading Town Planning & Development Lawyers - New South Wales, 2018 – 2026

THE NEW EP&A ACT: IMPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT, COMPLIANCE AND RISK

- Operation of the amended *EP&A Act* in plan making and development assessment
- Practical impact of commenced and upcoming amendments from March–April 2026
- Implications for consent authority powers, compliance and legal risk

Presented by **Mark Bonanno**, Senior Lawyer, Canterbury-Bankstown Council and Bianca Collingwood, Barrister, Martin Place Chambers

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N05C

\$160

This session provides a practical and timely exploration of Development Control Orders, including a recap of key procedural requirements and the different types of DCOs that may be issued. Examine the nature and conduct of Class 1 appeals relating to DCOs, with insights into common pitfalls for practitioners.

Chair: **Ryan Bennett**, Partner, Pikes & Verekers; *Doyle's Guide* Recommended Planning & Development Lawyer NSW 2026

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL ORDERS AND CLASS 1 APPEALS – TRICKS AND TRAPS

- Recap of procedural requirements and different kinds of DCOs that may be issued.
- Understanding the nature of Class 1 appeals in respect of DCOs.
- Some recent case law of interest.

Presented by **Angus Hannam**, Barrister, Martin Place Chambers

ATTEND THE FULL SERIES AND EARN

2 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law



Family Law Parenting Symposium

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEST

WEB269N06
\$795

Parenting matters are becoming more complex, more contested and more strategically demanding. Throughout this intensive symposium you will tackle the issues that are genuinely challenging family lawyers now; from coercive control, asymmetric conflict and relocation disputes to non-compliance, self-represented litigants and developmentally complex children and families. Gain practical strategies from exceptional Counsel, leading family law practitioners and specialist experts who understand the pressure points in these matters. Hear from a former Senior Judicial Registrar of the FCFCOA, giving you a candid view on what works, what does not and how to approach certain situations in difficult parenting cases with greater confidence. Leave with sharper judgment, stronger strategies and practical guidance you can use immediately in complex parenting disputes.

SESSION 1: REFORMS, ASYMMETRIC CONFLICT, FAMILY VIOLENCE, RELOCATION DISPUTES AND NON-COMPLIANCE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM WEB269N06A \$505

Chair: **Elizabeth Bedford**, Partner, Pearson Emerson; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Preeminent Parenting & Children's Matters Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

Professional Skills

EXAMINING ASYMMETRIC CONFLICT: UNMASKING HIDDEN FORCES IN CUSTODY CASES

- What is 'asymmetric conflict'?
- How to distinguish 'driving' from 'reactive' parents
- Recognising red flags and preserving integrity in neutral processes
- Interventions that may reinforce or empower controlling behaviours
- Oudeterogenic harm
- Reframing high conflict through the asymmetric lens
- Addressing asymmetrical conflict in custody evaluations

Presented by **Fiona Darroch**, Psychologist, The RelationSpace and **Al Huntoon**, Mediator, Coparenting Connection

FAMILY VIOLENCE AND COERCIVE CONTROL: PREPARATION FOR TRIAL AND RECENT CASE LAW UPDATE

- Preparing a 'coercive control' case
- How to present your 'best' evidence
- Establishing a pattern of behaviour: how to do this from an evidentiary standpoint
- With particular attention to, *Takenaka & Maddox* [2025] FedVFamC1A and *Nicolas & Valentin* [2025] FedCFamC2F 520

Presented by **Carolina Soto**, Barrister, Family Law Chambers

RELOCATION: SHOULD THEY STAY OR SHOULD THEY GO?

- What is a relocation case
- Legal framework
- Evidence in relocation cases
- Common issues
- Tips and tricks for practitioners

Presented by **Megan Norris**, Barrister, Culwulla Chambers

Professional Skills

NON-COMPLIANCE IN THE FCFCOA: OPTIONS, STRATEGIES AND ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- What not to tolerate (including from your own client)
- When and how to seek costs orders
- How to prepare for and succeed at an undefended hearing
- What you need to know about Contravention and Enforcement applications (whether you are applying or responding)

Presented by **Jennifer Crawley**, Director, Novera Solutions; Former Senior Judicial Registrar of the FCFCOA

SESSION 2: SELF REPRESENTED LITIGANTS, PARENTING COORDINATION AND WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY COMPLEX CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

2.00PM TO 5.15PM WEB269N06B \$420

Chair: **Claire O'Connor SC**, Villeneuve Smith Chambers; Recommended Family Law Barrister, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

Professional Skills

WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS: STRATEGIES AND PITFALLS

- Practical strategies for progressing parenting cases efficiently when one party is self represented
- Avoiding common ethical, procedural, and communication pitfalls that can derail negotiations and court outcomes

Presented by **Mark MacDiarmid**, Principal, Mark MacDiarmid Family Law Specialist and Mediator; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Independent Children's Lawyer; Accredited Family Law Dispute Resolution Practitioner; Recommended Family Law Mediator, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

Professional Skills

SHIFT TO 'CHILD-CENTRED' FOCUS: RISE OF PARENTING COORDINATION – WHAT'S KEY TO UNDERSTAND

- Understand the shift towards a child centred approach in post separation parenting matters
- Explore the role of parenting coordination in managing high conflict parenting disputes
- Learn how parenting coordination supports communication and implementation of parenting arrangements after orders are made
- Identify practical strategies to reduce conflict and keep children's best interests at the centre of decision making

Presented by **Cassandra Kalpaxis**, Director & Principal, Kalpaxis Legal incorporating Turnbull Legal Solutions; FDRP and Parenting Coordinator; Conflict Resolution Specialist

Professional Skills

WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY COMPLEX CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: A PANEL DISCUSSION

- Expert evidence in parenting matters across Children's and Family Courts
- Neurodivergence in complex family matters and considerations in neuro-affirming parenting arrangements
- How to best support neurodivergence and social complexity over the developmental lifespan

Panellists:

Juliette Kratochvil, Registered Psychologist, The Social Space
Stephanie Lau, Educational and Development Psychologist, Single Expert, Papaleo & Associates

Antonia Marran, Special Counsel, Mills Oakley; Accredited Specialist in Family Law

Lauren Patford-Smith, Director & Independent Children's Lawyer, FDRP & Parenting Coordinator, Patford-Smith Legal Services

Katerina Stratilas, Clinic Director & Clinical Psychologist, The Social Space

ATTEND THE FULL DAY AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 5 CPD units in Professional Skills



Family Law in WA: Key Issues Intensive

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AWST

WEB2611W02
\$505

From family violence reforms and restraining order developments to capacity issues and complex wealth structures, family law practitioners in Western Australia continue to navigate a rapidly evolving landscape. Join leading WA experts as they examine the latest cases, emerging trends and practical challenges. Gain valuable insights into the Family Court at 50, managing proceedings where a party loses capacity or dies and the unique property issues that arise when clients derive their wealth from WA's resources and agricultural economy, including private service businesses, executive remuneration arrangements and family wealth structures.

Chair: **Natalie Kam**, Partner, HopgoodGanim Lawyers; Internationally recognised by Chambers & Partners as a leading private wealth adviser in the family law space

LATEST CASES AND TRENDS IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES SINCE THE FAMILY LAW LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND THE LATEST FROM THE RESTRAINING ORDERS JURISDICTION

- What practitioners need to know from the most significant recent family violence and restraining order decisions
- Navigating the evolving treatment of coercive control, family violence allegations and related evidentiary issues
- Practical lessons and emerging trends following the recent Family Law legislative reforms

Presented by **Marty Kavanagh**, Principal, Barrister & Solicitor, Kavanagh Lawyers

THE FAMILY COURT AT 50: POWERS, JURISDICTION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Fifty years on, how far does the Family Court's jurisdiction really extend? Explore the evolution of the Court's powers, recent decisions pushing the boundaries of its authority, and the practical opportunities and challenges arising from an increasingly expansive jurisdiction.

Presented by **John Butler**, Consultant and Notary Public, HopgoodGanim Lawyers and Alan Moroni, former Senior Magistrate and Registrar, Family Court of WA

DEATH, DIVORCE AND DIMINISHED CAPACITY: MANAGING FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS WHEN A PARTY CAN NO LONGER PARTICIPATE

- Managing loss of capacity during proceedings, including litigation guardians and substitute decision-makers
- Death of a party before final orders: what happens next?
- Inheritances, estates and family provision issues that arise before a matter is resolved

Presented by **Karolina Rzymkowska**, Legal Practitioner Director, Luna Legal Group

BOOM, BUST AND BREAK-UP: COMPLEX PROPERTY IN THE WA PRACTICE

- Identifying the pool: when discretionary trusts, private companies and deferred remuneration are property, a financial resource, or neither
- Valuing resources-exposed businesses: the maintainable earnings fight in a cyclical sector, customer concentration and key person risk
- Executive share schemes, performance rights and deferred incentives: classification, plan rules, and why an order to transfer them often cannot be performed
- Farming and rural structures: intergenerational transfers, sweat equity and undisclosed royalty interests
- Realising value: illiquidity, third party consents, and drafting orders that can actually be performed
- A worked WA case study

Presented by **Catherine Leach**, CEO, Leach Legal; *Doyle's Guide* 2026, Leading High Value and Complex Property Family Lawyer in Western Australia

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Family Law: Anatomy of a Complex Financial Case A Hypothetical-Based Intensive

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

2611N06
\$795

Complex financial proceedings rarely turn on a single issue. Using an evolving hypothetical financial dispute as the foundation for the day, you will examine the strategic, evidentiary and ethical challenges that shape the outcome of a case. A highlight of the program will be a closing address by the Honourable Deputy Chief Justice McClelland AO of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), offering judicial perspectives on the increasing significance of family violence considerations in financial proceedings following recent reforms. Led by acclaimed family law specialists from leading firms, chambers and practices, this highly practical workshop is designed for practitioners seeking sophisticated guidance on strategy, evidence, advocacy and decision-making in complex financial matters.

SESSION 1

9.00AM TO 1.15PM 2611N06A \$505

Chair: **Glenn Thompson OAM**, Director, Newnham Solicitors; Accredited Specialist in Family Law

HYPOTHETICAL CASE STUDY INTRODUCTION

Presented by **Monique Robb**, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; *Best Lawyers* in Australia, Family Law 2026 and 2027

Professional Skills

INITIATING PROCEEDINGS

- Identifying issues (as known at that point in time)
- Case theory
- Drafting appropriate interim and final orders sought
- Preparing affidavit evidence in support of orders sought

Presented by **Monique Robb**, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; *Best Lawyers* in Australia, Family Law 2026 and 2027

LEGAL AND ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS: WHAT DO YOU DO? WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- Disclosure
- Privileged documents
- Ethics and obligations

Presented by **Irene Morozv**, Practice Director, York Law Family Law Specialists; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Recommended Family Lawyer (High-Value & Complex Property Matters), *Doyle's Guide* 2026

NAVIGATING SUBPOENA HEARINGS: CHALLENGES, OBJECTIONS AND STRATEGIC RESPONSES TREATMENT OF TRUSTS, VIA CALDWELL

Presented by **Neil Jackson**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

LOANS FROM FAMILY: HOW TO UPHOLD OR CHALLENGE THEM

- Loan or gift? Establishing the legal character of the advance
- The documentary record: what exists, what's missing, and what that silence means
- Liability or contribution? how the court treats the advance
- Forensic strategy: upholding or attacking the loan at hearing

Presented by **Georgia Burke**, Special Counsel, Broun Abrahams Burreket; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; *Doyle's Guide* 2026, Family Law Rising Star

SESSION 2

2.00PM TO 5.15PM 2611N06B \$420

WASTAGE, DISSIPATION AND THE POST-SHINOHARA LANDSCAPE

- How to argue wastage?
- Contributions versus s 79(5) adjustments after *Shinohara*
- Evidentiary issues and practical strategies

Presented by **Rachel Dart**, Barrister, Culwulla Chambers; *Doyle's Guide* 2026, Leading Family Law Junior Counsel

Professional Skills

CHALLENGING SINGLE EXPERT EVIDENCE

- Identifying why you disagree with the expert
- Pre-trial applications
- The role of questions under the rules
- The shadow expert
- The adversarial expert
- Challenges at trial

Presented by **Roger Harper**, Barrister, Wardell Chambers; Recommended Family Law Counsel, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

IMPACT OF FAMILY VIOLENCE ON THE OUTCOME OF A FINANCIAL MATTER – POST REFORMS

Presented by the **Honourable Deputy Chief Justice McClelland AO**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)

ATTEND THE FULL DAY AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

- 5.5 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1.5 CPD units in Professional Skills



Family Lawyers Dealing With Wills, Estate Planning and Estate Claims

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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\$505

Family lawyers regularly confront wills, estates and capacity issues that can undermine your family law matters or cause issues for your clients later. Gain essential practical guidance on identifying estate-planning risks at the first consult, understanding when relationships and relationship disputes trigger succession law consequences, and recognising asset, superannuation and succession issues that require your urgent attention. You will develop insight into post-settlement estate planning, capacity disputes and family provision claims - helping you to protect outcomes achieved in family law proceedings, reduce downstream disputes, and work more effectively alongside wills and estates practitioners.

Chair: **Susan Warda**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Leading Prenuptial Agreement Lawyer, Australia, and Recommended Family Lawyer (High-Value and Complex Property Matters) and Family & Divorce Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

TRIAGE AT THE FIRST CONSULT: URGENCY FLAGS AND ASSET IDENTIFICATION

- Nature of and stage of the relationship: When does it become a relationship with legal consequences? Separate residences?
- Nature of assets and funds: property, shares, cash, super, trusts, loans to family, inheritances
- Current estate planning: Will, Enduring Power of Attorney Super Binding Death Benefit Nomination
- Immediate steps to take

Presented by **Paul Fildes**, Principal, Taussig Cherrie Fildes Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Preeminent Family & Divorce Lawyer and Preeminent Family Lawyer (High-Value & Complex Property Matters) and Leading Prenuptial Agreement Lawyer, Australia, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

POST FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT STEPS

- When separation/death voids /revokes Will provisions/ gifts to former spouses
- Arrangements for children of each party: testamentary trusts
- Ongoing living arrangements for the surviving spouse
- Aged care funding considerations for surviving spouse
- Binding Financial Agreements and court orders
- Prenuptial Binding Financial Agreements: current view
- Mutual Wills

Presented by **John Butler**, Consultant and Notary Public, HopgoodGanim Lawyers

LATER-IN-LIFE RELATIONSHIPS: CHARACTERISTICS OF LATE IN LIFE RELATIONSHIPS AND WHEN DOES A 'LEGAL' RELATIONSHIP ARISE?

- When does a legal relationship arise – marriage and de facto relationships – and when does it not
- If you are in a later in life relationship, how can you protect yourself from a family law perspective?
 - Binding Financial Agreements
 - S95 Deed of Release
- Issues of separation in later in life relationships
- "Grey Divorce" – the impact on a property settlement
- Issues in conducting family law proceedings: litigation guardians and issues taking instructions

Presented by **Rebecca Gilbert**, Partner, Pearson Emerson Family Law

ELDER LAW: CAPACITY – RECURRING ISSUES, CONTESTING CAPACITY

- Capacity generally - it is task-specific (*Gibbons v Wright*)
- Testamentary capacity:
 - It is will-specific
 - Is there any room for presumptions and shifting onuses? Or does the Court just assess everything on the balance of probabilities? (*Mekhail v Hana, Carr v Homersham*)
 - Does a solicitor's experience matter when taking instructions? (*Chant v Curcuruto*)
 - Can a video recording of the signing conference make a difference? (*Saeedi v Pastrello*)

Presented by **Guy Moloney**, Partner, HWLE Lawyers; Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyer and Recommended Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyer *Doyle's Guide* 2025

FAMILY PROVISION ACT CLAIMS - MANAGING CLAIMS BY DISGRUNTLED CHILDREN/FORMER SPOUSES

- The statutory Scheme
 - A brief refresher of the categories of "eligible person":
 - Child
 - Spouse
 - Former spouse
 - Step children
 - Other categories
- Criteria for provision
 - Eligibility is no guarantee of success
 - Proper provision for maintenance, education and advancement in life
 - Factors warranting
- Managing the risk of a claim
 - Careful documentation of previous provision or property settlements
 - Careful consideration by testator of expectations/ obligations
 - Section 100 statements to explain testator's decisions
- Managing a claim
 - Early professional involvement
 - Practical approach of advisors AND beneficiaries

Presented by **Michelle Painter SC**, Nine Selborne Chambers; Recommended Wills & Estates Litigation Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide* 2026

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Family Law and Div 7A Intensive 2026

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N04

\$420

Demystify Div 7A loans in family law with practical guidance and up-to-date insight. Examine how Div 7A loans arise, how to interrogate financial records and how these arrangements can affect the property pool and settlement outcomes. You will be led through the issues by a multi-disciplinary panel including recognised expert Family Law barrister and solicitor, chartered accountant, and specialised forensic accountant and recognised business valuation specialist. You will unravel recent case law developments, emerging judicial approaches and strategic considerations for dealing with Div 7A issues. Through recent FCFCOA decisions and practical scenarios, gain the strategic insight needed to manage — and leverage — Div 7A issues with confidence.

In this intensive masterclass you will focus on the following critical areas:

- What is a Div 7A loan and how to recognise it?
- Key indicators of a Div 7A loan
- Which documents should be requested for disclosure?
- Analysis of financials and expert reports – what do the documents reveal?
- The impact of Div 7A on the value of the property pool – a valuer's perspective
- The impact of Div 7A on a family law settlement – what court orders could be sought?
 - Forgiveness of a debt
 - Assignment of the Div 7A loan to another party or entity
 - The illusion of Div 7A as a funding source for family law action
- Recent FCFCOA decisions on the implications of Div 7A
- Using Div 7A to your client's advantage
- Scenario and practical application – applying what you've learned in practice

Workshop Facilitator:

Glenn Thompson OAM, Director, Newnhams Solicitors; Accredited Specialist in Family Law

Workshop Panel:

Nick Love, Partner, Private Enterprise, Grant Thornton Australia

Genevieve Dee, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Leading Family & Divorce Lawyer and Recommended Family Lawyer (High-Value & Complex Property Matters) *Doyle's Guide* 2026

Jane FitzGerald KC, Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Joshua Wheeler, Director, Munday Wilkinson, Business Valuation Specialist

HEAR WHAT PAST DELEGATES SAID ABOUT THIS ESSENTIAL INTENSIVE WORKSHOP...

“I gained knowledge that I was looking for specifically to my current matters”

“Useful...avoiding landmines”

“Very interesting and relevant”

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



NDIS Reform and Disputes: What You Need to Know Now

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEST

WEB268N04
\$795

With seismic reform to the structure of the NDIS and the Senate Committee Report on the proposed reforms to NDIS due to be released on 14 August 2026 gain a comprehensive understanding of the implications of the reforms. Legal practitioners, advisors and providers will gain critical insights into the reforms and what they mean in practice, including the rollout of the "Thriving Kids" framework, shifting funding responsibilities and implementation impacts for children, families and services. With a strong focus on practical outcomes and emerging risks, be equipped with the knowledge and strategies needed to confidently advise clients navigating change. Hear directly from leading experts on participant perspectives, estate planning considerations and the potential increasing role of family support, before diving into recent case updates. Gain essential procedural knowledge on NDIS reviews and appeals directly from the Administrative Review Tribunal and from a legal expert.

SESSION 1: NDIS REFORMS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PROVIDERS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB268N04A

\$505

Chair: **Andrea de Smidt**, Principal Solicitor, NDIS Advocacy Practice, Queensland Advocacy for Inclusion

NDIS REFORMS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR PROVIDERS AND PARTICIPANTS

The content of this session will be determined closer to the day with the release of the Senate Committee Report
Presented by **Belinda Kochanowska**, Principal, Intrepidus Law; Invited to provide evidence at the Senate Hearing Committee inquiry on key NDIS legislation amendments 2026; Awarded Queensland Law Society Solicitor of the Year Award (Small Firm) 2025; Finalist 2025 Australian Human Rights Commission Award (Law Award).

THRIVING KIDS AND THE NDIS

- Understanding the history of children and the NDIS
- Legislative amendments to support Thriving Kids
- Current implementation timeframes
- How will children and families be affected by the changes?
- How will providers be affected by the changes?
- Understanding what Thriving Kids actually deliver
- Consideration of what will remain as NDIS funding responsibility
- Implications for the state/ territory Inclusion Supports programs
- Related reforms in the early childhood sector
- What's next?

Presented by **Angela Cox**, Principal Lawyer, Special Voices Disability Law & Advocacy

IMPACT OF CHANGES TO NDIS FROM A PARTICIPANT PERSPECTIVE

- NSW Disability Inclusion Plan: moving beyond Thriving Kids and expanding models of disability
- The future of testamentary trusts to support disabled family members
- Revising estate planning to respond to beneficiary vulnerability: a search for Trustee competence
- Shift in focus to family support: the expanding role of community support and community foundations

Presented by **Michael Perkins**, Consultant, Long Saas Woodbridge;
Co-author, *Estate Planning: A Practical Guide*, 6th edition

NDIS REVIEW PROCEEDINGS AND CASES: SCOPE OF REVIEW, REASONABLE AND NECESSARY SUPPORTS, AND THE SDA FRONTIER

- The scope of ART review jurisdiction in Statement of Participant Supports decisions: what the Tribunal can and must consider, applying SMNL and CEO, NDIA [2025] ARTA 1512
- Applying the amended "reasonable and necessary" criteria under s 34 NDIS Act, including the new s 34(1)(aa) nexus requirement and s 34(1)(f) "NDIS support" test introduced by the 2024 Amending Act
- Informal supports and s 34(1)(e): what is "reasonable to expect" of families and carers — and the limits of that inquiry under WRMF, McGarrigle, PNFK, and Perosh
- SDA eligibility and the SDA needs requirement: applying the comparative test in practice
- Design category disputes - Fully Accessible v High Physical Support: what turns on the classification and how to argue it
- On-Site Overnight Assistance as an SDA parameter: the pricing and legal framework, and avoiding double-counting with passive overnight Daily Living supports
- Any significant ART or Federal Court decisions handed down between now and 27 August 2026

Presented by **Shannon Finegan**, Barrister, Greens List

SESSION 2: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL UPDATE, NDIS APPEALS AND NCAT APPLICATIONS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

WEB268N04B

\$420

Chair: **Kim Boettcher**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL: WHAT EVERY PRACTITIONER NEEDS TO KNOW

- The life cycle of a matter in the NDIS jurisdiction, including indicative timeframes from lodgement to final determination
- Observations about effective practice in this jurisdiction, including ways in which practitioners can best assist both their clients and the Tribunal
- An overview of the Tribunal's Guidance and Appeals Panel

Presented by **Kruna Dordevic**, Deputy President, Jurisdictional Area Leader- NDIS and Social Security, Administrative Review Tribunal

NDIS APPEALS AND LITIGATION

A practical session on the NDIS appeal process and litigation

MAKING NCAT APPLICATIONS AND NDIS PROVIDERS

- Work through the mechanics of filing an NCAT Application
- Practical issues when interacting with NDIS Providers

Presented by **James Marshall**, Special Counsel, Cardillo Gray Partners

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NAVIGATING SERIOUS INJURY APPLICATIONS AND WORKSAFE VICTORIA CLAIMS ARISING FROM OCCUPATIONAL DUST EXPOSURE

Gain practical guidance on navigating Serious Injury Applications and WorkSafe Victoria claims for workers affected by occupational dust diseases, from establishing entitlement through to maximising recovery.

Presented by **Andrew Dimsey**, Barrister, Dever's List

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES WHEN DEALING WITH MIXED EXPOSURE CASES INVOLVING ASBESTOS, SILICA AND OTHER OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

Presented by **Victoria Keays**, Partner, Gordon Legal; Leading Asbestos & Dust Diseases Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff) – Victoria, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

SUBMISSIONS MADE ON VERDICTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS PLENARY SESSION

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A PANEL DISCUSSION

- Gain from the experience of leading practitioners from across Australia on how interstate verdicts are being relied upon in dust diseases litigation
- Examine the practical implications for submissions, damages assessments and emerging litigation trends in their respective jurisdictions

Panellists:

Alex Schonell, Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers

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Medical Negligence

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Medical negligence claims remain one of the most complex and evidence-driven areas of personal injury practice. Navigate common high-risk claims and deal with the difficult issues in those claims all in one half-day; delayed and missed diagnosis, liability and causation and aged care medical negligence which is emerging as one of the fastest-growing areas of claim and creates significant risk for medical staff. and the practical challenges of investigating and building a claim from initial instructions through to expert evidence. Gain practical guidance on assessing claim viability, overcoming evidentiary hurdles, and developing effective litigation strategies to achieve the best outcomes for your clients. Walk away with practical lessons that you will want to implement into your medical negligence matters.

Chair: **David Higgs SC**, 12 Wentworth Selbourne Chambers

DELAYED DIAGNOSIS AND MISDIAGNOSIS

- Navigating common high-risk claims (cancer, stroke, sepsis)
- Identifying when delay becomes legally actionable
- Quantifying damage from lost treatment opportunities

Presented by **Robert Samut**, Principal, Barry Nilsson; *Doyle's Guide 2025*, Preeminent Medical Negligence Lawyers (Defendant)

LIABILITY AND CAUSATION

- Examine practical issues for establishing liability and causation when assessing and resolving medical negligence claims

Presented by **Kate Avery**, Principal Lawyer, Kare Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide 2025*, Recommended Work Injury Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff)

NAVIGATING MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE IN THE AGED CARE SETTING

Gain practical insights into the latest legal and regulatory developments shaping medical negligence claims in the aged care sector.

Presented by **Seun Idowu**, Partner, Hall & Wilcox

Professional Skills

FROM ENQUIRY TO EXPERT: BUILDING A MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CLAIM

A practical look at the early investigation and development of a medical negligence claim, from the initial client enquiry through to obtaining and testing expert evidence.

- Obtaining useful client instructions and identifying the real issues underlying the client's concerns
- Determining which medical records and other material should be obtained
- Building an effective chronology and identifying the key clinical issues
- Dealing with gaps, inconsistencies and discrepancies between the client's recollection and the contemporaneous medical records
- Identifying the appropriate expert disciplines and determining the sequence in which expert evidence should be obtained
- Preparing an effective expert brief and framing questions on breach and causation
- Obtaining, interpreting and testing expert opinions, including identifying assumptions, gaps or issues requiring clarification
- Identifying evidentiary gaps before committing significant resources to a claim
- Reassessing and refining the theory of the case as further evidence emerges

Presented by **James Adams**, Senior Associate, Turner Freeman

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Immigration Law: Visa Fundamentals and Practice Management Essentials

FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2026
9.30AM TO 12.45PM AEST

WEB268N09
\$420

Focus on the foundational skills required to prepare accurate and compliant visa applications with a strong emphasis on preventing errors at the earliest stage of the process. Designed as a practical workshop, this program features interactive learning, discussion-based exercises and expert insights that can be applied immediately in practice.

PREPARATION OF VISA APPLICATIONS

- Partner visas
- Skilled regional visas
- Visa cancellations
- Citizenship applications

Presented by **Simon Jeans**, Special Counsel, One Planet Migration Law; Principal Lawyer, Jeans Lawyers and **Tina Nematian**, Principal Lawyer, One Planet Migration Law

INTERSECTION OF CRIMINAL LAW AND VISA APPLICATIONS

- Common practitioner errors:
 - incorrect answers, such as failure to accurately disclose criminal history
- Practical guidance on completing key forms correctly:
 - visa application forms
 - partner visa sponsor forms
 - Form 80 and related forms
 - PIC 4020 issues
 - citizenship application forms
- Potential OMARA issues
- Understanding the criminal–immigration overlap in day-to-day practice
- AVOs and related intervention orders
- Civil vs Criminal distinctions
- Character and disclosure issues in visa, citizenship and sponsor applications

Presented by **Kim Hunter**, Partner, Hunter Flood Lawyers; Criminal defence and immigration lawyer; Accredited Specialist in Immigration Law

Practice Management & Business Skills

KEEPING A COMPLIANT IMMIGRATION PRACTICE INCLUDING AML/CTF COMPLIANCE

- Systems for file management and documentation
- Managing client expectations and instructions
- Maintaining accurate records and processes
- Identifying risks and eliminating them
- Gathering and verifying applicant and sponsor evidence
- Navigating legislation, regulations and policy tools including LEGENDcom
- Building sustainable and compliant business practices
- Avoiding systemic compliance risks

Presented by **Simon Jeans**, Special Counsel, One Planet Migration Law; Principal Lawyer, Jeans Lawyers and **Kathryn Viegas**, Director and Principal Solicitor, Nomos

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- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills



Immigration Law: Writing Submissions and Winning Tribunal Hearings

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.30AM TO 12.45PM AEST

WEB269N13
\$420

Build on your immigration law fundamentals and unpack Tribunal practice, including how to prepare clear and structured submissions addressing the key issues, facts and applicable law across the *Act*, Regulations and policy framework. This skills-based workshop will provide practical insights into Tribunal dynamics, including effective submission preparation and techniques to win cases.

Professional Skills

SUBMISSIONS IN PRACTICE

- Identifying issues, facts and law
- Applying the *Act*, Regulations and Policy framework
- Drafting persuasive submissions

HOW TO WIN TRIBUNAL APPEALS IN THREE EASY LESSONS

- Preparation is everything
- Presentation of evidence
- Conduct of the hearing

Presented by **Simon Jeans**, Special Counsel, One Planet Migration Law; Principal Lawyer, Jeans Lawyers

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- 3 CPD units in Professional Skills



Ethics and Code of Conduct in Migration Law Practice

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

WEB269N14

9.00AM TO 11.00AM AEST

\$305

Focus on ethics and professional responsibility, with a practical, scenario-based approach to the Code of Conduct. You will examine professional judgement and compliant practices underpin your ethical duties in migration law practice, ensuring you are able to manage risk, meet regulatory expectations and avoid common issues that can lead to adverse ethics and Code of Conduct outcomes.

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

ETHICS IN MIGRATION LAW PRACTICE

- Core obligations and professional standard
- Risk areas leading to complaints and disciplinary action

Presented by **Simon Jeans**, Special Counsel, One Planet Migration Law; Principal Lawyer, Jeans Lawyers and **Tina Nematian**, Principal Lawyer, One Planet Migration Law and **Kathryn Viegas**, Director and Principal Solicitor, Nomos

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

MARA CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE – PRACTICAL SCENARIOS

- Common compliance failures in practice
- Real-world examples of regulatory breaches

Presented by **Kathryn Viegas**, Director and Principal Solicitor, Nomos

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2 CPD UNITS

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Nation Building: How Immigration Made Australia

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEST

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COMPLIMENTARY

A Conversation with Hon Philip Ruddock AO and Dr Abul Rizvi PSM. Hear directly from the architects of Australia's modern immigration system, live and in conversation.

This is a rare and not-to-be-missed opportunity to hear firsthand from two of the key figures behind Australia's immigration policy, Hon Philip Ruddock AO and Dr Abul Rizvi PSM, as they explore how the system practitioners rely on today was designed and delivered.

This complimentary exclusive one hour session is timed to coincide with the launch of Nation Building: How Immigration Made Australia and offers a behind-the-scenes perspective you will not find anywhere else from those who shaped the policy themselves.

NATION BUILDING: HOW IMMIGRATION MADE AUSTRALIA

Through a live Q&A session, **Dr Rizvi** will lead a conversation with **Mr Ruddock** exploring:

- How Australia successfully shifted to a skills-focused migration program
- The policy architecture and integrity underpinning today's visa system
- The economic impact of immigration on growth, labour markets and population ageing
- Key lessons for managing immigration in the national interest, now and into the future

For immigration lawyers and advisors, it is a unique opportunity to understand the origins, intent and evolution of the system you work within every day, directly from those who built it.

Places are limited and demand is expected to be high. Secure your complimentary place now.

In Conversation with Hon Philip Ruddock AO

The Hon Philip Ruddock AO is a former Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Minister, and Australia's longest serving Immigration Minister, and former Attorney-General in the federal government of Prime Minister John Howard. He was the Liberal member for the federal seats of Parramatta, Dundas, and later Berowra in Sydney, making him the second-longest-serving parliamentarian in the history of the Australian Parliament with 43 years of service. He also served as Mayor of Hornsby Shire.

Facilitated by Dr Abul Rizvi PSM is the former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Immigration. He was awarded the Public Service Medal and the Centenary Medal for services to the development and implementation of immigration policy, including in particular the reshaping of Australia's intake to focus on skilled migration.

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Immigration Law Series 2026: Avoiding Refusals, Revocations and Cancellations

RECORDED IN MAY AND JUNE 2026

WEB265N06

\$558

Across character decisions, cancellation powers beyond s 501 and the ongoing complexities of employer-sponsored visas, you will gain practical guidance on when to act, how to intervene early and how to protect your client's position from the very first interaction. Led by experienced migration barristers, this lunch series provides clear, structured insight you can apply immediately in practice. Migration agents can earn their Category B CPD points, legal practitioners receive 4.5 CPD points, gaining practical insights from Australia's leading immigration experts to maintain a compliant and confident practice amid ongoing change.

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

WEB265N06A
\$230

This essential seminar helps you identify and respond to visa cancellation risks arising from character concerns. Learn how to act early, manage high-stress client situations, and fight cancellations under ss 109, 116 and 128—protecting your client's position from the outset.

Chair: **Julian Hayden**, Senior Lawyer, Hayden Lawyers

VISA CANCELLATIONS

- Explore how character issues affect visa status, applications and cancellations beyond s 501, including cancellations under ss 109, 116 and 128 of the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth)
- Learn when to act, when to refer, how to manage stressed clients, how to protect their position from the very first interaction, including strategies for fighting cancellations

Presented by **Associate Professor Dr Jason Donnelly**, Barrister Latham Chambers; Associate Professor School of Law, Western Sydney University

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N06B
\$230

Character issues don't start and end with s 501. Learn how criminal matters can impact visas across the Migration Act and gain clear, practical strategies for managing character decisions with confidence.

CHARACTER DECISIONS

- Breaks down how criminal matters trigger visa consequences beyond s 501, where the real risks sit and how to respond with confidence
- Clear, practical guidance for immigration professionals dealing with character decisions

Presented by **Marial Lewis**, Founder and Principal Solicitor, Accredited Specialist Immigration Law, Crossover Law Group

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Employer sponsored visas remain the number one issue occupying migration lawyers and advisers across Australia. While the 180-day transition period has created new flexibility, it has also exposed fault lines around occupation choice, role changes, timing and compliance that practitioners confront daily. Take a practical dive into the world of work visas! With enforcement by the Australian Border Force intensifying, sponsorship is no longer a compliance tick-box but an active risk area!

EMPLOYER-SPONSORED VISAS MASTERCLASS

- When and how to apply, key visa subclasses and requirements, navigating intersecting bridging visas, when visas cease to be in effect, and work rights entitlements
- Focuses on what actually works, helping you identify risk early, manage difficult scenarios with confidence, and turn sponsorship headaches into strategic opportunities through peer discussion and insights

Presented by **Sean Loughland**, Lead Immigration Lawyer, EPG Migration

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What Personal Injury Lawyers Need to Know about Financial Planning During and Post-Financial Settlement

WEDNESDAY 12, 19 & 26 AUGUST 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEST

WEB268N03
\$420

Securing a strong settlement or TPD outcome is only part of your client's personal injury journey. What happens at and after settlement can have a significant impact on whether that outcome delivers lasting value. While you are not expected to provide financial advice, your ability to identify risks, guide next steps and connect clients with the right support can make a meaningful difference to their long-term position. Across the series, you will gain practical insight into the common post-settlement issues that can affect financial stability, superannuation, tax, Centrelink and asset protection, with clear, real-world guidance you can apply immediately in practice. The result is better-informed client support, stronger long-term outcomes and greater confidence that the value of the result you achieved is not lost after settlement.

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\$160

A successful outcome doesn't end at settlement. The guidance you provide in the critical months that follow can significantly influence your client's long-term wellbeing. Through real-life case studies, gain practical strategies to identify risks, support informed next steps and help clients access the right support ensuring they get the full benefit of the outcome you've worked hard to achieve.

Professional Skills

PERSONAL INJURY: THE FIRST 12–24 MONTHS: PROTECTING OUTCOMES AFTER A LUMP SUM OR BENEFIT STARTS

Your guidance after settlement can have a lasting impact on your client's outcome. Through practical case studies, gain the confidence to identify risks, support informed decision-making and connect clients with appropriate help—while staying within professional boundaries. You will learn how to:

- Spot common financial and behavioural risks that can undermine outcomes
- Guide clients toward greater stability and better long-term results
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The decisions made immediately after a TPD or compensation payment can have a significant impact on your client's long-term outcome. Gain practical insights to identify potential superannuation, tax and structuring risks, manage expectations and help clients access the right support at the right time.

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CONTINUATION: Dust Diseases Litigation 2026: Emerging Claims, Evidence and Risks

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEST

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\$795

BREAK OUT SESSION 3: WORKSAFE VICTORIA AND MIXED EXPOSURE (ONLINE, ON DEMAND RECORDING)

Chair: **Leah O'Keefe**, Principal Lawyer, Maurice Blackburn

NAVIGATING SERIOUS INJURY APPLICATIONS AND WORKSAFE VICTORIA CLAIMS ARISING FROM OCCUPATIONAL DUST EXPOSURE

Gain practical guidance on navigating Serious Injury Applications and WorkSafe Victoria claims for workers affected by occupational dust diseases, from establishing entitlement through to maximising recovery.

Presented by **Andrew Dimsey**, Barrister, Dever's List

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES WHEN DEALING WITH MIXED EXPOSURE CASES INVOLVING ASBESTOS, SILICA AND OTHER OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

Presented by **Victoria Keays**, Partner, Gordon Legal; Leading Asbestos & Dust Diseases Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff) – Victoria, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

SUBMISSIONS MADE ON VERDICTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS PLENARY SESSION

Chair: **David Andersen**, Partner, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers; Leading Dust Diseases Lawyers (Defendant) – New South Wales, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

A PANEL DISCUSSION

- Gain from the experience of leading practitioners from across Australia on how interstate verdicts are being relied upon in dust diseases litigation
- Examine the practical implications for submissions, damages assessments and emerging litigation trends in their respective jurisdictions

Panellists:

Alex Schonell, Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers

Rohan Phelps, Barrister, Lennon's List

David Cormack, Barrister, David Cormack Barrister at Law

Jessica MacKenzie, Partner, Rankin Ellison Lawyers

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Presented by **Melissa O'Neill**, Senior Special Counsel, Shine Lawyers: Accredited Specialist Personal Injury, Queensland

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Abuse Law Claims Developments

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AEDT

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Chair: **Greg Choat**, Special Counsel, Koffels Solicitors & Barristers

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ABUSE CLAIMS

Explore the legal and practical implications of the Christian Brothers' restructuring and related litigation, including what claimants and practitioners can expect in pursuing future abuse claims.

Presented by **Angela Sdrinis**, Director, Angela Sdrinis Legal; Accredited Personal injuries Specialist and **Roger Marshall SC**, Wentworth Chambers

THE NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME: WHERE ARE WE AT AND WHERE TO FROM HERE

An update on the operation of the National Redress Scheme with the sunset clauses fast approaching and a backlog of cases and future cases to come.

Presented by **Rachel Neil**, Executive Director - Integrated Services, Knowmore Legal Service

NON-DELEGABLE DUTY OF CARE AND VICARIOUS LIABILITY: RECENT CHANGES AND APPLICATION

- How Australian courts have considered non-delegable duty of care since AA
- Vicarious liability legislation around *Australia since DP v Bird*
- The limits of vicarious liability for abuse of children

Presented by **Nina Vallins**, Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West

THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN HISTORICAL ABUSE CLAIMS

As historical abuse claims face increasing forensic scrutiny, examine the evidentiary challenges confronting plaintiffs, including credibility, corroboration, records and cross-examination.

Presented by **Luke Geary**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Recognised Lawyer, Non-Profit/Charities Law, The *Best Lawyers* Australia

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Ethics, Professional Skills and Practice Management in Practice for Personal Injury Lawyers

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2610N07
\$420

Strengthen your professional skills, ethical decision-making and client management capabilities with this practical CPD session tailored to personal injury lawyers. Understand the limits and strengths of expert evidence, while gaining valuable insights into effectively briefing and working with forensic crash investigators, and staying ahead of emerging issues such as e-scooters, vehicle data and evolving liability risks. Learn best-practice approaches to supporting vulnerable clients through trauma-informed care while enhancing client communication and engagement. You will also explore common ethical challenges that arise throughout the life of a claim, with practical guidance on managing professional obligations, evidence, experts and settlements while reducing the risk of complaints and conduct issues.

Professional Skills

BRIEFING THE EXPERT WITNESS: FORENSIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS

- What an Expert Can (and Cannot) Provide
 - The role of forensic crash investigators and when expert evidence adds value
 - Key investigation methodologies and testing assumptions that affect liability
 - The limits of expert evidence and assessing competing expert opinions
- Briefing the Expert Effectively
 - Why the quality of the brief matters and the evidence that should be included
 - Formulating effective questions and working collaboratively with experts
 - Common briefing pitfalls and preparing experts for mediation and court
- Emerging Trends and Issues
 - E-scooters, e-bikes and other micro-mobility claims
 - The increasing use of vehicle diagnostics and electronic data in crash investigations
 - The growing role of human factors analysis and Safe System principles in negligence claims
 - Autonomous vehicles, changing road infrastructure and emerging liability issues
 - Future developments in crash reconstruction technology and litigation impacts

Presented by **David Beck**, Principal, Datum Road Safety and **Johann Tay**, Founding Principal, TVL

Practice Management & Business Skills

TRAUMA-INFORMED CLIENT CARE

Unpack the principles of trauma-informed practice and explore how they can be applied to client care within your legal practice. Gain an understanding of how trauma can affect a client's behaviour, communication, memory, decision-making and engagement with your legal services and explore practical strategies for creating safer, more supportive and effective interactions with clients who may be affected by trauma.

Consider how trauma-informed approaches can be incorporated throughout the client journey, from initial contact and communication through to managing complex, distressed or emotionally heightened interactions. Also understand the importance of recognising the impact that trauma-related work can have on you and your team and maintaining sustainable practices that support both effective client care and practitioner wellbeing.

- Understanding trauma-informed client care: the key principles and their relevance to legal practice
- How trauma can affect client engagement including communication, memory, behaviour, decision-making and interactions with legal services
- Trauma-informed communication and interactions: practical strategies for building trust, promoting safety and supporting client choice and participation
- Responding to distressed or complex clients: approaches for managing emotionally heightened or challenging interactions while maintaining appropriate professional boundaries
- Supporting safe and sustainable practice: recognising the impact of trauma-related work and the importance of practitioner wellbeing

Presented by **Valeria Capasso-Kruck**, Acting Manager, Trauma Informed Practice, Knowmore Legal Services and **Alexis Polidano**, Acting Principal Lawyer, Knowmore Legal Service

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PERSONAL INJURY PRACTICE

Personal injury lawyers face ethical challenges at every stage of a matter. This practical session explores key professional obligations and common risk areas, with guidance on managing clients, evidence, experts and settlements while reducing the risk of complaints and conduct issues

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills
- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills

- 1 CPD unit in Ethics and Professional Responsibility



Recent Significant Personal Injury Case Law Intensive

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 3.00PM AWST

WEB2610W01
\$160

If you have had no time to stay abreast of the latest cases impacting personal injury practice in 2026 then this is the one hour that you need. Delivered by David Burton, one of WA's leading personal injury and insurance lawyers, he will take you through the significant recent decisions across CTP, employer's liability, public liability, costs and procedural issues. Walk away with both insight and practical implications for managing your personal injury claims.

Chair: **Justin Dyson**, Partner, McCabes; Leading Workers Compensation Lawyers (Defendant – Western Australia) *Doyle's Guide*

AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF RECENT SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL INJURY CASE LAW

Gain a critical review of the most significant personal injury case law covering CTP, liability, employers negligence, cost awards and practice and procedure matters.

Presented by **David Burton**, Partner, McCabes; Preeminent Leading Compulsory Third Party Insurance Lawyers (Defendant) – Western Australia, Recommended Leading Workers Compensation Lawyers (Defendant) – Western Australia, Recommended Leading Public & Product Liability Lawyers (Defendant) – Western Australia, *Doyle's Guide*

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Medical Negligence

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AEST

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Chair: **David Higgs SC**, 12 Wentworth Selbourne Chambers

DELAYED DIAGNOSIS AND MISDIAGNOSIS

- Navigating common high-risk claims (cancer, stroke, sepsis)
- Identifying when delay becomes legally actionable
- Quantifying damage from lost treatment opportunities

Presented by **Robert Samut**, Principal, Barry Nilsson; *Doyle's Guide 2025*, Preeminent Medical Negligence Lawyers (Defendant)

LIABILITY AND CAUSATION

- Examine practical issues for establishing liability and causation when assessing and resolving medical negligence claims

Presented by **Kate Avery**, Principal Lawyer, Kare Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide 2025*, Recommended Work Injury Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff)

NAVIGATING MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE IN THE AGED CARE SETTING

Gain practical insights into the latest legal and regulatory developments shaping medical negligence claims in the aged care sector.

Presented by **Seun Idowu**, Partner, Hall & Wilcox

Professional Skills

FROM ENQUIRY TO EXPERT: BUILDING A MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CLAIM

A practical look at the early investigation and development of a medical negligence claim, from the initial client enquiry through to obtaining and testing expert evidence.

- Obtaining useful client instructions and identifying the real issues underlying the client's concerns
- Determining which medical records and other material should be obtained
- Building an effective chronology and identifying the key clinical issues
- Dealing with gaps, inconsistencies and discrepancies between the client's recollection and the contemporaneous medical records
- Identifying the appropriate expert disciplines and determining the sequence in which expert evidence should be obtained
- Preparing an effective expert brief and framing questions on breach and causation
- Obtaining, interpreting and testing expert opinions, including identifying assumptions, gaps or issues requiring clarification
- Identifying evidentiary gaps before committing significant resources to a claim
- Reassessing and refining the theory of the case as further evidence emerges

Presented by **James Adams**, Senior Associate, Turner Freeman

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law
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Workers Compensation in WA: Recent Developments Impacting Common Law Claims, Recoveries and Settlements

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 3.00PM AWST

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\$160

There have been critical recent developments in workers compensation in Western Australia. In 1 hour examine the management of workers compensation recoveries in third-party claims, the recent changes to access to common law damages and the proposed reform to income tax deductions from settlements. Gain practical insights into navigating conciliation under the new WorkCover framework, overcoming procedural challenges and positioning matters for timely and effective resolution.

WORKERS COMPENSATION IN WA: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IMPACTING COMMON LAW CLAIMS, RECOVERIES AND SETTLEMENTS

- Managing workers compensation recoveries in third-party common law claims
- How recent changes to the WorkCover Guides may affect access to common law damages
- ICWA's proposed income tax deductions from settlements: key considerations for practitioners
- Conciliation under the new WorkCover framework: addressing procedural hurdles and achieving timely outcomes

Presented by **Rebecca Sorgiovanni**, Partner, Soul Legal

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Workers Compensation and Motor Vehicle Accident Conference

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2026

9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

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\$795

Reform is reshaping both Workers Compensation and Motor Accident claims. Walk away with what you need to respond with confidence. Hear directly from the Personal Injury Commission across both jurisdictions, unpack the reforms affecting claims, procedure and understand the implications for dispute strategy. Gain a sharp, practical analysis of the key cases now influencing outcomes. With leading Commission voices and outstanding practitioners across workers compensation and motor accident litigation you will gain the updates, insights and practical takeaways needed to advise clients and manage claims given the developments of workers comp and motor vehicle injury landscape.

SESSION 1: WORKERS COMPENSATION REFORMS INTENSIVE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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\$505

SESSION 2: MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS CLAIMS: KEY CASES, PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND REFORM DEVELOPMENTS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

2611N03B

\$420

Chair: **Will Murphy**, Partner, Bartier Perry; Accredited Specialist in Personal Injury

UPDATE FROM THE PERSONAL INJURY COMMISSION – WORKERS COMPENSATION DIVISION

Gain an exclusive update from the Personal Injury Commission's Workers Compensation Division on recent trends, emerging issues, procedural developments and what practitioners need to know when navigating the Commission. Presented by **Glenn Capel**, Division Head, Workers Compensation Division, Personal Injury Commission

THE NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY REGIME

Explore the new psychological injury framework, including key legislative changes, eligibility thresholds, evidentiary requirements and the implications for managing claims and disputes.

Presented by **Mick Franco**, Partner, Bartier Perry; Leading Defendant Workers Compensation Lawyers (NSW) *Doyle's Guide 2025* and **Maddi Chaplin**, Senior Associate, Bartier Perry

WORKERS COMPENSATION CASE UPDATE

A 12-month overview of significant decisions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal relating to issues arising under the NSW workers compensation legislation and regulations. Presented by **Craig Tanner**, Barrister

Professional Skills

PERFORMANCE VALIDITY TESTING IN COMPENSATION MATTERS

- What is performance validity testing?
- Why/When is it required?
- What implications do the results of performance validity testing hold for diagnosis and function?
- Current challenges relating to performance validity in compensation matters
- A Case Study in the application of performance validity testing

Presented by **Dr Jane Lonie**, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, Dr Jane Lonie

UPDATE OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN THE PERSONAL INJURY COMMISSION – MOTOR ACCIDENTS DIVISION

- Rules and Practice Directions update
- Practice and procedure generally

Presented by **Marie Johns**, Division Head, Motor Accidents Division, Personal Injury Commission

THE CTP UPDATE: THRESHOLD INJURY DECISIONS, REFORM DEVELOPMENTS AND KEY CASES

- An update on progress with the statutory review of the *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2017*
- A review of recent key threshold injury decisions
- Recent Personal Injury Commission decisions focusing on liability and exemptions

Presented by **Tim Concannon**, Partner, Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide 2025* Preeminent Practitioner amongst Leading Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff) – NSW

MOTOR ACCIDENT LITIGATION UPDATE: PIC DETERMINATIONS AND JUDICIAL REVIEW DECISIONS

- Significant recent decisions under the *Motor Accidents Injuries Act 2017* and the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999* and their implications in your practice
- The latest authorities on judicial review of Personal Injury Commission proceedings
- Practical strategies for preparing, conducting and defending review proceedings

Presented by **Jnana Gumbert**, Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers, Preeminent Insurance & Personal Injury Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2025* and **Matthew Jones**, Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers

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Psychiatric and Psychological Injury: New Reforms, New Cases

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266V06

\$420

With new obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety (Psychological Health) Regulations 2025 and the High Court's evolving approach to employer liability in *Kozarov v Victoria* and *Elisha v Vision Australia Ltd*, psychological and psychiatric risk has increased. Through a combination of regulatory insight, legal analysis and psychiatric expertise explore how psychosocial risk is identified and managed, the implications of employer duties, legal liability and how psychiatrists assess impairment plus the challenges of expert evidence in these complex claims.

Chair: **Nadia Grech**, Legal Counsel, Slater & Gordon; *Doyle's Guide's* Leading Work Injury Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff) – Victoria, 2025, Chair of the Law Institute of Victoria Workers Compensation Committee, Chair of the Law Institute of the Litigation Lawyers Executive Committee, Member of the Personal Injury Committee for the Law Council of Australia, Appointed to the WorkSafe Advisory Committee (WAC) by the Victorian Government

MANAGING AND INVESTIGATING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK IN THE WORKPLACE

Presented by **Jodie Fox**, Director, Worklogic Consulting

PSYCHIATRIC INJURY: LESSONS FROM KOSAROV AND ELISHA

Through this session you will distil the practical implications of the High Court's decisions in *Kozarov v Victoria* and *Elisha v Vision Australia Ltd*, examining how the law of employer liability, psychiatric injury and employment duties continues to evolve.

Presented by **Glenn Worth**, Barrister, Green's List

PSYCHIATRIC INJURY: A CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Navigate the process of psychiatric impairment and related clinical issues
- Gain a practical understanding of the role and challenges of the expert evidence

Presented by **Dr Michael Epstein**, Psychiatrist, Dr Michael Epstein Psychiatry; Author, *The Guide to Civil Psychiatric Assessment*, Member, Medical Panels, Victoria

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

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Workers Compensation: Psychological and Psychiatric Claims

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N20

\$420

You will gain a clear understanding of current workers' compensation reforms, what is changing and how the updated regulatory framework affects your claims in practice. Amanda Bond brings a defendant-side perspective to help you translate reform into action and manage risk with confidence. Receive expert guidance on key issues and strategies for achieving defensible outcomes, drawing on David Baran's extensive experience and expertise. Learn from the war stories of recent cases. Develop core professional skills through a medico-legal lens, gaining valuable insight into the forensic assessment of work-related psychiatric injury. Dr Joshua Flavell demystifies how psychiatric injuries are assessed, how impairment is evaluated and how to work more effectively with medical evidence and expert opinions.

Chair: **Peter Lichaa**, Partner, Bartier Perry; *Doyle's Guide's* Recommended Leading Workers Compensation Lawyers (Defendant) – New South Wales, 2025

NAVIGATION THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORM IN PRACTICE

- What's changing
- Gain an update on the regulations
- Gain insight into the practical effect of the reforms on your claims

Presented by **Amanda Bond**, Partner, Gillis Delaney Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide's* Recommended Public & Product Liability Lawyer (Defendant) – New South Wales, 2025

Professional Skills

FORENSIC ASSESSMENT OF WORK-RELATED PSYCHIATRIC INJURY: A MEDICO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

- Overview of the key clinical components of a psychiatric medicolegal assessment
- Assessment of common work-related psychological injuries, including causation and permanent impairment
- Case examples demonstrating application in practice
- Practical guidance for lawyers to effectively screen and support psychiatric injury claims

Presented by **Dr Joshua Flavell**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Medicolegal Psychiatry; WorkCover Independent Medical Examiner (IME); Assessor of Permanent Impairment; Motor Accident Authority Assessor of Permanent Impairment; Assessor, QLD Guidelines for Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (GEPI)

RUNNING AND DEFENDING PSYCHIATRIC INJURY CLAIMS

- Early-stage decision points & preliminary steps: you're at 15% now what? common law notices, and pre-filing documents – myths and legends
- Key procedural applications & rules: s151D applications and relevant Supreme and District Court practice notes.
- Evidence development & case preparation: conclaves, chronologies, schedules, timelines, and witness preparation (including the "golden bundle").
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Trade Marks and Patents Law and Practice

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2610N09
\$795

Protecting brands and patent is becoming more complex. Examine the issues that matter most to intellectual property lawyers, trade mark attorneys and patent attorneys. Gain practical and commercially focused guidance, knowledge and strategies you need to protect, manage and enforce trade marks and patents given reform internationally and new case law in Australia. Explore deceptive similarity following *The Agency* and *Mercato*, strategic lessons from landmark trade mark disputes, certification trade marks and geographical indications in the context of the Australia-EU Free Trade Agreement, AI-assisted trade mark searching, patent strategy, software and AI patentability and patent litigation developments.

SESSION 1: TRADE MARKS STRATEGY AND PRACTICE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM WEB2610N09A **\$505**

Chair: **Joanna Lawrence**, Partner, Mills Oakley

TRADE MARKS IN PRACTICE: STRATEGIC LESSONS FROM THE CASES EVERY PRACTITIONER SHOULD KNOW

- Positioning trade mark applications for success
- What experienced practitioners do differently
- Avoiding mistakes that undermine registration and enforcement
- Building evidence from the outset
- Managing opposition risk before disputes arise
- Strategic lessons from *Gallo* (Barefoot), *Winnebago* and *Katy Perry*
- How these decisions continue to influence filing, prosecution and enforcement strategy today

Presented by **Odette Gourley**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; *Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, Leading Individual Intellectual Property; *Best Lawyers*, Intellectual Property Law

EMERGING TRADE MARK ISSUES: DECEPTIVE SIMILARITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE AGENCY AND MERCATO CASES

- The Full Court's take on fancy and figurative marks
- Stylisation an essential feature
- The importance of distinctive elements
- Trade Mark Office decisions since *The Agency* and *Mercato* cases

Presented by **Margaret Ryan**, Lawyer and Trade Marks Attorney, IP by Margaret; Contributor to *The Laws of Australia* and *The Law Handbook*

CERTIFICATION TRADE MARKS, GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND THE AUSTRALIA-EU FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

- The Federal Court's first certification trade mark decision concerning geographical indications
- Certification trade marks and geographical indications: understanding the distinction
- Protection of regional names and products
- The Australia-EU Free Trade Agreement and geographical indication obligations
- Practical implications for Australian producers and brand owners
- Risks for existing trade mark owners
- Registration, enforcement and opposition considerations
- Future developments practitioners should monitor

Presented by **Dr Warwick Rothnie**, Barrister, Emmerson Chambers; Senior Fellow, University of Melbourne, Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law

BRAND CLEARANCE, TRADE MARK SEARCHING AND RISK MANAGEMENT: WHAT PRACTITIONERS NEED TO GET RIGHT BEFORE LAUNCH

- Practical trade mark clearance strategies
- Selecting and adopting new brands
- Common searching mistakes that lead to disputes
- Managing risk before launch
- International searching considerations
- AI-assisted searching and its limitations
- Balancing commercial and legal considerations when advising clients
- Practical lessons from clearance failures and enforcement matters

Presented by **Vineetha Veerakumar**, Principal, Head of Trade Marks, Wrays

SESSION 2: PATENTS INTENSIVE

2.00PM TO 5.15PM WEB2610N09B **\$420**

Chair: **Helen Macpherson**, Executive Lawyer (Head of Australian Litigation), Pearce IP

PATENT STRATEGY: FILING, DISCLOSURE AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

- When to file
- Securing patent rights prior to commercial launch
- Disclosure and publication risks
- Priority issues
- International filing considerations

Presented by **Robert Wulff**, Principal, Griffith Hack

RECALIBRATING INVENTIVE STEP AND NOVELTY: RECENT CASE LAW AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN THE AI ERA

- As AI transforms the innovation landscape, are Australia's tests for novelty and inventive step keeping pace?
- Recent Australian case law on inventive step and novelty
- Strategic considerations when advancing or defending inventive step and novelty arguments in the Patent Office, at first instance, and on appeal
- Whether the current doctrines remain fit for purpose in an era of AI-assisted invention
- International developments

Presented by **Phoebe Arcus SC**, 5 Wentworth Chambers

PATENTABILITY UNDER PRESSURE: MANNER OF MANUFACTURE, SUPPORT AND SUFFICIENCY IN PROSECUTION AND DISPUTES

Presented by **James Lawrence**, Partner, Addisons; Editor, Patents chapter, *Halsbury's Laws of Australia*

ATTEND THE FULL DAY AND EARN

7 CPD/CPE UNITS

- 7 CPD units in Substantive Law or
- 7 CPE hours (4 CPE hours in Trade Marks, 3 CPE hours in Patents)



Commercialisation of IP

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2611N07
\$420

Move beyond protection and learn how to turn IP into commercial value. This practical Commercialisation of IP program examines the legal and commercial strategies that support licensing, strategic partnerships, technology transfer, valuation, investment readiness and AI-era content monetisation. Join leading voices across university commercialisation, IP transactions, valuation and copyright licensing to explore how IP, AI, data and content rights can be structured, valued, licensed and monetised in a rapidly changing market. This wording aligns with Legalwise's internal research that the program should focus on turning IP, technology and innovation into market-ready value, licensing income, investment opportunities and defensible competitive advantage.

Chair: **Dr Dean Moss**, CEO, UniQuest

COMMERCIALISING IP THROUGH LICENSING, PARTNERSHIPS AND STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS

Presented by **Katrina Chambers**, Partner, Thomsons and **Nicola Purser**, Partner, Research and Development, BDO in Australia

USING VALUATION TO TURN DATA AND OTHER IP INTO BANKABLE LICENSING, INVESTMENT AND DEAL VALUE

- Impact of AI on the valuation process and IP value
- Mapping the market potential of data and other IP assets
- Using scenario valuation to assess alternative monetisation strategies
- Amplifying IP value in transactions

Presented by **Tim Heberden**, Managing Principal – Valuations, QANTM Valuations; *IAM Strategy 300 – The World's Leading IP Strategists* (2013–Present)

AI COPYRIGHT LICENSING AND MONETISATION: WHO CONTROLS THE CONTENT, WHO PAYS, AND HOW ARE AI USES LICENSED?

Presented by **Josephine Johnston**, CEO, Copyright Agency

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Trade Mark Oppositions in Focus

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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Gain a clear guide to managing trade mark oppositions from start to finish. Step through opposition procedure and practice, key opportunities to amend documentation and strategic considerations when seeking extensions of time offering valuable insights for practitioners navigating this often technical and timesensitive process.

Chair: **Gabriella Rubagotti**, Barrister, Nigel Bowen Chambers; Recommended Technology, Media, Telecommunications NSW Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

TRADE MARK OPPOSITIONS: NAVIGATING THE JOURNEY

- Australian trade mark opposition procedure and practice
- Ability to amend certain documents within the Australian trade mark opposition process
- Seeking extensions of time to file various documents within the Australian trade mark opposition process

Presented by **Garen Holopikian**, Senior Trade Mark Attorney, MinterEllison

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When Is a Brand “Too Close”? Recent Trade Mark Cases and Hot Topics

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From brand proximity disputes to lookalikes, dupes and the growing influence of AI, examine the latest hot topics shaping trade mark and brand protection. Analyse recent cases which consider when brands are “too close”, emerging issues around image and personality rights and the legal risks posed by copycat branding. You will gain practical insights for navigating an increasingly complex brand landscape.

Chair: **Kellie Stonier**, Principal Lawyer, Stonier IP; *Best Lawyers* 2026, Intellectual Property Law

WHEN IS A BRAND “TOO CLOSE”? RECENT TRADE MARK CASES AND HOT TOPICS

- When are brands too close? A look at recent cases
- Image and Personality Rights
- Lookalikes and copycat brands, dupes
- Brands and AI and other hot topics

Presented by **Alison Jones**, Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

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Lessons to Learn: Trade Marks and Artificial Information

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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AI is quietly redefining trademark risk. From AI-generated brands to unintended copyright and trademark infringements. Cut through the hype to expose where practitioners and brand owners are most vulnerable and understand how to respond. Learn how to harness AI to detect misuse, manage international enforcement risks and protect trademarks at the intersection of trademark and copyright law.

Chair: **Brett Doyle**, Senior Consultant, Ashurst; *Best Lawyers*, Intellectual Property Law

LESSONS TO LEARN: TRADE MARKS AND ARTIFICIAL INFORMATION

- Use and risks of use of AI to develop Trade Marks (unintentional copyright and other breaches)
- Positive use of AI to attempt to identify people/entities that have used your AI
- Unintentional AI contravention of Trade Mark – the rise of the Artificial Influencers
- International pressures of AI contraventions and advice as to how to support your Trade Marks including interactions with Copyright Law

Presented by **Dr Gillian Dempsey**, Barrister, Denning Chambers

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Trade Marks: AI Generated Logos

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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Gain actionable insights to help protect clients' brands in an AI-driven marketplace. You will receive practical guidance on the legal risks and opportunities associated with AI-generated logos and online design platforms. Be equipped with the knowledge to assess ownership and exclusivity, identify risks of duplication and trade mark invalidity, and navigate restrictive platform terms and licensing models. Examine how AI-related ownership issues can affect brand value, future sale, investment and licensing, and how to address emerging concerns around Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP).

Chair: **Sarah Dixon**, Partner, FB Rice

WHO 'REALLY' OWNS YOUR AI-GENERATED LOGO? NAVIGATING BRAND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES AND OTHER IP RISKS WHEN USING AI-GENERATED LOGOS AND ONLINE DESIGN PLATFORMS

- Risks associated with duplication and similarity
- Non-exclusive licensing models and implications for brand exclusivity
- Platform terms and conditions and the impact on ownership
- Other ownership challenges
- Implications for future sale, investment and licensing
- Impact on Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP)

Presented by **Marion Heathcote**, Principal, Davies Collison Cave; Recognised in *Best Lawyers* for Intellectual Property 2008-2026 and **Cheryl Hrvoj**, Senior Associate, Davies Collison Cave

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Shape Trade Marks in Focus

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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Shape trade marks can be powerful brand assets, but they raise complex issues around distinctiveness, use and infringement. In this practical session you will examine the inherent capacity of shape trade marks to distinguish under section 41, the implications of what constitutes use of a shape as a trade mark and the practical issues of deceptive similarity assessments under section 120.

Chair: **Brett Doyle**, Senior Consultant, Ashurst; *Best Lawyers*, Intellectual Property Law

SHAPE TRADEMARKS

- Inherent capacity of shape trade marks to distinguish (s41)
- Use of a shape trade mark as a trade mark
- Infringement of shape trade marks – deceptive similarity (s120)
- How advertising and promotion can support or detract from distinctiveness
- *RB (Hygiene Home) Australia Pty Ltd v Henkel Australia Pty Ltd* [2024] FCAFC 10 (16 February 2024); *Koninklijke Douwe Egberts BV v Cantarella Bros Pty Ltd* [2024] FCA 1277 (7 November 2024); *Reckitt Benckiser Finish B.V. v Henkel AG & Co. KGaA* [2025] ATMO 198 (19 September 2025)

Presented by **Margaret Ryan**, Lawyer and Trade Marks Attorney, IP by Margaret

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An Australian Perspective on European Patent Practice

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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The recent conclusion of the Australia–EU Free Trade Agreement makes it critical for Australian practitioners to understand how European patent practice differs in substance and strategy. Gain a clear understanding of the fundamental differences between Australian and European patent systems, develop practical insight into key legal requirements and identify common traps for Australian applicants. Develop valuable awareness of the Unified Patent Court and its implications for enforcement and risk management, enabling more confident, strategic advice for clients with European commercial interests.

Chair: **Dr Mark Summerfield**, Registered Australian Patent Attorney, Patentology

AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE ON EUROPEAN PATENT PRACTICE

- Effect of the free trade agreement
- Understanding the fundamental differences
- Comparing key legal requirements
- Traps for Australian applicants
- The Unified Patent Court

Presented by **Paul Whenman**, Consulting Partner, FB Rice

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Trade Mark Cancellation After Katy Perry: What the High Court's Decision Means in Practice

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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The long-running Katy Perry trademark dispute has culminated in a highly anticipated High Court decision with significant implications for Australian trade mark law. In this timely seminar, Odette Gourley provides a clear and practical analysis of what the High Court decided and whether the door remains open for any further litigation. Explore how the decision reshapes the substantive grounds for trade mark cancellation, including how the law has changed. Odette will also unpack the High Court's treatment of the discretion not to cancel a trademark, examining how it operates in practice and what the decision means for advising clients on registration, enforcement and risk.

Chair: **Kellie Stonier**, Principal Lawyer, Stonier IP; *Best Lawyers* 2026, Intellectual Property Law

KATY PERRY AND THE HIGH COURT – THE FINAL WORD?

- What did the High Court decide
- Will there be a further round of litigation and what will be the issues
- Substantive grounds for trade mark cancellation – has the law changed and if so how?
- Discretion not to cancel – how does it work and what effect will this have on your advice to clients?

Presented by **Odette Gourley**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; Recommended Leading Contentious Intellectual Property NSW Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide*

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Key Developments in Patentability, Manner of Manufacture and Sufficiency

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Chair: **Richard Baddeley**, Principal, Wrays

KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN PATENTABILITY, MANNER OF MANUFACTURE AND SUFFICIENCY

- Key developments in patentability
- Manner of manufacture
- Sufficiency and support

Presented by **James Lawrence**, Partner, Addisons; *Best Lawyers* 2026 -, Intellectual Property Law, Biotechnology Law; *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2025 - Intellectual Property: Trademark & Copyright; *Doyle's Guide* 2025 - Leading Contentious Intellectual Property

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Ethics for Trade Mark & Patent Attorneys

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

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Stay compliant, confident and protected in your IP practice. In this practical ethics session you will examine how ethical issues arise in Trade Marks and Patent matters, particularly in conflict-sensitive situations involving former clients or connected parties, using recent cases to highlight risks and practical ways to manage them.

Chair: **Dr Steven Stern CTA FIPTA ICC**, Barrister-at-Law, Svenson Barristers and Adjunct Professor, Victoria Law School, Victoria University

ETHICS FOR TRADE MARKS & PATENT ATTORNEYS

- Sources of obligations
- Unique conflict of interest issues applying to IP practitioners
- Acting for or against friends, relatives and former clients or their rights
- Case studies, recent cases and the lessons learned

Presented by **Glenn McGowan KC**, Special Counsel, Gadens; Recommended Leading Contentious Intellectual Property VIC Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide*

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Protecting Global Brands Across Class Boundaries

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

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Examine how to protect well-known brands across class boundaries following the High Court's decision in *Taylor v Killer Queen LLC*. Killer Queen confirms that trade mark reputation under s 60 is goods and services specific and cannot be extended by industry custom, so even globally recognised brands can face real gaps when entering new product categories or markets in Australia, and it changes what an opponent must prove. The session maps where those gaps fall, and when passing off and misleading or deceptive conduct under the ACL can protect brands with an overseas reputation, with practical guidance on the evidence needed to establish goods and services specific reputation in Australia. For additional insights, it also draws on the High Court's very recent decision in *Zip Co Ltd v Firstmac Ltd* and considers the Court's approach to infringement and the honest concurrent use defence. The thread connecting the two decisions is the limits of protection and the evidence that fills the gaps: Killer Queen on the reputation and opposition side, and Zip Co on the infringement and defence side.

Chair: **Kellie Stonier**, Principal Lawyer, Stonier IP; *Best Lawyers* 2026, Intellectual Property Law

WHEN REPUTATION IS NOT ENOUGH: PROTECTING GLOBAL BRANDS ACROSS CLASS BOUNDARIES AFTER TAYLOR V KILLER QUEEN

- The legal framework: The High Court confirmed that trade mark reputation under s 60 is goods- and services-specific: it is assessed by reference to the particular goods or services for which the mark is recognised, not by registration class, and cannot be extended by industry custom. This session takes those principles as its starting point and asks what they mean for brand owners.
- The protection gap: A mark that is globally famous but has no Australian reputation in respect of particular goods or services cannot rely on s 60 for those goods or services, however well known it is elsewhere, creating critical vulnerabilities for brands entering new markets or expanding product lines. Map where those gaps fall and what they mean in practice.
- Passing off and the ACL: Where registration-based protection falls short, passing off and s 18 of the ACL may protect marks with a spillover overseas reputation. Compare the evidentiary burden across each pathway and identify when each is available.
- Evidence strategy: Industry-custom and general-fame evidence cannot substitute for goods- and services-specific Australian reputation, used as a trade mark. Identify precisely what evidence you must build to establish reputation in respect of the goods or services you actually need to protect.
- Fresh High Court insight: Hear about *Zip Co v Firstmac* and what it means for honest concurrent use, infringement risk, and the evidentiary burden an alleged infringer must discharge.

Presented by **Gabriella Rubagotti**, Barrister, Nigel Bowen Chambers; Recommended Technology, Media, Telecommunications NSW Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

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Trademark Revocations: What To Do When Your Client Receives a Notice of Intention to Revoke

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When your client receives a Notice of Intention to Revoke, knowing how to respond quickly and strategically is critical. Gain a clear framework for assessing the notice, testing the strength of the supporting evidence, identifying vulnerabilities, and anticipating arguments likely to be raised before the Registrar. With a focused comparison of Australian and New Zealand revocation regimes, you'll be better equipped to protect trade mark registrations and advise clients with confidence across both jurisdictions.

Chair: **Dr Steven Stern** CTA FIPTA ICC, Barrister-at-Law, Svenson Barristers and Adjunct Professor, Victoria Law School, Victoria University

TRADEMARK REVOCATIONS: WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CLIENT RECEIVES A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REVOKE

- The strategic, procedural and evidentiary considerations involved when defending a registration against revocation proceedings
 - Practical steps you should take upon receiving a notice, including: assessing the sufficiency of evidence supporting the revocation
 - identifying vulnerabilities in the notice
 - anticipating the likely arguments that may be raised before the Registrar
- Examine the differences and similarities in approach between Australia and New Zealand, with a focus on helping you navigate both systems efficiently and confidently

Presented by **Mark Metzeling**, Principal Lawyer, Macpherson Kelly; Recommended, world trademark review 2016 to 2024, Patent and Trade Mark Star, Managing IP – IP stars 2022, 2023, Trade Mark Leader, world IP review 2021 to 2024, Leading Intellectual Property Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2024, Finalist Australian Partner of the Year, Australian Law Awards, 2023 and 2024

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Media and Entertainment Law Summit

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2610N11
\$795

Media organisations are facing unprecedented pressure from defamation law, privacy reform, platform regulation, artificial intelligence, commercial disruption and increasing scrutiny of public-interest reporting. As the legal and regulatory environment evolves, you must navigate competing demands involving freedom of expression, reputation protection, privacy rights, publisher responsibility and the future sustainability of journalism. This Masterclass brings together leading media lawyers and industry experts to help you understand the legal, technological and commercial forces reshaping media organisations in 2026. You will explore the publication risks associated with contentious reporting, emerging privacy claims, court restrictions, AI-driven journalism, platform power, publisher rights and the future of public-interest reporting. Gain practical guidance on managing publication risk, protecting editorial independence and navigating the rapidly changing media landscape.

SESSION 1: REPORTING AND CONTENT UNDER PRESSURE: PUBLIC INTEREST, PRIVACY, DEFAMATION AND PUBLISHER RIGHTS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM WEB2610N11A **\$505**

Chair: **Kevin Lynch**, Partner, Johnson Winter Slattery; *Doyle's Guide* 2026; Leading Lawyer – Defamation and Reputation Management

'SILENCED': HOW DEFAMATION, PRIVACY AND LEGAL PROCESS SHAPE PUBLIC-INTEREST REPORTING IN 2026

Presented by **Janine Pearce**, Principal, JP Media Law + Consulting; Executive Producer of Road Train and The Reef; Partner, Chesterfield Offset Finance Company

PRIVACY REFORM, MEDIA REGULATION AND THE FUTURE OF NEWS REPORTING: IS PRIVACY BECOMING THE DOMINANT RISK AREA FOR MEDIA ORGANISATIONS?

- Privacy Act reform developments
- The Tort of Serious Invasion of Privacy
- Privacy Commissioner enforcement trends
- Online Children's Code obligations
- Audience tracking and surveillance technologies
- Collection and use of personal information by media organisations
- Regulatory scrutiny of publishers and broadcasters
- Balancing privacy rights against public-interest journalism
- Emerging newsroom challenges when reporting on individuals
- How privacy law is reshaping journalistic decision-making

Presented by **Sophie Dawson**, Partner, Johnson Winter Slattery; *Doyle's Guide* 2026, Pre-eminent Technology, Media and Telecommunications Lawyer

OPEN JUSTICE UNDER PRESSURE: ARE AUSTRALIAN COURTS BECOMING LESS TRANSPARENT?

Presented by **Justin Quill**, Partner, Thomsons; Chambers Asia-Pacific; Band 1 Media Lawyer or 15 consecutive years

COPYRIGHT, AI TRAINING, PLATFORM USE OF CONTENT AND THE FUTURE OF PUBLISHER RIGHTS

Presented by **Kate Haddock**, Partner, Banki Haddock Fiora; Band 2 Intellectual Property: Trade Mark & Copyright (Chambers Global & Asia-Pacific 2026)

SESSION 2: THE FUTURE OF MEDIA CONTENT: AI, PLATFORM POWER AND MEDIA SUSTAINABILITY

2.00PM TO 5.15PM WEB2610N11B **\$420**

AI IN JOURNALISM: GOVERNANCE, VERIFICATION AND HUMAN ACCOUNTABILITY

- AI governance frameworks
- AI-generated content
- Verification and fact-checking
- Editorial oversight
- Human accountability for automated content
- Responsible algorithms
- Recommendation systems and content exposure
- AI-assisted journalism
- Ethical use of AI in newsrooms
- Deepfakes and synthetic media
- Emerging professional obligations
- Future newsroom governance
- Regulatory developments affecting AI deployment

Presented by **Robert Todd**, Senior Consultant, Ashurst Perkins Coie; Chambers Asia Pacific; Ranked Media Lawyer for over 16 years

PLATFORM POWER, PUBLISHER RIGHTS AND THE FUTURE OF ONLINE MEDIA

- The changing relationship between publishers and digital platforms
- Commercial and legal challenges facing media organisations
- Publisher rights in a platform-driven environment
- Platform accountability and risk allocation
- Online publication risks
- The role of intermediaries in content distribution
- Emerging regulatory responses globally
- Future challenges for media businesses

Presented by **Justine Munsie**, Partner, Addisons; Chambers Asia-Pacific, Band 1 Media Lawyer

THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM: MEDIA SUSTAINABILITY, COMMERCIAL PRESSURES AND THE NEXT DECADE OF PUBLIC INTEREST REPORTING

- Economic pressures affecting newsrooms
- The future funding of journalism
- Subscription, advertising and platform-driven business models
- Public-interest reporting in a changing media landscape
- Audience trust and engagement
- The impact of AI on media businesses
- Platform dependence and revenue challenges
- Regulatory pressures facing publishers
- Maintaining editorial independence
- Sustainability of regional journalism
- The future role of journalists and publishers
- Opportunities and risks over the next decade

Presented by **Gina McWilliams**, Senior Legal Counsel, News Corp Australia, June Andrews Walkley Award for Women's Leadership in Media 2021

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Food and Beverage Law Conference 2026

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2611V03
\$795

Protect your clients, your organisation and your reputation in a food and beverage sector facing sharper scrutiny. Get the legal, regulatory and commercial insight you need to advise with confidence. You will move beyond a general regulatory update and focus on the issues that matter most in practice: FSANZ priorities, regulator expectations, consumer law exposure, food/therapeutic goods classification, cartel risk, brand protection, recalls and enforcement trends. Gain targeted technical updates, practical risk guidance and commercially relevant strategies you can use immediately. Enhance your advice, identify emerging risks and help food and beverage businesses respond before problems become costly disputes, investigations or enforcement action.

SESSION 1: REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

9.00AM TO 1.15PM WEB2611V03A \$505

REGULATING THE FUTURE OF FOOD: NOVEL FOODS, HEALTH STAR RATINGS AND EMERGING FSANZ PRIORITIES

Presented by **Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)**

WHERE FOOD MEETS THERAPEUTIC GOODS: NAVIGATING CLASSIFICATION, CLAIMS AND INNOVATION

Presented by **Dr Teresa Nicoletti**, Partner, Mills Oakley; *The Best Lawyers* in Australia; Recognised Lawyer, Life Sciences Practice, Biotechnology Law and Health and Aged Care Law; *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, Ranked Lawyer (Band 1), Life Sciences

FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES: WHAT REGULATORS INVESTIGATE, WHAT GETS PROSECUTED AND WHAT YOU NEED TO WATCH

Presented by **Janine Curll**, Regulatory Manager, Ashbury; Former Commissioner of the NSW Food Authority

PRODUCT RECALLS, FOOD SAFETY INCIDENTS AND CRISIS RESPONSE: MANAGING LEGAL RISK DURING THE CRITICAL FIRST 72 HOURS

Presented by **Dr Andreas Klieber**, Managing Director, Quality Associates; Chair, Fresh Produce Safety Centre Australia & New Zealand

SESSION 2: ADVERTISING, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION LAW IN THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTOR

2.00PM TO 5.15PM WEB2611V03B \$420

FOOD MARKETING – IP AND CONSUMER LAW HOT TOPICS

- Brands - latest food case
- Marketing of food products and IP
- Consumer law - unfair business practices - overview
- Product claims, trade promotions, look alike products and recent cases
- Managing IP in your food business
- Latest developments and other hot topics

Present by **Alison Jones**, Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

PROVENANCE, PLACE AND PROTECTED NAMES: TRADE MARKS, GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABELLING IN FOOD & BEVERAGE LAW

Presented by **Joanna Lawrence**, Partner, Mills Oakley; *Doyle's Guide*, Recommended Contentious IP; World Trademark Review 1000 Guide Silver ranking, Prosecution and Strategy and Enforcement and Litigation

CARTEL RISKS WITH SUPPLIERS AND RETAILERS: HIDDEN COMPETITION LAW TRAPS IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Presented by **Sar Katdare**, Partner, Johnson Winter Slattery; *Doyle's Guide* 2025, Leading Competition Lawyers

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Native Title and Aboriginal Land Rights in NSW: Recent Developments, Practical Challenges and Future Directions

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2611N10
\$420

Gain a practical understanding of the evolving intersection between Aboriginal land rights, native title, environmental law and statutory obligations in NSW. Develop valuable insights into managing competing rights and interests under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and Native Title Act, advising on the impacts of land claims, future acts and development proposals, and navigating emerging challenges where Aboriginal organisations and native title holders are using environmental and administrative law to challenge decisions affecting Country. The session will also explore the requirement to act in good faith, examining key cases and practical strategies to help practitioners manage negotiations, reduce risk and achieve better outcomes for clients across property, planning, infrastructure and native title matters.

ALRA AND NATIVE TITLE: PRACTICAL CHALLENGES FOR NSW PRACTITIONERS

- Understanding when Aboriginal land rights and Native Title rights coexist, overlap or compete
- Managing the implications of land claims, Native Title outcomes and future acts for property, planning and infrastructure projects
- Recent developments, unresolved issues and best-practice approaches for advising clients in NSW

Presented by **Chris Turner**, Strategic Consultant and **Teresa Singh**, Senior Lawyer, Chalk & Behrendt Lawyers & Consultants

BEYOND THE NATIVE TITLE ACT: NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUDICIAL REVIEW

- Exploring the emerging use of environmental and administrative law by RNTBCs, native title claimants and Local Aboriginal Land Councils to challenge government decisions affecting Country
- Lessons for government decision makers and lawyers acting for Aboriginal community organisations from recent cases—including Mpwerempwer, Barngarla, Tipakalippa and Munkara—and the implications for native title holders, Aboriginal Land Councils, governments and project proponents in NSW

Presented by **Daniel Byers**, General Counsel NSW Aboriginal Land Council and **Raphael Hudson**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

THE REQUIREMENT TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH

Gain practical guidance on one of the most important yet often misunderstood obligations in native title negotiations and future act processes: the requirement to act in good faith. Understand how courts and tribunals assess good faith conduct, the common pitfalls that can derail negotiations, and the consequences of failing to meet this standard.

Presented by **Edmund Lee**, Barrister, Sixth Floor Windeyer Chambers

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Native Title Conference

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

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\$795

The 16th Annual Native Title Conference is your leading national forum bringing together practitioners, Traditional Owners, advisers, government and industry stakeholders from across the Native Title sector. You will gain a full day exploration of the legal, commercial, and practical issues shaping practice in 2026. From agreement making and compensation to recent court decisions, insights from the ALRC on the *Future Acts* Regime, heritage protection developments and emerging challenges, this national forum delivers practical guidance, expert analysis, and real world perspectives for those working at the coalface of Native Title.

SESSION 1: AGREEMENT MAKING AND COMPENSATION

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\$505

Chair: **Robyn Glindemann**, Principal and Director, Lantegy Legal

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Nick Abraham, Elder of the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, part of the Nyoongar Nation of south-west Western Australia

AGREEMENT MAKING IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

- Agreement-making
 - social good
 - economic empowerment
 - regional development
- Who pays? Agreement-making and profit-making
- The hierarchy of delivering social value: capital decision-making
- Traditional owners as subsidiary or principal project beneficiaries

Presented by **Rewi Lyall**, CEO, Yued Aboriginal Corporation

THE LEGACY OF AGREEMENT MAKING: CLOSING THE LOOP

- Community expectations
- Governance structures
- Benefit Management Structures (BMS)
- Compliance
 - Trust law
 - Trustee requirements
 - Financial obligations including audits
 - Anti Money Laundering

Presented by **Matthew Maxted**, General Manager & Delegated Trustee, Abbott Native Title Trustees (ANTT), **Lauren Garvey**, Senior Client Manager, ANTT

BEYOND TIMBER CREEK: WHAT WE KNOW AFTER MCARTHUR RIVER

Gain insight into the novel issues raised by the case, including:

- How to assess the impact of mining on native title rights and interests, including the relevance of the 'non-extinguishment principle' to the assessment of compensation
- Whether native title can be valued having regard to its negotiation value rather than to the freehold value of the land

Presented by **Alex Rorrison**, Principal, Meaghan Rorrison Legal & Consulting

WHAT "JUST" COMPENSATION MEANS IN PRACTICE: LOOKING BEYOND TIMBER CREEK AND EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE MODELS FOR BEST OUTCOMES

- Explore what "just" compensation really means and looks like to traditional owners, as well as the State and proponents
- Examine beyond the legal system compensation claim determination process, and its advantages and disadvantages
- Gain insight into what traditional owners are really seeking in redress, alternatives that may be available and how incorporating non-monetary outcomes may reflect better outcomes for all through agreement making

Facilitator: **Mel Watts**, Director, M Watts Legal

Panellists:

Sue Meaghan, Principal, Meaghan Rorrison Legal & Consulting

Dr Debbie Fletcher, Director, Fletcher Advisory and Consultancy Services

Kado Muir, Aboriginal Cultural Awareness & Heritage Consulting

SESSION 2: RECENT CASE AND FUTURE ACTS REGIME UPDATES, HERITAGE PROTECTION

266W01B

\$420

Chair: **Lisa Eaton**, Member, National Native Title Tribunal

INSIGHTS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION ON THE REVIEW OF THE FUTURE ACTS REGIME

Hear from the Australian Law Reform Commission ('ALRC') on developments in the Review of the *Future Acts* Regime. The ALRC received Terms of Reference for the Inquiry in June 2024 and has consulted broadly over the course of the Inquiry, receiving more than 160 submissions and conducting more than 100 consultations. The Final and Summary Reports were delivered to the Attorney-General on 31 March 2026 and will be published when tabled in Parliament. Presented by **Christopher Ash**, Principal Legal Officer for the Review of the Future Acts Regime, Australian Law Reform Commission. Facilitated by **Lisa Eaton**, Member, National Native Title Tribunal

RECENT NATIVE TITLE CASE UPDATE

A review of recent significant decisions and the implications
Presented by **Tessa Herrmann**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers

HERITAGE PROTECTION UPDATE: AN INTERCONNECTED LANDSCAPE WITH EXPANDING CONSULTATION

- What is the lay of the land? Key similarities and differences in cultural heritage and environmental protection legislative regimes as between jurisdictions
- How is the landscape changing? Recent and imminent law reform impacting cultural heritage protection and management and Traditional Owner consultation
- What is on the horizon? Looking ahead of future trends, such as the use of AI and international influences in the management and protection of Country

Presented by **Kate Wilson**, Partner, Ashurst and **Tess Birch**, Senior Associate, Ashurst

HERITAGE PROTECTION UPDATE: AN INTERCONNECTED LANDSCAPE WITH EXPANDING CONSULTATION

This session will focus on national trends, using practical examples and covering:

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Ethics, Professional Skills and Practice Management in Practice for Personal Injury Lawyers

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

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\$420

Strengthen your professional skills, ethical decision-making and client management capabilities with this practical CPD session tailored to personal injury lawyers. Understand the limits and strengths of expert evidence, while gaining valuable insights into effectively briefing and working with forensic crash investigators, and staying ahead of emerging issues such as e-scooters, vehicle data and evolving liability risks. Learn best-practice approaches to supporting vulnerable clients through trauma-informed care while enhancing client communication and engagement. You will also explore common ethical challenges that arise throughout the life of a claim, with practical guidance on managing professional obligations, evidence, experts and settlements while reducing the risk of complaints and conduct issues.

Professional Skills

BRIEFING THE EXPERT WITNESS: FORENSIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS

- What an Expert Can (and Cannot) Provide
 - The role of forensic crash investigators and when expert evidence adds value
 - Key investigation methodologies and testing assumptions that affect liability
 - The limits of expert evidence and assessing competing expert opinions
- Briefing the Expert Effectively
 - Why the quality of the brief matters and the evidence that should be included
 - Formulating effective questions and working collaboratively with experts
 - Common briefing pitfalls and preparing experts for mediation and court
- Emerging Trends and Issues
 - E-scooters, e-bikes and other micro-mobility claims
 - The increasing use of vehicle diagnostics and electronic data in crash investigations
 - The growing role of human factors analysis and Safe System principles in negligence claims
 - Autonomous vehicles, changing road infrastructure and emerging liability issues
 - Future developments in crash reconstruction technology and litigation impacts

Presented by **David Beck**, Principal, Datum Road Safety and **Johann Tay**, Founding Principal, TVL

Practice Management & Business Skills

TRAUMA-INFORMED CLIENT CARE

Unpack the principles of trauma-informed practice and explore how they can be applied to client care within your legal practice. Gain an understanding of how trauma can affect a client's behaviour, communication, memory, decision-making and engagement with your legal services and explore practical strategies for creating safer, more supportive and effective interactions with clients who may be affected by trauma.

Consider how trauma-informed approaches can be incorporated throughout the client journey, from initial contact and communication through to managing complex, distressed or emotionally heightened interactions. Also understand the importance of recognising the impact that trauma-related work can have on you and your team and maintaining sustainable practices that support both effective client care and practitioner wellbeing.

- Understanding trauma-informed client care: the key principles and their relevance to legal practice
- How trauma can affect client engagement including communication, memory, behaviour, decision-making and interactions with legal services
- Trauma-informed communication and interactions: practical strategies for building trust, promoting safety and supporting client choice and participation
- Responding to distressed or complex clients: approaches for managing emotionally heightened or challenging interactions while maintaining appropriate professional boundaries
- Supporting safe and sustainable practice: recognising the impact of trauma-related work and the importance of practitioner wellbeing

Presented by **Valeria Capasso-Kruck**, Acting Manager, Trauma Informed Practice, Knowmore Legal Services and **Alexis Polidano**, Acting Principal Lawyer, Knowmore Legal Service

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PERSONAL INJURY PRACTICE

Personal injury lawyers face ethical challenges at every stage of a matter. This practical session explores key professional obligations and common risk areas, with guidance on managing clients, evidence, experts and settlements while reducing the risk of complaints and conduct issues

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills
- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills

- 1 CPD unit in Ethics and Professional Responsibility



Ethics, Professional Skills and Practice Management for In-House Counsel

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2610N05D
\$420

In-house counsel must navigate a complex mix of ethical responsibilities, commercial pressures and rapid technological change. Strengthen your ability to identify and manage risk, maintain professional independence and deliver strategic value to your organisation. Explore common ethical dilemmas and professional responsibility issues, develop stronger contract drafting and negotiation skills through a focus on indemnities and risk allocation, and gain insight into how AI and legal function transformation are reshaping the delivery of legal services. Leave with practical tools and strategies to help you address today's challenges and prepare for tomorrow's opportunities.

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

ETHICAL DILEMMAS YOU MAY FACE AS IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

- Managing conflicts of interest
- Dealing with difficult, unethical or high-pressure stakeholders while maintaining professional independence
- Understanding when to escalate concerns, seek advice or step back from a matter
- Recognising ethical issues before they become professional conduct problems

Presented by **Linden Barnes**, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of New South Wales

Professional Skills

PRACTICAL CONTRACT DRAFTING: INDEMNITIES AND RISK ALLOCATION

- Draft indemnity clauses that appropriately allocate risk
- Why insurance clauses are a new battleground in risk allocation
- Rely on case law examples to negotiate with greater confidence
- Identify common drafting pitfalls and apply practical strategies to better protect your organisation's interests

Presented by **Daniel Gosewisch**, Legal Practice Director, NPAA Law & Consultant, Work Pac

Practice Management and Business Skills

LEGAL FUNCTION TRANSFORMATION AND AI FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Presented by **Matthew Morosin**, Australia and Asia Pacific Lead, Deloitte

ATTEND AND EARN

10 CPD UNITS

- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills
- 1 CPD unit in Ethics & Professional Responsibility
- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management and Business Skills



Making Super Work for You: Superannuation, Tax and Retirement Planning

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N22

\$160

Many lawyers spend their careers advising clients on financial risk yet often fall behind when it comes to their own retirement planning. This practical seminar demystifies Australia's superannuation and tax framework, with a focus on helping lawyers make informed decisions to improve their long-term retirement outcomes. Through real-world examples, Brett Morris and Paul Sharkey will explain how the superannuation regime operates, what contributions are tax deductible and the strategies available to build retirement wealth more effectively.

Practice Management and Business Skills

MAKING SUPER WORK FOR YOU: SUPERANNUATION, TAX AND RETIREMENT PLANNING

- Examples of superannuation outcomes
- The superannuation regime
- Tax deductibility for superannuation contributions
- Retirement planning and strategies to improve retirement outcomes

Presented by **Brett Morris**, Principal Solicitor, and **Paul Sharkey**, Director, Intralink Wealth Management

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills



AML Compliance and Practical Steps Before 1 July

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N28

\$305

With 1 July fast approaching, now is the time focus on practical implementation, and fast. This session is designed to give you clear, actionable steps to help your organisation meet its AML/CTF obligations with confidence. You will gain practical guidance on core requirements such as customer due diligence, risk assessments and reporting obligations, with a focus on how these operate in day-to-day practice. Importantly, you will leave with a clear set of priority actions for the final weeks, helping you focus your time and resources where it matters most.

Walk away with practical tools, insights and a roadmap you can apply immediately.

Professional Skills

AML IN PRACTICE: A CLEAR ROADMAP TO COMPLIANCE AHEAD OF 1 JULY

This session is designed to help you translate AML/CTF obligations into practical action within your firm. In this workshop, you will work through:

- A clear roadmap to compliance ahead of 1 July
- Building or refining your AML framework:
 - The key steps you and your organisation should be taking now
 - The essential components of effective policies, procedures and systems
- Implementing AML/CTF programs
 - Practical steps to update existing programs or implement from scratch
 - Aligning your program to your organisation's risk profile
- Practical guidance on customer due diligence, risk assessments and reporting obligations:
 - What you actually need to do
 - How to approach risk-based customer due diligence in real scenarios
- Common gaps or pitfalls you are seeing, and how to avoid them
 - Lessons to learn from organisations
- Your final-weeks priorities and action plan
 - The critical actions to take before commencement
 - A simple checklist to ensure nothing is missed

Presented by **Louise Lane**, Principal, Lane Consulting & Advisory

ATTEND AND EARN

2 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Professional Skills



Managing Psychosocial Risk in the Workplace: A Practical Guide for All

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266V01

\$160

Psychosocial risks are now widely recognised as one of the most significant—and fastest-growing—sources of employee disputes facing organisations today. Through a realistic case study, you will work through the steps organisations can take to manage psychosocial risks effectively, lawfully, and with confidence. Unpack the psychosocial risk framework, examine key risk factors and how they present in practice and navigate steps for effective triage and early identification of risk. Explore the intersection between psychosocial hazards and potential misconduct and consider practical approaches to investigating workplace behaviour in this complex context.

Practice Management, Equality and Wellbeing

IDENTIFYING, INVESTIGATING AND MITIGATING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK IN THE WORKPLACE. A PRACTICAL GUIDE

Through practical scenario based learning, explore the challenges of identifying, investigating, and mitigating psychosocial risk in the workplace. If you are involved in managing workplace risk, complaints and investigations you can't afford to miss this practical webinar and enable yourself and your organisation to address potential risks before they become a documented hazard.

You will learn how to:

- Navigate the psychosocial risk framework, including the evolving regulatory and workplace safety landscape
- Identify key risk factors and how they present in the workplace
- Manage effective triage and early identification of risk
- Understand the interaction between psychosocial hazards and potential misconduct
- Gain practical approaches to investigating workplace behaviour in this context

Through a practical, scenario-based approach, you will work through the steps you and your organisation can take to effectively manage risk in this complex and developing area.

Workshop Facilitator:

Angela Seach, Associate Director & Practice Leader: Leadership & Culture, Worklogic

About Angela Seach

Drawing on more than 25 years' experience working inhouse in people and culture roles, and in consulting, Angela has extensive experience in conducting complex and sensitive investigations into employee misconduct, including sexual harassment and workplace bullying matters. Angela is also a mediator, conducting mediations and facilitated discussions to resolve interpersonal conflict and rebuild relationships in the workplace

Who Should Attend?

- HR Professionals
- WHS Practitioners
- In-house and external legal advisers supporting organisational risk management
- People Leaders
- Management involved in managing workplace risks
- Anyone involved in managing complaints and investigations
- Board members
- Lawyers practising in workplace safety and employment law

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management or Equality and Wellbeing



Growing Legal Practice Revenues in a World of AI

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

WEB265N08

\$230

Focus on activities required to win more clients and demonstrate what it takes to stand out in an increasingly competitive and noisy marketplace obsessed with AI. Learn how to engage potential clients without sounding confused or bland and how to build trust and credibility, so you become the provider of choice over time in an AI world. Many firms and legal professionals suffer from a lack of awareness, underperforming websites, no real point of difference from the competition and personnel who consider themselves professionals rather than marketers, or worse salespeople. Understand what it takes to be perceived as experts in your field. Then seize the moment and leverage this new-found status to attract new clients and win more new business in a world currently obsessing over AI.

Practice Management and Business Skills

GROWING LEGAL PRACTICE REVENUES IN A WORLD OF AI

- Why you should change your attitude and behaviour to business development
- The profit model all successful businesses must master
- How the answers to 3 simple questions can change your financial life
- Winning strategies of the top performing firms

Presented by **Alistair Marshall**, Founder and Director, Professional Services Business Development

Your Key Takeaways:

- After participating in this workshop, you will be able to understand what it takes to be perceived as an expert in your field
- You will be able to leverage this new-found status to attract new clients and win more new business in a world currently obsessing over AI

“Very Impressive and relevant presenter who spoke plain English, useful, informative, funny and thought provoking.”

“Excellent session, we would love to have you back!”

ATTEND AND EARN

1.5 CPD UNITS

- 1.5 CPD units in Practice Management and Business Skills



Legal Support and Executive Series

RECORDED IN MAY & JUNE 2026

WEB265N09
\$505

Join our four-part virtual training series designed for legal executives, support staff, and lawyers, focusing on essential skills in wellbeing, communication, AI capability, and resilience. Led by industry experts, these practical sessions offer clear, actionable strategies to strengthen professional effectiveness, support mental health, and enhance overall workplace performance.

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

WEB265N09A
\$160

Working with distressing material can take a toll. This practical session helps legal support staff and professionals recognise vicarious trauma early, reduce its impact, and build everyday strategies to protect wellbeing, resilience and long-term sustainability at work. Walk away with practical tools you can apply immediately—for yourself and your team.

Chair: **Nick Murfett**, Director, New Paradigm Coaching

Professional Skills

VICARIOUS TRAUMA: RISKS, IMPACTS AND PRACTICAL STRATEGIES

- Understand the “what and why” of vicarious trauma and its relevance to legal practice
- Recognise vicarious trauma, including key risk and protective factors
- Learn practical strategies to minimise and address the impacts of vicarious trauma
- Develop skills for prevention and recovery, including building vicarious resilience

Presented by **Jubilee Sloane**, Consultant Psychologist, Centre for Corporate Health

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N09B
\$160

With significant levels of depression, anxiety, stress and burnout in the legal profession, the prioritisation of wellbeing has never been more important. AI can play a powerful role in enhancing wellbeing, not just by creating efficiencies and reducing administrative burdens, but by also supporting your healthy habits and those of others within the profession.

Chair: **Nick Murfett**, Director, New Paradigm Coaching

Professional Skills

WELLBEING BY DESIGN: USING AI TO PROMOTE WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

- Understand why proactively prioritising wellbeing is critical in today's legal workplace
- Explore how the thoughtful adoption of AI can support wellbeing, reduce pressure and build resilience across legal roles
- Learn practical, real-world ways to use AI to stay on top of wellbeing, create healthier work habits and support sustainable performance

Presented by **Carlie Andrews**, Senior Associate, Hive Legal

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N09C
\$160

Confidently integrate AI into your legal work - safely, effectively and responsibly. This practical session demystifies how AI works and shows support staff and legal professionals where it genuinely fits into day-to-day legal practice. Learn how to use AI to streamline common tasks, improve outputs through effective prompting, and navigate the key risks of accuracy, confidentiality and professional obligations - so you can use AI with confidence, clarity and control.

Chair: **Nick Murfett**, Director, New Paradigm Coaching

Professional Skills

USING AI EFFECTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY IN LEGAL CONTEXTS

- **Practical AI in Legal Workflows:** where AI fits into day-to-day legal practice and how it can streamline common tasks
- **Understanding AI:** simple breakdown of how AI works, what it does well and common misconceptions
- **Using AI effectively:** practical prompting techniques and real examples of how lawyers and support staff can get better outputs
- **Risks, limitations and guardrails:** key considerations for responsible use, including accuracy, confidentiality, and professional obligations

Presented by **Jeanette Merjane**, Legal Transformation Analyst, Accredited Specialist – Family Law, Lander & Rogers

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N09D
\$160

Clear writing leads to clearer thinking and better outcomes. This practical session will help you improve the way you write emails and everyday communications in the legal workplace - so your message will be understood the first time. Learn how to structure your writing effectively, communicate your point without overwhelming the reader, and adapt your style in a technology-driven environment where clarity matters more than ever.

Chair: **Nick Murfett**, Director, New Paradigm Coaching

Professional Skills

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR WRITING WELL

"If you can't write well, you can't think well, and others will do your thinking for you" - Oscar Wilde

Writing well is a skill that we acquire over time and can be improved by thoughtful practice and reflection. Focus on and discover:

- How the structure of our emails and ‘netiquette’ can help us communicate more effectively
- How to get your point across without overwhelming the reader
- How technology is impacting the way we write and communicate

Presented by **Suellen Thompson**, Head of Knowledge and Research (Australia and Asia), Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

ATTEND THE FULL SERIES AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Professional Skills



Complex Conveyancing Transactions: Navigating the Risks

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEST

WEB269N15
\$795

One missed warning sign in a complex conveyancing transaction can expose you to disputes, failed settlements, client claims, disciplinary scrutiny and serious practice risk. With tighter digital processes, caveat traps, off-the-plan and strata complications, contract termination issues and the expanding AML/CTF regime, conveyancers and property lawyers can no longer afford to rely on “business as usual”. This practical, risk-focused program will show you where transactions are most likely to go wrong, how to protect your clients and your practice and what you need to do now to keep matters moving safely, compliantly and commercially. Attend to leave with the strategies, drafting insights and practice safeguards you need to manage complex conveyancing work with confidence and avoid being caught out when the next difficult matter lands on your desk.

SESSION 1: NAVIGATING THE RISKS IN YOUR COMPLEX CONVEYANCING TRANSACTIONS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM WEB269N15A \$505

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT IN CONVEYANCING

2.00PM TO 5.15PM WEB269N15B \$420

Chair: **Derek Hand**, Partner, Robinson Solicitors

Chair: **Julia Yassa**, Principal Solicitor, Yassa Legal

STRATEGIC OPTION AGREEMENTS AND COMPLEX CONTRACTS

- Residential subdivision- material changes and rescission risks
- Potential impact of planning controls, development consents and future neighbouring development on completion
- Equitable relief and priority dispute risks
- Common intention and rectification

Presented by **Sian Jones**, Partner, Colin Biggers & Paisley

MANAGING CONVEYANCING OF LOTS WITHIN MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATA PROJECTS

- Managing high-value, multi-lot and staged development transactions
- Understanding the basics of each
- How to handle them
- What hurdles to look out for

COMPLEX CONVEYANCING DISPUTES AND CASE LAW

- Analysis of current dispute trends
- Key court decisions impacting conveyancing practice
- Delayed deposits and terminating contracts
- The degree of certainty needed for proprietary estoppel by encouragement
- Damages when a vendor terminates for non-completion

Presented by **Dominic Maley**, Partner, Maclarens Lawyers; Casual Academic and Course Coordinator, Property Transactions, UTS

CAVEATS IN PRACTICE

- Function of a caveat
- Why file a caveat?
- Drafting caveats effectively
- Duties of a “subscriber” under the Participation Rules for Electronic Conveyancing
- Common scenarios practitioners can expect to encounter
- Compensation under section 74P of the *Real Property Act 1900* (NSW)
- Tips for instructing solicitors when briefing counsel in urgent applications to extend or withdraw a caveat

Presented by **Vikram N Misra**, Barrister, Clarence Chambers; Author, *Security of Payment in the NSW Building & Construction Industry*; Sole contributing author; *Jacobs, Commercial Damages and Jacobs, McCarthy & Neggo, Injunctions: Law and Practice*; Casual academic at Western Sydney University Law School

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

DIGITAL CONVEYANCING AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

- Ethical obligations when using PEXA, AI tools, electronic signatures and digital verification processes
- Managing cyber security, fraud and confidentiality risks in an increasingly digital conveyancing environment
- Professional responsibility when adopting new technologies and automated workflows
- Lessons from recent claims, complaints and disciplinary matters arising from digital conveyancing practice

Presented by **Judy Bliss**, Director, Bliss Conveyancing and Current NSW State Representative in the Pexa Advisory Board

Professional Skills

NEGOTIATION TACTICS IN PROPERTY DEALS

- A review of the most commonly negotiated clauses in Property Deals including:
 - Changes to the standard form Law Society Contract
 - A deep dive into warranties and indemnities and considering what's material when acting for a buyer and seller
 - Contamination clauses: a review of the different types of clauses and deviations of what is considered “market”
 - Guarantee provisions: why press for a guarantee and does the guarantor always need to be a director
 - GST
 - Management of leases
- Effective communication and negotiation strategies to achieve favourable outcomes
- Practical lessons from complex property transactions and common negotiation pitfalls

Presented by **Elly Ashley**, Partner, Holding Redlich; Recommended Property & Real Estate Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2026*; Accredited Specialist in Property Law

Practice Management & Business Skills

AML/CTF REGIME & ITS IMPACT ON CONVEYANCING

- How does AML apply to your practice
- Understanding your AML/CTF obligations
- Practical considerations and what this means for your practice
- What we've learned so far from the regime

Presented by **Katherine Shamaï**, Partner, Grant Thornton

ATTEND THE FULL DAY AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Ethics & Professional Responsibility

- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



Strata Law: Reform, Risk and Current Challenges

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026
2.00PM TO 5.15PM AEDT

WEB2610V04
\$420

Working with strata law, you are facing some of the property sector's most urgent and difficult issues right now. You need answers on fast-moving VCAT decisions and key legislative reform, mounting costly debt recovery challenges and complex insurance claims involving coverage, causation, delay and stakeholder conflict. Miss these issues and you risk giving advice that falls short when clients need clear, current and practical guidance on increasingly numerous and complex matters. Gain the key insights into the traps and strategies you need to advise confidently on the strata challenges already landing on your desk.

Chair: **Jane Wolfe**, Partner and National Head of Property, SLF Lawyers

LATEST VCAT DECISIONS AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OWNERS CORPORATIONS ACT

- Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
- *Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment Act 2025*
- Standardised Informed Consent for Commissions
- Recent judgements

Presented by **Timothy Graham**, Principal Lawyer, Aitken Partners; Vice-President and Immediate Past President of Strata Community Association VIC

NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES IN STRATA

- Getting it right: fee notice and final fee notice
- Recent decisions affecting strata debt recovery
- Proposed changes to the strata laws and regulations that may affect debt collection

Presented by **Rochelle Castro**, Principal Lawyer, RC & CO Lawyers

STRATA INSURANCE CLAIMS

- Understanding the strata insurance claims process, including the respective roles of owners' corporations, lot owners, strata managers, brokers and insurers
- Common issues that arise in strata insurance claims, including causation, policy coverage, exclusions, underinsurance and delays in claim handling
- Practical tips for preparing and managing claims, preserving evidence and engaging experts to maximise the prospects of a successful outcome
- Navigating disputes with insurers and other stakeholders, including strategies for resolving claims efficiently and when litigation or tribunal proceedings may be appropriate
- Lessons from real-world claims and disputes, highlighting common pitfalls and best practice for owners' corporations and lot owners

Presented by **Julia Moroz**, Partner, Bugden Allen

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



Property Law: Access, Easements, Licences and Undisclosed Encumbrances

WEDNESDAY 21 & 28 OCTOBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

WEB2610N03
\$305

Neighbour disputes, access rights and hidden encumbrances continue to present complex and high-risk challenges for NSW property practitioners. This two-part series you will; take a deep dive into the statutory and common law frameworks governing access to land, dividing fences and informal rights. In addition, examine the evolving scope of the duty of care for solicitors and conveyancers, highlighting where you are most exposed in transactional and advisory contexts.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

WEB2610N03A
\$160

Access disputes between neighbouring landowners are rarely straightforward, particularly where statutory remedies, equitable doctrines and informal land use arrangements intersect. Explore the practical operation of the *Access to Neighbouring Lands Act* and *Dividing Fences Act*. It will critically examine whether ANLA applications are truly a more efficient alternative to relief under s 88K *Conveyancing Act*, and how courts deal with long-standing but unformalised access arrangements.

Chair: **Kevin Tang**, Barrister, 8 Wentworth Chambers

ACCESS TO NEIGHBOURING LANDS ACT, DIVIDING FENCES ACT AND LICENCES BY IMPLICATION: THE FIRST COUSIN OF EASEMENTS

- Is an application under the ANLA truly quicker/cheaper/overall preferable to an application for a temporary easement in the Supreme Court under Sec 88K *Conveyancing Act*?
- Can the Local Court order a neighbour who puts up a dividing fence without input from the adjoining neighbour, to take it down?
- What of the situation where Whiteacre has openly and without force used a defined track over Blackacre for eons, but does not have an easement on title and might have an uphill battle showing an easement by prescription/ long user?
- Can Whiteacre's owners argue that by long conduct, it has acquired the benefit of a personal licence?
- If yes, is the licence revocable at will?

Presented by **Sydney Jacobs**, Barrister, 13 Wentworth Chambers; Accredited mediator; Bar ADR Expert Determiner

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2026
1.00PM TO 2.00PM AEDT

WEB2610N03B
\$160

Together with Sydney Jacobs, an expert property law Counsel, unpack the duty of care owed by solicitors and conveyancers when acting for purchasers, with a focus on access issues, easements and undisclosed encumbrances. Through practical examples, explore when a failure to identify or advise on these matters may amount to negligence, and how plaintiffs may frame their claims.

Chair: **Kevin Tang**, Barrister, 8 Wentworth Chambers

DUTY OF CARE: CAUTIONARY TALES FROM THE TRENCHES

- Consider the duty of care of a conveyancing solicitor or Conveyancer who acts for the purchaser of Whiteacre and who does not pick up difficulties with legal access to Whiteacre and that Blackacre has the benefit of an easement over Whiteacre
- When is the Solicitor or Conveyancer acting for the purchaser negligent in failing to advise about lack of legal access to the property purchased?
- As a plaintiff/purchaser, how might one frame the duty of care?
- What is the duty of care of the Solicitor who has limited time to advise before auction?
- What of the Solicitor/Conveyancer who, acting for the purchaser of Whiteacre, fails to pick up that Blackacre (neighbouring the property of Whiteacre) has the benefit of some or other easement over Whiteacre (best of all, an easement for pipe, or worst of all, an easement for recreation over Whiteacre!)?

Presented by **Sydney Jacobs**, Barrister, 13 Wentworth Chambers; Accredited mediator; Bar ADR Expert Determiner

ATTEND THE FULL SERIES AND EARN

2 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law



Conveyancing Fundamentals

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N11

\$505

Build confidence across the full conveyancing lifecycle. This practical halfday intensive equips conveyancers, junior solicitors and conveyancing support staff with the skills to manage conveyancing transactions from due diligence through to settlement with greater confidence and reduced risk. Learn how to negotiate and interpret special conditions, manage client expectations, avoid common drafting pitfalls and respond effectively to lastminute settlement issues. You will gain clear guidance on options, insolvency considerations, estates and trustee dealings and emerging dispute trends - giving you the tools to protect your client, minimise exposure and handle transactions with professionalism and clarity in real world practice.

Chair: **Leanne Walker**, Partner, Colin Biggers & Paisley

PRACTICALLY MANAGING RISK, EXPECTATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN CONVEYANCING TRANSACTIONS: FROM DUE DILIGENCE TO SETTLEMENT

- Negotiating special conditions
- Managing client expectations from exchange to settlement
- Dealing with trustees, deceased estates and capacity issues
- Part X arrangements and personal insolvency considerations in property transactions
- Responding to last-minute events before settlement
- Practical risk mitigation strategies to protect your client

Presented by **Judy Bliss**, Director, Bliss Conveyancing & Current NSW State Representative in the Pexa Advisory Board

WHEN AND HOW IS THE CONTRACT FORMED? COMMON PITFALLS, RISK AREAS, DRAFTING NUANCES AND ISSUES THAT OFTEN GO WRONG IN PRACTICE

- Elements of contract formation in NSW
- Precontract negotiations – are they binding?
- What constitutes a valid exchange and common missteps
- Vendor disclosure obligations and missing prescribed documents
- When different versions of a contract are signed and exchanged
- Special conditions that are ambiguous, unenforceable, or internally inconsistent
- Overly vendor favorable special conditions that shift risk and responsibility to the purchaser
- Common mistakes in practice

Presented by **Julia Yassa**, Principal Solicitor, Yassa Legal

MANAGING OPTIONS IN CONVEYANCING PRACTICE

- Nature of Options
- Formalities
- Entry into an Option Agreement
- GST and Duty
- Exercise of Option

Presented by **Christopher Conolly**, Consultant, Colin Biggers & Paisley, Accredited Specialist Property Law

CONVEYANCING DISPUTES IN FOCUS: RECENT TRENDS AND PRACTICAL LESSONS

- Common triggers of conveyancing disputes
- Recent case law reshaping contractual rights and remedies
- Off-the-plan disputes
- Breach, termination and deposit recovery issues
- Post-completion disputes and liability exposure

Presented by **Rani Gandha**, Partner, Turnbull Lawyers

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Force Majeure and Frustration: Dealing with the Contracts We Wrote for the Last Crisis

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N27

\$160

Against the backdrop of escalating tensions arising from the closure of the Gulf of Hormuz, contractual risk is no longer hypothetical but immediate. The resulting disruption is not confined to geopolitics or energy markets, it is being felt across entire supply chains, affecting not just fuel but a wide range of goods and services and driving up costs at every stage. These pressures are exposing the limits of force majeure clauses drafted for past crises, as parties confront cascading delays, indirect sanctions and pricing shocks that fall outside traditional definitions. Examine how those real-world impacts intersect with force majeure and frustration and what lawyers need to understand when contracts written for one risk environment are tested by another.

FORCE MAJEURE, FRUSTRATION AND DEALING WITH THE CONTRACTS WE WROTE FOR THE LAST CRISIS

Gain insights and practical guidance that you can immediately use to advise your current clients.

Most commercial contracts in circulation today were drafted for a different decade's problems. COVID-19 still sits inside force majeure definitions signed this month. The lists catch pandemics, terrorism and nuclear contamination, and miss the supply chain distortion, energy shocks and indirect sanctions clients are actually walking in with today. When the clause does not cover what has gone wrong, the common-law backstop is narrower than most lawyers remember.

Mark will draw on a working archive of agreements and the recent Australian authorities from *Codelfa to Cao v ISPT* to focus on:

- What current force majeure clauses actually do
- Where frustration sits behind them
- How the two interact in ways that often surprise the party relying on it

Presented by **Mark Lazarus**, Principal, Lazarus Legal

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Retail and Commercial Leasing, Subleasing and Risk Allocation

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N07

\$505

In an increasingly contested leasing market, practitioners must stay across evolving risks, market trends and drafting pitfalls. This advanced, half-day program delivers practical, real-world guidance on navigating complex retail and commercial leasing arrangements, with insights from leading practitioners and the Honourable Justice Gregory Sirtes of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Combining judicial perspective with frontline expertise, the program offers strategic insights and actionable drafting techniques to help you minimise disputes, manage downstream risk and better protect your clients' commercial positions.

Chair: **Kim Boettcher**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

OPENING ADDRESS

- Benefits of property law knowledge for solicitors
- Avoiding disputes in the court
- Recent cases at the Bar

Presented by **The Honourable Justice Gregory Sirtes**, Supreme Court of New South Wales

AGREEMENT FOR LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES

- Typical Agreement for Lease provisions
- Risk allocation between landlord and tenant in purpose-built facilities
- EOTs, sunset dates and liquidated damages
- Financier and tri-partite issues

Presented by **Andrew Grima**, Partner, Bartier Perry Lawyers

INCENTIVES, FIT-OUT AND MAKE-GOOD

- Leasing incentives in large industrial assets
- Fit-out and make-good risk allocation
- Common drafting traps

Presented by **Sebastian Busa**, Partner, Baker & McKenzie; Recommended Leasing Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

VARIATION, SURRENDER AND TERMINATION OF LEASES

- Redevelopment clauses in retail and commercial leases
- Things to consider when preparing a variation of lease
- Compensation for fit out costs

Presented by **Samantha Gou**, Partner, Holding Redlich

ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS AND CLAUSES THAT COMMONLY CREATE DOWNSTREAM DISPUTES

- Clauses that cause problems later
- Valuation issues
- Practical drafting strategies for everyday matters
- Lessons from recent cases and market trends

Presented by **Duncan Myers**, Partner, Holding Redlich

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Rural Property Transactions Intensive

RECORDED IN MAY 2026

WEB265V02

\$160

Rural property transactions present a distinct set of legal and commercial challenges that differ markedly from metropolitan property matters. This focused, fundamentals-level session provides a practical overview of rural property transactions in Victoria, guiding participants through each key stage of the process.

Chair: **Gia Cari**, Partner, Arnold Bloch Leibler; Recommended Property & Real Estate Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

RURAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

- Understand the end-to-end lifecycle of a rural property transaction, from initial negotiations through to settlement
- Identify and manage common risks unique to rural land, including title issues, water rights, access, and use restrictions
- Gain practical guidance on structuring agreements to avoid disputes and manage deadlock scenarios effectively
- Receive a clear, step-by-step framework to support confident advice on rural acquisitions and disposals in Victoria

Presented by **Lisa Gaddie**, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Leading Property & Real Estate Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

TAX CONSIDERATIONS IN RURAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

- Typical Agreement for Lease provisions
- Understand the key tax issues impacting rural property transactions
- Identify tax risks specific to rural land
- Explore structuring options for acquisitions and disposals to achieve tax efficiency while managing compliance and audit risk
- Gain practical insights into common tax traps and planning opportunities for clients buying or selling rural property

Presented by **Neil Brydges**, Principal, Sladen Legal; Leading Tax Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2025; Accredited Specialist in Tax Law and **Kseniia Gasiuk**, Associate, Sladen Legal; Chartered Accountant

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



Testamentary Trusts Masterclass

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 12.30PM AEST

WEB269V06
\$420

In today's complex legal environment, a standard will rarely meet the intricate needs of modern clients. Succession practitioners are increasingly called upon to advise on the strategic use of testamentary trusts to manage blended family dynamics, optimise tax outcomes, protect assets and safeguard vulnerable beneficiaries.

TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS MASTERCLASS

Take a deep dive into the formulation, drafting and administration of testamentary trusts, equipping you to provide tailored, high-level advice and solutions. Move beyond the fundamentals to explore sophisticated strategies, practical problem-solving, and the nuances of trust creation, operation and winding up.

With a focus on real-world application, you will refine the skills needed to confidently integrate testamentary trusts into complex succession plans, ensuring they meet multiple objectives and stand up to scrutiny.

THE WHAT, WHO, HOW, WHY AND WHEN OF TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS

- **Testamentary Trusts Legal Framework**
 - Trust creation
 - Legislation, common law and equity
 - Main types of testamentary trusts
- **Trusts Administration**
 - The anatomy of a testamentary trust
 - Standard provisions
 - Bespoke provisions
 - Trustee discretion v beneficiary entitlements
 - Trust administration
 - Vesting
- **Key Roles in Testamentary Trusts**
 - Testator
 - Trustees
 - Beneficiaries
 - Guardians
- **Examples of Different Types of Testamentary Trusts**
 - Special disability trusts
 - Life interest trusts
 - Superannuation death benefit trusts
 - Testamentary discretionary trusts

TESTAMENTARY TRUST CONSIDERATIONS

- **Strategies for Testamentary Trusts**
 - Minor taxation
 - Asset protection - insolvency
 - Asset protection – vulnerable beneficiaries
 - Asset protection – family law
 - Taxation benefits
 - Testamentary Trust Options
- **Testamentary Trust Options**
 - Optional Trusts
 - Optional trust provisions

- **Testamentary Trusts Succession**
 - Trust Control
 - Succession of Trust control
 - Intergenerational planning
 - Sample clauses
- **Testamentary Trusts and Centrelink**
 - Asset test
 - Income test
 - Excluding beneficiaries
 - Alternatives
- **An Introduction to Testamentary Trust Taxation**
 - Present entitlement + specific entitlement
 - CGT and land tax
 - Excepted trust income
 - Non-residence issues
 - Impact of recent budget announcements
 - Case studies and relevant cases
- **Drafting Testamentary Trusts – Example Clauses**
 - Special disability trusts
 - Life interest trusts
 - Superannuation death benefit trusts
 - Testamentary discretionary trusts
- **Bringing It All Together**
 - Analysis of a sample Testamentary Trust Deed
 - Trust administration checklist
 - Critical cases
 - Relevant legislation
- **Summary**
 - Review of key Testamentary Trust concepts
 - Detailed case study analysis

Presented by **Greg Russo**, Principal, Greg Russo Law; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law; Recommended Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyer and Recommended Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



Family Trusts Masterclass

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 12.30PM AEST

WEB269V07
\$420

Before you provide advice on your next family trust matter, whether in the context of, succession planning, business structuring, litigation or trust administration... make sure that you are on top of this complex area of the law and that you can confidently advise your clients on all relevant matters including trust creation options, bespoke drafting to meet client's objectives, distribution strategies, tax benefits and asset protection.

In this workshop, you will work with an expert to examine the legal requirements and navigate the critical steps for structuring tailored trust solutions that achieve client objectives efficiently and without dispute.

FAMILY TRUSTS MASTERCLASS

An expertly crafted family trust must accomplish a number of goals. In this workshop you will gain hands on skills and insights on the following issues and more.

PART ONE: THE WHAT, WHO, HOW, WHY AND WHEN OF FAMILY TRUSTS

- **Legal Framework and Creation**
 - Legal framework
 - Trust creation
 - Legislation, common law and equity
 - Types of trusts
- **Who is Involved in a Family Trust**
 - Settlor
 - Trustee
 - Beneficiary
- **How Family Trusts Work**
 - The anatomy of a trust
 - Standard provisions
 - Bespoke provisions
 - Trustee discretion – exercise and challenges
 - Trust administration
 - Vesting
- **Why Use Family Trusts**
 - Asset protection
 - Taxation benefits
- **When You Have to Change a Family Trust**
 - Variation powers
 - Resettlements
- **Bringing It All Together**
 - Analysis of a sample Family Trust Deed
 - Trust administration checklist
 - Critical cases
 - Relevant legislation

PART TWO: FAMILY TRUST CONSIDERATIONS

- **Family Trusts and Estate Planning**
 - Trust Control
 - Succession of Trust control – Deed based v Will based
 - Equalisation clauses and adjustments – getting it right
 - Bespoke trust provisions
 - Sample clauses
- **Advanced Family Trust Administration**
 - UPES
 - Family Trust Elections
 - Case studies and relevant cases
- **Family Trusts and Family Law**
 - Property and resources
 - Family law strategies
 - Case studies and relevant cases
- **Family Trusts and Centrelink**
 - Asset test
 - Income test
 - Excluding beneficiaries
 - Alternatives
- **An Introduction to Trust Taxation**
 - Present entitlement
 - Specific entitlement
 - Non-residence issues
 - Case studies and relevant case
 - Impact of recent budget announcements
- **Summary**
 - Review of key Family Trust concepts
 - Detailed case study analysis

Presented by **Greg Russo**, Principal, Greg Russo Law; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates; Recommended Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyer and Recommended Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

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3 CPD UNITS

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Taxation of Trusts Masterclass

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2026
9.00AM TO 12.30PM AEDT

WEB2610V03
\$420

TAXATION OF TRUSTS MASTERCLASS

This workshop will be a deep dive into taxation of trusts, featuring tips, traps and case studies with a focus on the practicalities of working with trusts.

Presented by **Ian Raspin**, Managing Director, BNR Partners and **Greg Russo**, Principal Solicitor, Greg Russo Law; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law; Recommended Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyer and Recommended Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

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3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



Trusts and SMSFs Masterclass

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 12.30PM AEDT

WEB2611V04
\$420

Are you ready to tackle the complex, high-stakes world of SMSF succession planning with confidence?

TRUSTS AND SMSFS MASTERCLASS

This three-hour intensive workshop is designed for lawyers, accountants and financial advisers who are serious about mastering the nuances of SMSF succession. Through real-life case studies and deep practical insights, you'll explore the legal, financial and strategic dimensions of guiding clients through both pre-death estate administration and post-death benefit management.

From identifying risk and avoiding pitfalls to structuring smart, future-focused solutions, this is your opportunity to sharpen your expertise and deliver real value where it matters most.

Presented by **Greg Russo**, Principal Solicitor, Greg Russo Law; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates; Recommended Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyer and Recommended Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Greg Russo has almost 30 years' experience in succession planning, administration and litigation and is one of Victoria's most experienced and respected succession law solicitors. With a background in pure mathematics, Greg not only understands the implications of planning decisions on future taxation, SMSF, trust and estate administration, he is also able to break down complex concepts and structures logically and explain options to clients in a way that empowers them to take positive action and ownership for their decisions. Using the knowledge and insights that he has acquired over three decades, he crafts unique solutions to complex succession problems. Greg teaches both mathematics and law, regularly presents CPD succession events to solicitors, accountants and other professionals in Victoria, Queensland, and online. Greg is an LIV Wills & Estates Accredited Specialist, a chairperson of the LIV Specialist Accreditation Education Advisory Committee, a board member of the Mount Eliza Community Bank, a member of STEP, and is recognised in Doyle's Guide, in Victoria, as a Leading Wills and Estates Litigation Lawyer and a Leading Wills, Estates and Succession Planning Lawyer

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



Blended Families, Late-Life Relationships and Competing Claims Against Estates

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2026
9.00AM TO 1.15PM AWST

WEB2611W01
\$505

Estate disputes involving blended families, late-life relationships and competing claims are increasingly common but increasingly complex. With guidance from exceptional and experienced practitioners, build your much-needed strategies for advising clients, managing evidentiary issues, responding to family provision claims and building estate plans for second families to lessen the risk of later disputes. Gain practical insight on the current trends, procedural hurdles and estate planning tools that matter most and leave better placed to protect client interests in complex estate matters.

Chair: **Brendan Ashdown**, Barrister, John Toohey Chambers

FAMILY PROVISION CLAIMS UPDATE: CURRENT TRENDS IN WA

- Competing claims brought by adult children
- Consolidated Practice Directions on Costs of FPA proceedings

Presented by **McLane Edinger**, Partner, Hall & Wilcox; *Doyle's Guide* 2023- 2025, Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyers; Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2026, Private Wealth Law in Australia

Professional Skills

DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS: OVERCOMING EVIDENTIARY BARRIERS

- The requirements of s 13A of the *Interpretation Act 1984* (WA)
- A commentary on impactful evidence
- Overcoming procedural barriers to obtaining evidence
- De-facto claims in court or in chambers?
- Pre-action and third-party discovery processes
- Subpoenas to produce
- Exceptions to legal professional privilege

Presented by **Craig Gregson**, Principal Lawyer, Gregson & Associates; *Doyle's Guide* 2026, Leading Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyers and Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyers and **Amanda Gregson**, Senior Associate, Gregson & Associates

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES BROKEN: CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES

Presented by **Lorraine Madden**, Special Counsel, Hale Legal

PLANNING FOR THE SECOND FAMILY: NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITIES

- Blended families are commonplace but require special treatment for effective estate planning
- Balancing adequate and proper provision against entitlement or expectation
- Use and challenges of Life interests, mutual wills, superannuation proceeds trusts and property trusts
- Handling conflicts of interest in family group planning

Presented by **Morgan Solomon**, Director, Solomon Hollett Lawyers; *Doyle's Guide* 2026, Leading wills & Estates Litigation Lawyers

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



Complex Probate and Estate Administration Conference

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2026

9.00AM TO 5.15PM AEDT

2611N04

\$795

The landscape of estate administration is becoming increasingly challenging. Significant tax reforms, growing asset complexity and heightened scrutiny of estate decisions mean that practitioners must be equipped to handle problems before they become disputes. Hear from The Honourable Justice Michael Meek, distinguished counsel and leading succession law specialists as they guide you through the most difficult aspects of probate and estate administration in NSW. Explore complex probate applications, letters of administration, charitable gifts, taxation reforms, affidavit evidence and judicial advice applications, and leave with practical tools to manage risk and confidently advise executors in even the most complicated estates.

SESSION 1: NAVIGATING COMPLEX PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

2611N04A

\$505

Chair: **Paul Evans**, Special Counsel, Bridges Lawyers

OPENING ADDRESS

Presented by **The Honourable Justice Michael Meek**, Supreme Court of New South Wales

APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE: GETTING THE APPLICATION RIGHT

- Identifying the correct applicant(s)
- Executors who are:
 - Overseas
 - Incapacitated
 - Deceased
 - Missing
- Substitute executors
- Limited grants
- Reseals vs fresh grant (pros/cons and traps)

Presented by **Craig Birtles**, Barrister, Two Wentworth Chambers; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law; Preeminent Wills and Estates Litigation Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION: WHERE THINGS GET MESSY

- When it is necessary to seek a special grant of administration
- Determining entitlement where family structures are unclear
- Partial intestacy and intertwined succession regimes
- Small but complex estates (cost proportionality issues)
- Competing but non-hostile applicants
- Administration with the will annexed
- Administration bonds: when required and how to manage them
- Affidavits: the court's power to direct a solicitor to make an affidavit as to the circumstances in which the instructions for the will were taken and executed

Presented by **John Armfield**, Barrister & Mediator, Two Wentworth Chambers

ESTATE ASSET DRIVEN COMPLEXITY

- Lots of loans and liability but no assets: when super comes into the estate
- What to do when the assets are locked into the estate i.e. long lease
- Superannuation death benefits and trustee discretion
- Trust interests and corporate control issues
- Private companies and share transfers
- International property and bank accounts
- Digital assets and access authority issues
- Valuation disputes that don't give rise to litigation

Panellists:

Josephine Pignataro, Partner, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law; Leading Wills and Estate Litigation Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*

Lisa To, Partner, Bartier Perry

Justine Taylor, Principal Director, Uther Webster & Evans Solicitors; Accredited Specialist in Wills & Estates

MANAGING CHARITABLE BEQUESTS UNDER A WILL: COMMON TRAPS

- Mitigating CGT with non DGR entities
- Managing the gift in a tax effective way
- Drafting the gift to get it right in the first place and making a cy-près scheme application where things have gone awry
- Case studies

Presented by **Paul Evans**, Special Counsel, Bridges Lawyers

SESSION 2: RECENT TAX REFORM, AFFIDAVIT EVIDENCE AND JUDICIAL ADVICE APPLICATIONS IN DECEASED ESTATES

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

2611N04B

\$420

TAX ISSUES IN ESTATE ADMINISTRATION: RECENT REFORMS AND DRAFTING MISTAKES THAT TRIGGER TAX PROBLEMS

- Recent tax changes to CGT and the taxation of trusts: how they affect deceased estates
- Deceased estates, unadministered estates, partially administered estates and taxation implications
- Appropriating assets and the tax and duties implications
- Some hidden tax traps in administering estates

Presented by **Denis Barlin**, Barrister, 13 Wentworth Chambers

Professional Skills

AFFIDAVIT EVIDENCE, PRIVILEGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- Explaining irregularities clearly and succinctly
- Dealing with:
 - Testamentary capacity
 - Name discrepancies
 - Unclear dates
 - Missing documents
 - Translation issues
- Registrar requisitions: common triggers and how to avoid them
- Ethical obligations: when to disclose file notes, how much evidence to file, and how to take instructions from the executor
- Privilege issues relating to client files
- Managing duties to the court, confidentiality obligations and duties owed to the deceased

Presented by **Guy Moloney**, Partner, HWL Ebsworth; Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2025*; *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia, Trusts and Estates, 2026*

PRUDENT JUDICIAL ADVICE APPLICATIONS

Presented by **Justine Taylor**, Principal Director, Uther Webster & Evans Solicitors; Accredited Specialist in Wills & Estates

ATTEND THE FULL DAY AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

- 6 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



Wills and Estates Essentials Workshop for Junior Lawyers & Support Staff

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266V07

\$420

This essential, practical workshop is designed to give legal assistants, paralegals and junior lawyers the knowledge, confidence and hands-on skills needed to effectively support a Wills and Estates practice. You will develop a clear understanding of file management and common file issues, enabling you to add immediate value to your team and work with greater assurance. You will gain practical insight into core practice and procedure, along with a strong foundation in drafting key documents. Learn best-practice approaches to managing client needs, addressing common issues and responding to client concerns with confidence and professionalism. With cross-border estate matters becoming increasingly common, you will also build an understanding of how to identify and navigate interstate and federal complexities. To ensure the learning is immediately transferable to your role, the workshop includes drafting examples and sample clauses, equipping you with real-world tools and precedents you can confidently apply in practice straight away.

ESTATE ESSENTIALS

- Identify critical Will clauses
- Understand the difference between “estate” and “non-estate” assets
- Examine the differences between a “standard” Will and one incorporating testamentary trusts, including:
 - discretionary trusts
 - rights of residence
 - capital protected trusts
 - protective trusts
 - superannuation proceeds trusts
 - special disability trusts
- Explore common Will clauses, including:
 - gifts to beneficiaries – including pets, shares in companies, real estate
 - options for dealing with digital assets
 - succession of control of trusts and self-managed superannuation funds
 - non-estate assets and adjustments
 - overseas assets and estate administration
- Look at the different types of powers of attorney and when each one is used
- Examine intestacy and the implications of someone dying without a valid Will
- Understand the definition of “domestic partners” and the consequences
- Highlight some of the challenges in managing crossborder estates.

COMMON FILE ISSUES

- Testamentary capacity issues
- Undue influence
- Urgency
- Executor's duties and commissions
- Trustees
- Costing
- Family law issues – marriage, divorce, separation and Wills
- Blended family considerations
- Vulnerable beneficiaries
- Compare how family provision claims differ across states, including eligibility and time-limit variations
- Overview of reseal requirements and managing estates with interstate assets as cross-border matters increase

Your Facilitator:

Greg Russo, Principal Solicitor, Greg Russo Law; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates; Chairperson of the LIV Specialist Accreditation Education Advisory Committee and LIV Wills & Estates Advisory Committee; Leading Wills Estates and Litigation Lawyer and a Leading Wills, Estates and Succession Planning Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide* 2026 and recognised by *Best Lawyers* 2026 in Trusts and Estates

Professional Skills

FILE MANAGEMENT

- Relevant considerations in Will preparation
- Common drafting practices
- Using Will precedents effectively
- Codicils
- Execution – Wills and Powers of Attorney
- Revocation
- Wills storage
- Keeping up-to-date
- Initial letters and final letters
- Using Instruction sheets and checklists
- Cross jurisdiction formalities
- Provide drafting examples and sample clauses appropriate for use or adaptation in multiple jurisdictions

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Professional Skills



Family Provision Claims Intensive

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N14

\$505

Join this advanced, practice-focused intensive focus your approach to Family Provision claims in NSW. Across four presentations, leading succession law practitioners unpack the latest decision trends, the interplay between family provision and estoppel/other equitable remedies, strategic use of notional estate orders, and how persuasively address what is “adequate and proper provision.”

Chair: **Renee Bianchi**, Barrister, 13th Floor St James Hall Chambers

THE DISGRUNTLED GENERATION – ADULT CHILDREN, ESTRANGEMENT (OR LACK OF CONTACT) AND FAMILY PROVISION CLAIMS

Presented by **Paul Evans**, Special Counsel, Bridges Lawyers; Preeminent Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

FAMILY PROVISION V ESTOPPEL V OTHER EQUITABLE REMEDIES

- Intersection between estoppel and family provision claims
- The possibility that different causes of action may arise from the same set of facts
- Estoppel, family provision relief, other equitable relief
- Advantages and disadvantages of combining claims for relief based on estoppel or other equitable relief and family provision relief
- Case examples

Presented by **John Armfield**, Barrister & Mediator, Two Wentworth Chambers

NOTIONAL ESTATES AND FAMILY PROVISION CLAIMS

- Understanding what constitutes a relevant property transaction
- When can notional estate orders be made over property outside of NSW
- In what circumstances can assets of a trust be capable of being designated notional estate
- Potential hurdles to obtaining a notional estate order
- Drafting notional estate orders

Presented by **Alisa Green**, Barrister, 13th Floor St James Hall Chambers

DRAFTING AFFIDAVITS TO PROVE WHAT IS ADEQUATE AND PROPER PROVISION

- Importance of Practice Note SC Eq 7
- Drafting primary affidavits: what to include
- Identification of material needs vs ‘wish lists’
- Updating affidavits
- Disclosure requirements for plaintiffs

Presented by **Daniel Yazdani**, Barrister, 13th Floor St James Hall

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4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



Making Super Work for You: Superannuation, Tax and Retirement Planning

RECORDED IN JUNE 2026

WEB266N22

\$160

Many lawyers spend their careers advising clients on financial risk yet often fall behind when it comes to their own retirement planning. This practical seminar demystifies Australia's superannuation and tax framework, with a focus on helping lawyers make informed decisions to improve their long-term retirement outcomes. Through real-world examples, Brett Morris and Paul Sharkey will explain how the superannuation regime operates, what contributions are tax deductible and the strategies available to build retirement wealth more effectively.

Practice Management and Business Skills

MAKING SUPER WORK FOR YOU: SUPERANNUATION, TAX AND RETIREMENT PLANNING

- Examples of superannuation outcomes
- The superannuation regime
- Tax deductibility for superannuation contributions
- Retirement planning and strategies to improve retirement outcomes

Presented by **Brett Morris**, Principal Solicitor, and **Paul Sharkey**, Director, Intralink Wealth Management

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1 CPD UNIT

- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills