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ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT OVER LUNCH, OVER 3 WEEKS

WEDNESDAY, 12, 19 & 26 FEBRUARY 2025
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

\$420
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Tight on time but need those CPD points by 31 March? These three concise, one-hour sessions - accessible online or as a recording - offer you a chance to tackle your compulsory ethics, practice management, and professional skills. Tune in over lunch and tick off your requirements with ease as you unpack the ethics of billing for AI use, receive best practice tips for robust data breach and cyber-attack prevention and master the art of influencing and negotiation.

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2025
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

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Chair: **Kieran Smark SC**, 153 Phillip; Leading Technology, Media & Telecommunications Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*; Recommended Technology, Media & Telecommunications Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility*

THE ETHICS OF AI IN YOUR PRACTICE (AND CAN YOU REALLY CHARGE WHEN YOU USE CHATGPT?)

- Understanding the role of generative AI in research, drafting, & client interactions
- Current and proposed guidelines for AI usage by legal practices
- Differences between ChatGPT and an AI behind your corporate firewall
- Transparency, disclosure requirements, and ethical obligations to the Court and your clients
- Strategies for communicating the value of AI-assisted work to clients

Presented by **Simone Herbert-Lowe**, Director, Law & Cyber PTY Limited

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2025
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

\$160
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Chair: **Haroon Hassan**, Barrister & Mediator, List G Barristers; Recommended Technology, Media & Telecommunications Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

✓ *Practice Management and Business Skills*

DATA BREACH AND CYBER ATTACKS: PROACTIVE PREVENTION & EFFECTIVE RESPONSES

- Prevalence of data breaches and cyber-attacks involving Australian companies and law firms in particular
- The legal framework obliging law firms to take a considered approach to data collection, storage and security
- Data breach or cyber-attack: What is the typical legal and commercial exposure?
- Is my firm insured for data breach and cyber-attack?
- What to do in anticipation of a data breach or cyber-attack, the elements of a data breach response plan

Presented by **Mark Vincent**, Principal, Spruson & Ferguson Lawyers Pty Limited

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

\$160
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Chair: **John N West KC**, Mediator and Arbitrator, 7 Wentworth Selborne; Leading Mediator, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Professional Skills*

EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATION AND INFLUENCING SKILLS

Using examples from negotiations Elise will assist you to:

- Prepare to persuade
- Move from combat artist to commercial strategist
- Use or lose the law as a negotiation tool
- Lean into your client's negotiation prowess
- Achieve sustainable and practical outcomes

Presented by **Elise Margow**, Principal, Legally Speaking; Leading Mediator, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

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



SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENTS INTENSIVE

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Back by popular demand, an intensive workshop covering the need-to-know information in shareholder agreements. Beginning with the ever-popular masterclass from John Graves, a leading authority in business law, gain an expert understanding of structuring entities, entry and exit strategies and buy sell agreements whether incorporated into the shareholder agreement or not. Receive guidance much requested guidance on valuations, methodologies and clauses.

Chair: **Fiona Hansen**, Senior Managing Director, Head of Valuations Advisory, FTI Consulting Australia

SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENTS PRACTICAL WORKSHOP: WITH 2025 UPDATES

- Structuring entities
 - › Structuring of companies and business entities
 - › Governance and control of the entity
 - › Financing of an entity's business objectives
 - › Determination of that entity
 - › The importance of Shareholder Agreements generally
- Shareholder Entry and Exit Strategies
 - › Non-compete, confidentiality and restraint
 - › Managing the process by drafting and other methods
 - › Strategies to minimise difficulties
 - › Precedent clauses: Which ones work and why?

Presented by **John Graves Principal**, Bradfield & Scott Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Business and Property Law

BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING USING SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENT AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

- A look at succession planning from a commercial/tax lens
- Structuring a buy/sell agreement, whether incorporated within the shareholders agreement or as a standalone agreement
- Insurance funding and ownership
- Tax implications

Presented by **Amanda Comelli**, Partner, Brown Wright Stein Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Business Law

✓ *Professional Skills*

KEY VALUATION ISSUES IN 2025

- Best practice in using a valuation formula
- The most useful valuation methodologies and where to apply them
- Identifying and including appropriate valuation clauses in shareholder agreements

Presented by **Dan Taylor**, Partner, Prime Financial Group; Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and Financial Services Institute Australia; Certified CA Business Valuation Specialist

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4 CPD UNITS

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL REFORM UPDATE****NDIS REFORMS, COMPLIANCE AND ISSUES IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE****THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025**

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420

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WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2025

9.00AM TO 5.15PM

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Gain guidance on recent case law and legislative reform that will assist your environmental and planning practice. Obtain essential insights into the complexities of managing compulsory land acquisition claims. Be prepared for reformed environmental legislation and the national and state levels and the implications of the changes that have already come into effect, and their effects on planning practice. Ensure that you stay on top of the impact of recent climate change decisions.

Chair: **Joanna Ling**, Special Counsel, Thomson Geer**NAVIGATING PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL REFORMS**

- Nature Positive law reforms: proposed reforms to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*
- Implications of introduction of new National Environmental Standards
- NSW Plan for Nature: proposed NSW reforms to the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and the *Local Land Services Act 2013*
- Where to from here?

Presented by **Alison Thorp**, Senior Associate, Hall & Wilcox**RECENT CLIMATE CHANGE DECISIONS**

- Key planning decisions
- Commonwealth reforms
- Implications for planning decisions

Presented by **Mark Bartley**, Special Counsel, Russell Kennedy**COMPULSORY LAND ACQUISITION**

- Interests in land: who can make a claim for compensation
- What can be claimed: recent decisions of the NSW Land and Environment Court and Court of Appeal
- Potential reforms to the legislation – bringing in NSW Provisions into other jurisdictions

Presented by **Tom White**, Partner, Lander & Rogers**PFAS CONTAMINATION IN AUSTRALIA**

Presented by **Craig Tidemann**, Partner, Thomson Geer; *Best Lawyers*, Planning and Environmental Law 2016 – 2025, Water Law 2020 - 2025, Water Lawyer of the Year 2021

SESSION 1: KEY CHANGES TO THE LANDSCAPE: NDIS REFORMS & COMPLIANCE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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\$505Chair: **Kim Boettcher**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers**LEGISLATIVE NDIS REFORMS UPDATE: THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AMENDMENT (GETTING THE NDIS BACK ON TRACK NO. 1) BILL 2024: UPDATE**

Presented by **Dr Darren O'Donovan**, Senior Lecturer, Administrative Law, La Trobe Law School; co-author, *Law and Public Administration in Ireland*

NDIS COMMISSION: REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MATTERS

Presented by **Gemma McGrath**, Managing Director, Panetta McGrath; Pre-eminent Medical Negligence & Malpractice (defendant), *Doyle's Guide 2023*; Recognised, Insurance Law & Professional Malpractice Litigation, *Best Lawyers*

NDIS DIRECTOR AND GOVERNANCE OBLIGATIONS

Presented by **Bronwyn Herbertson**, Associate, Floyd Engles Quality Consulting; NDIS Auditor and Solicitor

MANAGING THE BALANCE BETWEEN YOUR CLIENTS' HOMES AND YOUR PERSONNEL'S WORKPLACE

Presented by **Luke Geary**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Recognised Lawyer, Non-Profit/Charities Law, *The Best Lawyers Australia*; Ranked Lawyer (Band 2) Charities, Chambers Asia-Pacific

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Presented by **The Honorable Michael Mischin MLC**, former Deputy President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) and former Division Head of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Division

SESSION 2: DECISION MAKING & UNFAIR CONTRACTS: MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CLIENT & THE NDIS PROVIDER

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

WEB252N06B

\$420Chair: **Clare van Druenen**, General Counsel, My Place**HOW THE UNFAIR CONTRACT TERM REFORMS APPLY TO NDIS SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

Presented by **Elizabeth Tylich**, Chairperson & Partner, Corporate Commercial and **Ariel Bastien**, Senior Associate, Jackson McDonald; Recognised in Charities Law, *Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific 2024*

HOW CAN SOCIAL FAÇADE DISGUISE THE DECISION MAKING ABILITY OF A NDIS RECIPIENT?

Presented by **Dr Jane Lonie**, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist and **Michael Perkins**, Special Counsel, SouthernWaters Legal; Accredited Specialist Wills & Estates

CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE PROVIDER BUSINESS MODELS: A CASE STUDY

Presented by **Dr Jane Lonie**, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist and **Michael Perkins**, Special Counsel, SouthernWaters Legal; Accredited Specialist Wills & Estates

DIGNITY OF RISK: ENABLING CHOICE, RISK-TAKING AND INDEPENDENCE

Presented by **Prue Campbell**, Senior Associate, Panetta McGrath

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- 7 CPD units in Substantive Law



ADVANCED WILL DRAFTING WORKSHOP FOR ALL LAWYERS



CONSUMER AND COMPETITION LAW CONCERNS IN 2025

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505
WEB252N07

This practical workshop will give you the skills to elevate your proficiency in will drafting. It is designed to give you expertise, providing step-by-step guides for navigating complex issues in testamentary trusts. Navigate the entirety of will drafting, including how to deal with international assets, SMSFs and gifts. Your facilitators will guide you through approaches and insights, drawing from case studies, legislation and exemplary clauses.

YOU WILL WORK THROUGH STEP-BY-STEP GUIDES FOR COMPLEX WILL DRAFTING, GAINING HIGH LEVEL MENTORSHIP ON:

- ✓ In-depth strategies to elevate your drafting
- ✓ Example clauses to take away and utilise in your drafting
- ✓ Example clauses to avoid & what to do differently
- ✓ Case studies into how these concepts play out in practice

In addition, you will examine:

- Various testamentary trusts including discretionary trusts, rights of residence, capital protected trusts, protective trusts, superannuation proceeds trusts and special disability trusts
- Unusual circumstances, instructions and clauses including gifts for pets, gifts of shares in companies, gifts of real property, succession of control of trusts and self-managed superannuation funds
- Overseas assets: how to deal with testators with overseas assets
- The interplay of superannuation and the will
- Your legal professional responsibilities

Facilitated by:

Marie Brownell, Director, Estate Planning and Administration, NSW Trustee and Guardian; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law; Lecturer, College of Law
Josephine Pignataro, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers Sydney; Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law; Adjunct Lecturer, College of Law

MARIE BROWNELL, DIRECTOR, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION, NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN

Marie was admitted as a solicitor in 2004 and became an Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates in 2009. She has worked exclusively in administering and advising clients on estates and trusts matters including duties, rights and responsibilities of executors, trustees and beneficiaries. She works directly with brokers, financial planners, accountants and individuals in providing expert, tailored advice on all aspects of estate planning and estate and trust matters. Marie has previously lectured at University of Western Sydney on Planning for Retirement as part of the master's degree in financial planning. Marie currently lectures at the College of Law in the Estate Planning units as part of the Master of Applied Law (Wills and Estates).

JOSEPHINE PIGNATARO, SPECIAL COUNSEL, HWL EBSWORTH LAWYERS

Josephine was admitted as a solicitor in 2003. She became an Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates Law in 2009. Her wills and estates practice includes estate planning, contested and uncontested grants of representation, estate litigation and advice work on a range of estate issues. Josephine has a Masters of Laws from the University of New South Wales. She is also an adjunct lecturer for the College of Law in the Applied Masters of Laws (Wills and Estates) program.

WHAT PAST ATTENDEES SAY ABOUT MARIE AND JOSEPHINE'S WORKSHOPS

Very useful and practical advice on how to draft a will.

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4 CPD UNITS

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

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB252N09

Ensure that you are across the three key developments in consumer and competition law. Delve into competitive pricing practices. Peek behind the curtain of privacy law reform and its impact on Australian Consumer & Competition Law. Brace for impact as mandatory merger clearance lands in Australia.

Chair: **Jodie Sangster**, Chief Marketing Officer, IBM Australia Limited

WAS/NOW DOWN/OUT? SPOTLIGHT ON COMPETITIVE PRICING PRACTICES

- Examine laws and principles governing price and sale advertising
- Penalties and risks
- Recent enforcements and actions in these areas including Coles and Woolworths
- Best practices for compliance and risk mitigation

Presented by **Matt Hansen**, Partner, Ansimoff Legal

PRIVACY REFORM UNVEILED: IMPACTS ON AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER AND COMPETITION LAW

- Misleading and deceptive conduct arising from privacy practices, including ACCC enforcement action
- Proposed new security standards and recall procedures for connected products
- Consideration of merger controls on data related transactions
- Update on market studies into competition in digital markets
- Other relevant considerations under the recent privacy, cyber and AI reforms

Presented by **Bronwyn Furse**, Partner, Thomson Greer; Recognised in Intellectual Property Law, *Best Lawyers 2025*

MANDATORY MERGER CLEARANCE COMING TO AUSTRALIA: WHAT IT MEANS FOR M&A

- Background to the Legislative reforms
- The thresholds for Mandatory Clearance (and what amounts to an "acquisition")
- The time lines and the process changes
- Changes to the substantive law & next steps in 2025 and 2026

Presented by **Ayman Guirguis**, Partner, K&L Gates; *Legal 500 Asia Pacific Leading Individual for Competition and Trade in Australia, 2024, Best Lawyers in Australia Competition Law, 2025*



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**CORPORATE INSOLVENCY CRITICAL ISSUES AND UPDATES****DATA PRIVACY AND CYBER SECURITY LAW REFORMS INTENSIVE****WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025**
1.00PM TO 5.15PM**\$505**
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Gain the confidence to handle corporate insolvency questions with insights from a panel of experienced barristers, solicitors, liquidators and insolvency professionals. In this comprehensive program you will cover every stage of navigating ATO Director Penalty Notices, safe harbour plans, small business restructuring and Deeds of Company Arrangements. Examine the courts' approach to interplay of insolvency and trusts, recent changes to the Peak Indebtedness Rule, and understanding voidable transactions in liquidations—essential insights for anyone at the crossroads of tax, restructuring, and insolvency law.

Chair: **Alice Ruhe**, Partner, SMB Advisory; Registered Trustee in Bankruptcy and Registered Liquidator

ATO DIRECTOR PENALTY NOTICE - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT - BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

- What happens if you don't deal with a DPN in time
- What does it mean for directors personally
- What action can directors take to deal with post DPN personal debt
- Looking at the end game

Presented by **Alice Ruhe**, Partner, SMB Advisory; Registered Trustee in Bankruptcy and Registered Liquidator

SAFE HARBOUR PLANS, SMALL BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING VS DEED OF COMPANY ARRANGEMENTS

Presented **Aaron Lucan**, Principal, Western Sydney, Central West, Worrells; Registered Liquidator and Registered bankruptcy trustee

INTERPLAY WITH INSOLVENCY AND TRUSTS: STATE OF THE LAW

Consider the interplay of trusts under corporate insolvency law and explore whether recent decisions have shed any clarity on how they are to be treated in insolvency.

Presented by **Cynthia Cochrane SC** and **James Mack**, Barrister, Level 22 Chambers

PREFERENCES AND CHANGES TO THE PEAK INDEBTEDNESS RULE

- What is a voidable transaction and unfair preference claims in the context of liquidations
- Common defences to unfair preference claims
- What is the peak indebtedness rule?
- Key cases, including *Bryant v Badenoch Integrated Logging Pty Ltd* [2023] HCA 2

Presented by **Stipe Vuleta**, Managing Director and **Neil Bookseller**, Senior Associate, Chamberlains

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM**\$420**
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Attend a crucial exploration of data privacy and cybersecurity and explore updates such as new automated decision-making laws, changes to data security requirements and the implications of emerging penalties and privacy codes. Following the recent privacy and AI reforms, the Commonwealth government has introduced a new package of proposed legislation, including the Cyber Security Bill 2024 and amendments to the *Intelligence Services Act* 2001 and the *Security of Critical Infrastructure Act* 2018. Take this valuable opportunity to engage with exceptional legal luminaries and deepen your understanding of the evolving legal landscape in data protection and cybersecurity.

Chair: **Eli Fisher**, Senior Legal Counsel, Paramount

DATA PRIVACY UPDATES AND IMPLICATIONS

- New automated decision making law (AI and related operations)
- The change to the APP11 regarding data security: technical organisation measures
- New powers of Minister
- New penalties and the OAIC's power to issue infringement notices
- New cause of action for serious Invasions of privacy and potential impact on health information
- New Privacy Code for children
- Doxxing offences

Presented by **Patrick Fair**, Principal, Patrick Fair and Associates; Adjunct Professor, School of Information Technology, Deakin University; Author *Practical Guidance Cybersecurity, Data Protection and Privacy*, Lexis Nexis

MARTECH, PROFILING AND AUDIENCE SEGMENTATION AFTER NEW RULES ABOUT AI AND AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING

- Activities of the Federal government with a new panel and new codes of practice
- International developments in AI and copyright
- New tools and traps

Presented by **Prof. Peter Leonard**, Principal, Data Synergies; Part-time Professor of Practice, UNSW Sydney Business School; Member, Australian Treasury's Data Standards Advisory Committee and the NSW Government AI Review Committee

CYBERSECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

- AI and the effect on cybersecurity
- Government information-sharing proposals
- Supply-chain risks and joint liability for cloud-based data
- Systematic versus human risk

Presented by **Paul Forbes**, Partner, Baker Mckenzie

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GOVERNMENT LAW SYMPOSIUM: 10 POINTS IN ONE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025
7.30AM TO 6.30PM

\$990
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Attend our annual premier event for Government Lawyers and earn all 10 CPD points in a single day. This Symposium is tailored specifically to cover the latest updates and skills that you need to excel in your role. Gain updates on cyber security, automated decision making, managing privacy risk in program delivery and design, WHS and employment law relating specifically to the public sector. Hear a timely reminder of what it is to be a model litigant and the principles of use of documents under the Harman Undertaking. Earn your core CPD points hearing about government use of AI, ethics and probity in procurement and the modern approach to statutory interpretation.

SESSION 1: CYBER SECURITY, PRIVACY, WHS AND EMPLOYMENT

7.30AM TO 10.30AM 252C01A \$420

Chair: **Philip Jones-Hope**, Partner, Holding Redlich

WHS UPDATE

Hear the latest on managing WHS in your workplace

Presented by **Maxine Feletti**, Partner, Sparke Helmore Lawyers, *Best Lawyers 2023*, Government and Insurance Law

HOT TOPICS IN EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR: WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON IN 2025?

- Review the new landscape for industrial relations and bargaining across the public sector
- Identify the impacts of Australian Public Service Commission's bargaining policy on agency-level bargaining
- Discuss how to manage disputes about the interpretation and application of the Common Conditions and their broader implications for APS and non-APS agencies
- Reviewing the impacts of flexible working, the Right to Disconnect and the ongoing effect of the Closing Loopholes amendments

Presented by **Daniel D'Onofrio**, Managing Principal, Adiem Law

FROM BRIEFCASE TO CYBERSPACE: CYBER SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS

Gain practical guidance on how to deal with breaches at your agency directly or from your suppliers.

- Prevalence of cyber security threats across Australia
- Identify where these cyber security threats are coming from, and the who, what and how of attacks against government and government suppliers
- Consequences of a cyber breach and what this can mean for the Government and the community it supports
- What lawyers should do, with the executive, IT security teams, to prepare for breaches
- Step through the role that legal can play when a breach occurs, both against a government entity directly, and through its supply chain

Presented by **Annie Hagger**, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia

SESSION 2: DECISION MAKING AND LITIGATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

10.45AM TO 3.15PM 232C01B \$505

Chair: **Karl Pattenden**, Barrister, Key Chambers

ON-GOING CHALLENGES WITH AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING IN THE AFTERMATH OF ROBODEBT

Presented by **Ashley Tscalos**, Partner, Clayton Utz

MANAGING PRIVACY RISK IN PROGRAM DESIGN AND DELIVERY

Presented by **Natalie Butler**, Partner, Mills Oakley

✓ *Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility*

THE MODEL LITIGANT

- Who must be a model litigant?
- What makes a model litigant?
- What are the expected standards of behaviour and guidelines?

Presented by **Sonja Gasser**, Principal Solicitor, ACT Government Solicitor

✓ *Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility*

HARMAN UNDERTAKING: WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T DO WITH DOCUMENTS

Unpack the implied Harman undertaking and the use of documents obtained as a result of compulsory processes of the court

- What can the documents be used for?
- When will usage be for a collateral or ulterior purpose, and thus prohibited?
- How do you get released from it?

Presented by **Brodie Buckland**, Barrister, Blackburn Chambers; Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Barrister - ACT, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

SESSION 3: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS

3.30PM TO 6.30PM 252C01C \$420

Chair: **John Harris**, Founding Partner, O'Connor Harris & Co

✓ *Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility*

PROCUREMENT PROCESSES: WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO ACT ETHICALLY AND COMPLY WITH YOUR PROBITY REQUIREMENTS?

- Current legislative framework and policies setting out obligations and requirements
- What is ethical behaviour really in a procurement process?
- Complying with probity requirements beyond a probity briefing
- Snapshot of recent published reports by ANAO and other authorities

Presented by **Vanessa Flowers**, Principal, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

✓ *Professional Skills*

PRINCIPLES FOR STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

With more legislation passed every day, it is essential to know how to apply the principles of statutory interpretation.

- Examine with the modern approach to statutory interpretation, how to make use of the interpretation legislation in all jurisdictions

Presented by **Christopher Erskine SC**, Blackburn Chambers

✓ *Practice Management & Business Skills*

MANAGING THE USE OF AI TOOLS WITHOUT BREACHING PRIVACY AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

- Privacy and other legal challenges Government agencies face when looking to use AI tools to assist them with their work, or to engage contractors who will
- Examine the current Australian Government governance frameworks, and learn practical guardrails and other tips to help agencies stay within legal boundaries

Presented by **Kathrine Armytage**, Partner, Maddocks; *Legal 500 Asia Pacific Guide*, Leading Individual for Data Protection, 2024 and **Gavan Mackenzie**, Partner, Maddocks

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10 CPD UNITS

- 5 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 3 CPD units in Ethics & Professional Responsibility

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

**FAMILY LAW DRAFTING: AGREEMENTS, APPLICATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS****WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025**
9.00AM TO 1.15PM**\$505**
WEB252N14

Get your Family Law Court documents right! It is absolutely essential. Gain valuable and practical insights into drafting key documents. Enhance your expertise in drafting and enforcing binding financial agreements, with a focus on content and enforceability. Gain lessons from recent cases on drafting effective child support agreements, backed by legislative insights and real-life examples. Her Honour Judge Eldershaw will provide you guidance on crafting affidavits and common pitfalls. Develop a strategic approach to drafting interim and interlocutory applications, ensuring each document is clear, purposeful, and impactful.

Chair: **Cathie Blanchfield**, Principal, Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private Advisory

✓ Professional Skills

DRAFTING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BINDING FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS

- Practical considerations as to content and enforceability
- Challenging financial agreements and validity of financial agreements
- Tips and traps

Presented by **Paul Fildes**, Principal, Taussig Cherie Fildes Family Lawyers; Accredited Family Law Specialist, Family Law Arbitrator and Mediator

✓ Professional Skills

CHILD SUPPORT AGREEMENTS: LEGISLATION AND CASE UPDATE

- A look at recent cases where Courts and tribunals have interpreted and applied the legislation in relation to Child Support Agreements
- Novel approaches to Child Support Agreements
- Termination of Child Support Agreements

Presented by **Tim Gough**, Director, FarrarGesiniDunn; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; *Best Lawyers Australia*, Family Law 2025

VIEW FROM THE BENCH

✓ Professional Skills

DRAFTING AFFIDAVITS: A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Presented by Her Honour Judge Gillian Eldershaw, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)

✓ Professional Skills

DRAFTING INTERIM OR INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATIONS REQUIRES CAREFUL THOUGHT AS TO STRATEGY, CONTENT AND PURPOSE

- Complying with the pre-filing rules
- Following the Central Practice Direction
- Evidence and disclosure
- Getting your Orders in order

Presented by **Adam Cooper**, Principal, Cooper Family Law

**VIEW FROM THE BENCH****ATTEND AND EARN****4 CPD UNITS**

- 4 CPD units in Professional Skills

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT & CHARITIES LAW: LEGISLATION, GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE****WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025**
9.00AM TO 1.15PM**\$505**
WEB252N15

Gain a best practice guide to the current landscape of governance and compliance in the Australian Not for Profit Sector. Benefit from a comprehensive examination of creating the best legal structures and strategic choices for the operation of NFP organisations, a deep dive on tax, financial reporting and accessing/ leveraging debt financing and, finally, gain much needed practical tips on employment law advice.

Chair: **Sue Barker**; Director, Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand

THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT LANDSCAPE IN AUSTRALIA: A GUIDE TO CHARITY STRUCTURES AND OPTIONS

- Structuring not-for-profit organisations, charity types and philanthropic vehicles
- Starting and operating a not-for-profit: strategic choices, maintaining the right structure and keeping to purpose

Presented by **Seak-King Huang**, Partner, Milner + Huang; Member, Charities and Not-for-profits Committee, Law Council of Australia; Director, Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand

NAVIGATING TAX AND REPORTING FOR CHARITIES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND PRO BONO

- Charities, not-for-profits and maintaining income tax exemption, including developments
- ACNC's requirements and tips for gaining and retaining registration
- Unpacking the Cy Pres doctrine, how to make a successful Cy Pres application, and recent cases

Presented by **Dr Philip Bender**, Barrister and Nationally Accredited Mediator, List A Barristers; Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO ACCESSING AND LEVERAGING DEBT FOR IMPACT

- What debt is and demystify terms, such as senior debt, subordinated debt, mezzanine debt, secured and unsecured loans, and capital debt
- Stack and tiered ranking (such as first / second ranking debt)
- The most common debt instruments – loan agreements, facility agreements, social loan notes, and what they typically cover (including intercreditor arrangements)
- Charity compliance in the context of debt financing
- Explore a real-life community housing project, showing debt in practice in the charity sphere

Presented by **Darren Fittler**, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin, Charities + Social Sector Group, and **Spiro Papadolias**, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin Partner, Banking + Projects Group

MANAGING EMPLOYMENT LAW CHALLENGES IN CHARITIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

- Updates and new legislation in employment law you need to know about
- Managing questionable behaviour inside and outside of work
- Dealing with misconduct vs performance
- Navigating workplace investigations: best practice processes and pitfalls

Presented by **Alistair Macpherson**, Director, Vocare Law (formerly Corney & Lind Lawyers)

ATTEND AND EARN**4 CPD UNITS**

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



INSURANCE LAW INTENSIVE: INVESTIGATIONS, CLAIMS AND RECENT CASES

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505

WEB252N16

Delve into the complex world of insurance and reinsurance, with a special focus on the new mandatory climate disclosure rules and mitigating the risk of cybercrime. Gain practical tips for claims handling and conducting an effective investigation. Receive expert guidance to manage and reduce clients' exposure to climate threats. Unravel building and construction insurance policies and catch up on recent Court decisions impacting the insurance industry.

Chair: **Melanie Quixley**, Principal, Barry Nilsson; President of the National Board of the Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA)

INSURANCE INVESTIGATIONS AND THE CLAIMS-HANDLING PROCESS: TIPS, CHALLENGES AND TRENDS

Presented by **Garth Williams**, Partner, MinterEllison Consulting

NAVIGATING REINSURANCE

- What is reinsurance and how does it work?
- Overview of the reinsurance market in Australia
- Role of reinsurance in a dispute
- Emerging risks and trends

Presented by **Michelle Fox**, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan; Recognised in *Doyle's Guide*

NAVIGATING INSURANCE ISSUES IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- Building and construction insurance policies in Australia – types and emerging trends
- Approaches to risk allocation and the importance of insurance
- Breakdown of covered risks and how to select the right policies
- Insuring clauses, common exclusions and conditions
- Interpreting policies: practical tips and recent Court decisions

Presented by **Keith Thomas**, Principal, Meridian Lawyers; Recommended professional indemnity lawyer, *Doyle's Guide*

CYBER INSURANCE AND CYBER RISK CLAIMS: LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- Current cyber landscape and trends
- Overview of cyber insurance coverage
- Incident response and claims process – the lifecycle of a cyber claim
- Key legal and regulatory considerations arising from cyber incidents

Presented by **Ellie Brooks**, Senior Associate, Cyber & Technology, Wotton + Kearney

THE CLIMATE OPPORTUNITY IN BUSINESS INSURANCE

- The intersection between climate and the new mandatory climate disclosure rules
- Satisfying Directors and officers liability (D&O) insurance policies
- Recent greenwashing cases, and their significance for insurance lawyers

Presented by **Tomo Boston KC**, Barrister, List G Barristers



LITIGATION SKILLS LUNCHEXTIME SERIES

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY & FRIDAY, 7 & 14 MARCH 2025 \$20
1.00PM TO 2.00PM WEB252N17

Struggling to keep your communication clear and effective? Want to know how to ensure your correspondence is not misinterpreted and knowing when to pick up the phone to the other side. Get insights on managing discover while safeguarding privilege. Plus know how to navigate the complexities of settlement discussions during a trial—know which documents to use, how to structure agreements, and how to handle court interactions smoothly while negotiating and what to do when the settlement discussions fail. This series is packed with practical strategies to boost clarity, control, and success in your litigation practice.

Chair: **Lisa Gooneratne**, Special Counsel, HWLE Lawyers

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025

1.00PM TO 2.00PM

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✓ *Professional Skills*

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL LITIGATION

- Drafting effective communication/advice to your client: What works and doesn't?
- How to avoid your communication being lost in translation
- Tips when picking up the phone to the other side
- Where it can go wrong: examples of common mistake and valuable tips

Presented by **Stacy Miller**, Partner, Cronin Miller; Recommended Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolutions Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2025

1.00PM TO 2.00PM

\$160

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✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility*

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE IN THE CONTEXT OF DISCOVERY

- Understanding legal professional privilege, including the types of privilege that exist
- Maintenance and waiver of legal professional privilege
- Discovery and how to make a claim for legal professional privilege
- Challenging claims to legal professional privilege
- Some relevant ethical issues

Presented by **Eu-Min Teng**, Special Counsel, McComish Legal

FRIDAY, 14 MARCH 2025

1.00PM TO 2.00PM

\$160

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✓ *Professional Skills*

ENTERING SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS DURING TRIAL

- Negotiating a settlement outline and documenting it
- How to settle a part heard claim
- Documenting the Agreement: What form should it take?
- Does the court have the power to enforce it
- Penalties and other enforcement mechanisms
- Procedural issues: what the court requires while you are negotiating a settlement and how to keep the matter moving in case the settlement negotiations fail

Presented by **Rhea Thrift**, Barrister, 7 Wentworth Selborne



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WATER LAW SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2025

9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795

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The Water Law Symposium 2025 with its uniquely multi-disciplinary approach offers a premier platform for professionals in water regulation and policy to enrich your understanding of water management issues. Gain a deep dive into the current regulatory frameworks and anticipated policy shifts in Water regulation in the Murray Darling Basin. Navigate river restoration reforms and the evolving Murray-Darling Basin water markets. Gain valuable insights into water law and compliance throughout the Basin and water industry competition. Review the Indigenous water rights and water policy and regulation.

SESSION 1: NATIONAL REVAMP OF THE NATIONAL WATER INITIATIVE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

252N18A

\$505

Chair: **Mike Young**, Professor Emeritus, Water and Environmental Policy, University of Adelaide

MURRAY DARLING BASIN: UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES WITH NORTH & SOUTH CONNECTIVITY

- The NSW Independent Connectivity Expert Panel's findings to the NSW Government
- Key recommendations of the NSW Independent Connectivity Expert Panel
- Importance of precautionary principle when implementing recommendations

Presented by **Amy Dula**, Director of Programs, Natural Resources Commission -- Chair of the Independent Connectivity Expert Panel

BASIN PLAN 2012 (CTH) AND 2026 BASIN PLAN REVIEW

- Reflections and insights on the current regulatory framework for water management in the Basin
- Basin Plan Review: policy issues and regulatory design

Presented by **Grace Mang**, General Manager, Murray Darling Basin Authority

EXAMINATION OF RIVER RESTORATION REFORMS

- A progress report on the *Restoring Our Rivers Act 2023*
 - › Answering questions on the efficacy of the program: Is river health actually being improved?
 - › The clash between the buybacks tender approach in distorting the market in ways that would not be permitted for any market participant under the reforms in the *Restoring Our Rivers Act 2023* that come into effect in 2026
- Implications of legal action being taken against SDLAM 605 projects, and what that means for meeting the *Restoring Our Rivers Act* deadlines. What are the consequences for farmers, communities and environment if deadlines are missed?

Presented by **Claire Miller**, CEO, NSW Irrigators' Council

IMPLEMENTATION OF MURRAY-DARLING BASIN WATER MARKET REFORMS

- New transparency and integrity framework for Basin water markets under the *Water Act 2007*
- Context, overview and implementation

Presented by **Cynthia Tupicoff**, Director and **Emma Solomon** Branch Head, Commonwealth, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

WATER LAW AND COMPLIANCE

- Background of the water laws in Australia and at state level in NSW, VIC and SA
- Role of water management agencies (including WaterNSW)
- Compliance requirements for water users (providing examples of case law)

Presented by **Emily Livingston**, Senior Associate, Thomson Geer

SESSION 2: NAVIGATING WATER LAW & CLIMATE CHANGE

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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THE WATER IMPLICATIONS OF MAJOR POLICY SHIFTS

- Outline of key climate related policy shifts and related water issues
- Water access and other water related challenges in NSW
- Water access and other water related opportunities in NSW

Presented by **Jo Ong**, Associate Director, EMM Consulting and **Vanessa O'Keefe**, Associate Director, EMM Consulting

WATER INDUSTRY COMPETITION IN NSW: A NEW DAWN

- Typical urban water and wastewater services dynamics
- Introduction of competition
- Challenges in regulating an essential services market
- Reforms in NSW – making the market more robust

Presented by **Nick Thomas**, Partner, Clayton Utz

INTERSECTING POLICY AND INDIGENOUS WATER RIGHTS: A PANEL DISCUSSION

- Governance arrangements that allow water entitlements for First Nations communities
- Closing the gap
- Understanding instructive & consumptive labels

Presented by **Kathryn Ridge**, Solicitor Director, Ridge & Associates Pty Ltd **Rebecca Halliday**, Principal, GIRA Advisory **Vanessa O'Keefe**, Associate Director, EMM Consulting

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7 CPD UNITS

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- 2.5 CPD units in Professional Skills



EVIDENCE AND ADVOCACY INTENSIVE

FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2025

9.00AM TO 5.15PM

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Are you prepared to handle the challenges of trial. Hear from the Honourable Justice Weinstein followed by an exceptional lineup of Senior Counsel, leading litigation counsel and experts who will share with you their experience and expertise on advanced evidence and advocacy for experienced lawyers. Explore the latest approaches for dealing with complex expert evidence. Learn the strategies for use of 'conversation evidence' in affidavits and navigating the hearsay rule plus gain a guide on establishing the Hearsay Rule exception. Gain practical insights from experts on refining your advocacy skills in relation to oral evidence, mediation advocacy and urgent advocacy.

SESSION 1: AN EVIDENCE MASTERCLASS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Vera Culkoff**, Barrister, 2 Selborne Chambers

OPENING ADDRESS

Presented by **The Hon. Justice Richard Weinstein**, Supreme Court of New South Wales

✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility and Professional Skills*
EXPERT EVIDENCE AND ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS: A BARRISTER AND (MEDICAL) EXPERT IN CONVERSATION

- Is an expert needed; choosing the right expert; approaching the expert; using a single court appointed expert; choosing the documents, assumptions and drafting the letter of instruction; the report itself setting out any opinion; the Code of Conduct; conferences with experts; expert conclaves; and experts giving evidence in Court
- Related ethical issues: ethical and professional issues working with experts, and the care that needs to be taken in maintaining clear professional and ethical boundaries

Presented by **Dr Hayley Bennett SC**, New Chambers and **Professor John Watson AM**, Sydney Adventist Hospital

AFFIDAVIT EVIDENCE OF CONVERSATIONS: DIFFERING VIEWS BETWEEN FEDERAL COURT AND THE NSW COURT OF APPEAL

- History: direct versus indirect evidence of conversations and early admissibility risks
- Ground zero: *Kane's Hire Pty Ltd v Anderson Aviation Australia Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 381 (Jackman J)
- Early cases following *Kane's Hire* (early adoption):
 - › *Gan v Xie* [2023] NSWCA 163; (2023) (White JA, Simson AJA, and Basten AJA)
 - › *Lantrak Holdings Pty Ltd v Yammine* [2023] (Lee, Button, and Jackman JJ)
 - › *Chu v Lin, Gold Stone Capital Pty Ltd* [2024] [11] (Jackman J and the adverse credibility finding)
- The science: what do the psychologists say?
- More recent cases (defences of the New South Wales practice)
 - › *Chen v Chu* [2024] (Hammerschlag CJ in Eq)
 - › *Wild v Meduri* [2024] (Bell CJ, and White and Kirk JJA)
- Practical guidance: How to draft an affidavit containing conversation evidence and avoid the risks

Presented by **Alexander Vial**, Barrister, 5 Wentworth Chambers

HEARSAY RULE AND A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO ESTABLISHING THE EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE

Presented by **Michelle Painter SC**, Barrister, Nine Selborne Chambers; Recommended Wills & Estates Litigation Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TREATMENT OF COMPLEX EXPERT EVIDENCE: FROM THOSE LEADING AND GIVING EVIDENCE

Presented by **Kirralee Young**, Barrister, 13th Floor, St James Hall and **Ben Mahler**, Partner, KordaMentha

SESSION 2: MASTERING YOUR ADVOCACY SKILLS: INSIGHTS FROM THE EXPERTS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Vahan Bedrossian SC**, Wardell Chambers✓ *Professional Skills*
STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR ORAL EVIDENCE

- Lay and opinion evidence
- Cross examination
- Strategies of Cross Examination and Evidence in Chief: How you can prepare expert witnesses

Presented by **Michelle Campbell**, Barrister, Sir Anthony Mason Chambers

✓ *Professional Skills*
THE ART AND CRAFT OF MEDIATION ADVOCACY

- How are mediation advocacy and litigation advocacy similar and different?
- What is the scope of adversarial and partisan conduct in mediation advocacy
- Preparation is key: What needs to be done?
- Position Papers
- Joint sessions
- Positional bargaining
- The "endgame"
- The ethical minefield

Presented by **Hugh Stowe**, Barrister, 5 Wentworth Chambers

✓ *Professional Skills*
URGENT ADVOCACY

- When is it urgent and when can it wait
- How to effectively communicate the urgency to the court
- 'Getting your ducks in a row'
- Interlocutory Applications and Injunctions

Presented by **Anthony Cheshire SC**, 8th Floor Wentworth Chambers; Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

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First class presenters on topics of relevance to all lawyers practising in litigation

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- 0.5 CPD unit in Ethics & Professional Responsibility
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TRUST MASTERCLASS: NAVIGATING THE CURRENT CONCERNS

TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
253N03

Gain comprehensive examination of the most current and topical issues arising with trust law today. Sharpen your skills around trust deed variations, understand the implications of cross border trusts and navigate trust tax disputes. Be guided on assessing legal capacity of trustees and the rise of challenges brought by beneficiaries against aging trustees in the aging population from both the legal and medical perspective. Gain strategies for improving the defensibility of trustee decision making.

SESSION 1: VARIATIONS TO TRUST DEEDS, CROSS BORDER TRUSTS, TRUSTS AND FAMILY LAW, AND CASE UPDATE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Valentina Stojanovska Cal**, Managing Director, Black Book Management

✓ *Professional Skills*

VARIATION TO TRUST DEEDS, TRUST SPLITTING AND CLONING

- Variations to trust deeds (including vesting date)
- Rectification of trust deeds
- Court applications to vary trust deeds
- Trust splitting and cloning
- Certain obligations of trustees of discretionary trusts

Presented by **Denis Barlin**, Barrister, 13 Wentworth Selborne Chambers; *Best Lawyers 2023*, Lawyer of the Year, Trusts and Estates

IMPLICATIONS OF AND ISSUES WITH CROSS BORDER TRUSTS

- The pitfalls of US revocable trusts for Australians moving back to Australia
- Estate planning traps for Australian families with US resident family members
- Australian discretionary trusts owning shares in US companies
- US tax classification of Australian unit trusts
- Australian superannuation funds with US citizen owners and beneficiaries
- Dual resident US / Australian trusts

Presented by **David Laanemaa**, Director, Bentleys

CAN YOU PROTECT A TRUST FROM FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS?

Presented by **Leona Bennett**, Managing Partner, Southern Waters Legal; Accredited Specialist Family Law and **Simon Bennett**, Managing Director, Southern Waters Legal

TRUSTS RECENT CASE UPDATES

Presented by **Caitlin Angus**, Barrister, Two Wentworth Chambers

SESSION 2: TAX DISPUTES AND DISPUTES RELATED TO TRUST MANAGEMENT

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Matthew McKee**, Partner, Brown Wright Stein Lawyers

TAX DISPUTES AND TRUSTS IN THE AAT AND NOW ART

Tax Disputes and Trusts in the AAT and Now ART

- Determining which decisions are reviewable by the Tribunal and which are appealable to the Court
- Making the irrevocable election to apply for a review to the Tribunal or to appeal to the Court
- Different jurisdictions and overlapping jurisdictions of the Tribunal and the Court
- Different procedures in the Tribunal and the Court: rules of evidence, practice and procedure and status of each decision
- Appealing a Tribunal decision to the Court: What is a "question of law" and how does that concept operate in practice?
- Procedural fairness, apprehended bias and other problems arising in the Tribunal
- Comparison of costs in each forum, liability versus no-liability for costs orders and relative speed and efficiency of each forum

Presented by **Chris Bevan**, Barrister, Eight Wentworth Chambers

ISSUES OF CAPACITY OF TRUSTEES IN AN AGING POPULATION: A MEDICAL AND LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

Unpack from both the legal and medical perspective issues around what can be seen and what needs to be elicited in assessing legal capacity of trustees and the rise of challenges brought by beneficiaries against aging trustees in our aging population.

Presented by **Dr Jane Lonie**, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist and **Guy Moloney**, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth

✓ *Professional Skills*

IMPROVING THE DEFENSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE DECISION MAKING

- Aligning Trustee decision making with the purpose of the trust
- Obligations for trustees to inform themselves of beneficiary decision making
- Responding to offshore connections of beneficiaries
- What trustee decisions were struck down is Owies case and why
- Suggested guidelines for proactive competent trustee decision making

Presented by **Michael Perkins**, Special Counsel, Southern Waters

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IN-HOUSE COUNSEL CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
253N07

Don't miss the opportunity to gain invaluable updates and insights you need to effectively perform your role as In-House Counsel. Hear from a panel of experienced In-House Counsel on how they manage and balance the pressures of multiple aspects of the role that you face each day. Ensure that you are across carbon accounting and sustainability reporting as well as continuous disclosure obligations. Navigate essential employment law updates and some tips on legal professional privilege. Gain your core compulsory CPD units while covering topics tailored to In-House lawyers that will give you additional tools to put into practice.

SESSION 1: ESSENTIAL LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATES FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Steven Johns**, Partner & Technology and Digital Economy Co-Lead, Hall & Wilcox

CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS

There is increasing scrutiny on continuous disclosure obligations, particularly concerning key issues such as cyber incidents and climate-related matters.

- Recent developments in continuous disclosure obligations
- Tips for reviewing governance processes

Presented by **Andrew Lumsden**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

✓ Professional Skills

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF CARBON ACCOUNTING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING ON YOUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

- Introduction to carbon accounting and sustainability reporting
- Steps to implement carbon accounting
- Overview of sustainability reporting frameworks
- Future trends and evolving regulations

Presented by **Aletta Boshoff**, National Lead Partner, IFRS & Corporate Reporting and ESG & Sustainability, BDO

EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE: WHAT IN-HOUSE COUNSEL NEED TO KNOW

- Workplace Delegate Rights (1 July 2024)
- Right to disconnect (26 August 2024)
- New definition of employment (26 August 2024)
- Independent contractor changes (26 August 2024)
- New definition of casual employee (26 August 2024)
- Same Job / Same Pay: Regulated Labour Hire Arrangement Orders (15 December 2023 and 1 November 2024)
- Gig worker regulation and road transport workers (26 August 2024)
- Unfair contracts jurisdiction in the FWC (26 August 2024)
- New wage theft offence (expected from 1 January 2025)
- Model enterprise agreement flexibility, consultation and dispute terms (26 February 2025)
- Managing psychological hazards in the workplace and respect@work obligations / positive duty on employers / compliance powers of the Australian Human Rights Commission

Presented by **Julianne Taverner**, Special Counsel, Danny King Legal

PRIVACY AND DATA LAWS: KEY ISSUES FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

The privacy and data landscape are complex and are changing. In-house counsel will continue to have a key role by assisting their respective organisations to address existing obligations and to prepare for the pending changes. Examine:

- Key privacy issues to address
- Recent cases and decisions as well as pending changes under the Privacy Reforms Tranche 1
- Overlap of privacy laws with adjacent areas such as regulation of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity
- Role of in-house counsel in supporting or building a privacy program or function

Presented by **Olga Ganopolsky**, General Counsel – Privacy and Data, Macquarie Group Limited; Chairperson, Business Law Privacy Sub-committee, Law Council of Australia

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Maija Kerry**, Partner, Norton Rose Fullbright Australia

✓ Practice Management and Business Skills

MANAGING THE PRESSURE TO “JUST SAY YES”

- Practical tips to avoid risk by avoiding and managing the pressure to agree and “just say yes”
- Implications of taking the “Just Say Yes” route

Presented by **Paul Venus**, Partner, Piper Alderman; Recognised for Litigation, Best Lawyers

✓ Professional Skills

THE MULTI-FACETED ROLE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Hear insights from a panel of experienced In-House Counsel on managing and balancing the multiple aspects of the In-House Counsel role.

Panellists:
Linda Martin, General Counsel, REMONDIS Australia Pty Ltd
Olga Ganopolsky, General Counsel – Privacy and Data, Macquarie Group Limited; Chairperson, Business Law Privacy Sub-committee, Law Council of Australia

✓ Ethics & Professional Responsibility

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE + TIPS FOR IN-HOUSE COUNCIL

- Legal professional privilege: advice privilege and litigation privilege
- Dominant purpose and confidentiality
- Waiver of privilege
- Strategies for inhouse counsel

Presented by **Simone Rees**, Solicitor Director, Buchanan Rees Dispute Lawyers; Recognised for Litigation, Best Lawyers Australia

The day was excellent and I will be attending more Legalwise seminars

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**NATIVE TITLE INTENSIVE****TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025**
9.00AM TO 1.15PM**\$505**
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Examine all the essential elements of Native Title practice in one streamlined comprehensive seminar, including your ethics point. Guided by the most experienced practitioners, you will perfect your understanding of the recent developments in case law for compensation claims, learn to navigate the complexities of how PBCs function, and gain perspective on the intersection of Native Title with Treaty and the Human Rights Charter.

Chair: **Matthew Pudovskis**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers**REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODIES CORPORATE: RULES, ROLES, DUTIES AND DILEMMAS**

- The sources of rules governing how PBCs function
- Trustee and agent PBCs and common law holders
- Multiplicity of PBC directors' duties
- Disputes, rule-breaking and remedies: some case studies

Presented by **Susan Phillips**, Barrister, 13th Floor St James Hall; Leading Junior Counsel; *Doyle's Guide 2024***PERMUTATIONS IN COMPENSATION CLAIMS AFTER GRIFFITHS**

Consider forms of compensation claims after *Griffiths* using *Yindjibarndi v Fortescue Metals Group* as an example where the only compensable acts are the grants of mining tenements in an exclusive native title determination area.

- Explore the variety of heads of compensation
- The application of s 51A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) to mining tenements

Presented by **Vance Hughston SC**, Windeyer Chambers Sydney; Market Leader Senior Counsel; *Doyle's Guide 2024*✓ *Ethics and Professional Responsibility***ETHICS IN NATIVE TITLE LEGAL PRACTICE**

- Explore and discuss *Munkara v Santos NA Barossa Pty Ltd* (No 3) 2024 FCA 9
- Apply legal & ethical principles in relation to expert and lay witnesses in the Aboriginal land rights, native title or heritage context
- Potential costs orders against practitioners

Presented by **Tina Jowett SC**, Francis Burt Chambers; Recommended Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024***INTERSECTION OF NATIVE TITLE WITH TREATY AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER: DRAWING ON A VICTORIAN CONTEXT**

- The Victorian Treaty Negotiation Framework
- Traditional Owner (local) Treaties and their intersection with Native Title
- Role of FNLRs (the Victorian Native Title Service Provider) in aligning native title and treaty
- The Victorian Human Rights Charter and how it interacts with Native Title and treaty

Presented by **Tony Kelly** (CEO) & **Rainer Mathews** (Co-Principal Legal Officer), First Nations Legal & Research Services**IN FOCUS: LIQUOR AND GAMING REGULATION IN VICTORIA****WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2025**
2.00PM TO 3.00PM**\$160**
WEB253V25

Join us for a one-hour intensive, exploring the latest developments in liquor and gaming regulation in Victoria, chaired by the Victorian Liquor Commission. Hear from industry expert Leigh Barrett on current trends and compliance issues facing the state.

Chair: **Representative from Victorian Liquor Commission****GAMBLING REGULATOR RAISES THE BAR FOR EGM APPLICATIONS IN VICTORIA**

- Implication of changes in language from problem gambling to gambling harm
- Requirement for ISO gambling harm risk assessment to be conducted by applicants
- Increased prescription by the gambling regulator for venue RG policies and procedures
- Banks entering the regulation space regarding AML/CTF compliance by venues
- Emerging trends towards even further regulation

Presented by **Leigh Barrett**, Principal, Leigh Barrett and Associates**ATTEND AND EARN****4 CPD UNITS**

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Ethics and Professional Responsibility

ATTEND AND EARN**1 CPD UNITS**

- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law



FAMILY LAW: ADVANCED INTERDISCIPLINARY AND PROPERTY ISSUES

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
253V03

Delve into all the current issues for family law property matters in one day! Explore the rights and interests in trusts and the distribution as a part of the asset pool. Unpack the current approach taken towards initial and external contributions and dealing with disputed debts from third-parties. Stay informed with an annual update on recent cases and legislative changes, including the Family Law Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2023 – Property Disputes Amendment. Gain all your ethics and skills points through an in-depth analysis of identifying the assets from a lawyer and forensic accountant perspective, dealing with violence and coercive control in a family law practice and key ethical issues commonly missed in practice.

SESSION 1: TRUSTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, GIFTS AND CASE UPDATE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

253V03A

\$505

Chair: **Jason Walker**, Partner, Forte Family Lawyers

EQUITABLE RIGHTS OF THE BENEFICIARY: WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS OF INTEREST IN THE TRUST

Accessing the assets contained within discretionary family trusts can offer complex issues in family law. Consider when the rights of a beneficiary in a discretionary trust will be valuable property, and what arguments might be available

- A close analysis of the property interests of a beneficiary to a discretionary trust
- A consideration of the powers in the *Family Law Act* available to attack the trust
- Consideration of other arguments at equity which may assist, such as setting aside the decisions of trustees or removing the trustee

Presented by **Dr Robin Smith**, Barrister, Holmes List; Co-Author, *Family Law* (7th Ed) Thomson Reuters; Leading Family Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

THE WEIGHT TO BE GIVEN TO INITIAL AND EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS EARLY IN THE RELATIONSHIP: IS THE SPRINGBOARD ARGUMENT DEAD?

Presented by **Sarah Fiskin**, Barrister, Foleys List; Leading Family Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

DEALING WITH DISPUTED DEBTS IN FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS: WHAT STAYS IN THE BALANCE SHEET AND WHAT COMES OUT?

- The "Bank of Mum and Dad": Is it a gift or a loan?
- Third party creditors: When should they be joined as a party?
- Caveats: When can they be lodged by creditors?
- Indemnities: Are they worth the paper they are written on?

Presented by **Jeanette Swann**, Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers East

ANALYSIS OF RECENT FAMILY LAW AND PROPERTY DIVISION CASES AND UPDATE ON FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL (NO 2) 2023 – PROPERTY DISPUTES AMENDMENTS

Gain that all-important annual case update, highlighting recent trends and practical take aways from recent cases in several following important areas of disputes in Family Law, and an update on the latest reforms impacting Property Disputes.

Presented by **Rachell Davey**, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Recommended Family & Divorce Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

SESSION 2: CPD ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

253V03B

\$420

Chair: **Justine Clark**, Partner, Tisher Liner FC Law; Accredited Specialist in Family Law

✓ Professional Skills

IDENTIFYING THE REAL ASSETS: A LAWYER'S AND FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT'S VIEW

- Identifying the interests of the parties in property
- What is an 'entitlement' or 'interest' in property
- Property interests held by third party entities
- How to work through complex company and trust arrangements
- When, why and how to join third parties
- Getting at assets owned by trusts
- How to protect your client from claims against company or trust assets
- How to navigate the disclosure material
- Determining what specific disclosure may be necessary
- Valuing an interest in a business
- Can you value the interest of a Discretionary Beneficiary in a Trust?

Presented by **Barry Berger**, Director, Dignity EDR; Accredited Specialist in Family Law and **Joshua Wheeler**, Director, Munday Wilkinson

✓ Practice Management

MANAGING CLIENTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING OR PERPETRATING FAMILY VIOLENCE AND COERCIVE CONTROL

- Revisiting the definition of family violence and coercive control and what practice management tools can we use to detect family violence and coercive control
- What practice management strategies are available to help our clients who are the victims of family violence and coercive control
- How we can manage clients who are the alleged or actual perpetrators of family violence and coercive control

Presented by **Simon Kelly**, Barrister, Holmes List and **Keturah Sageman**, Senior Partner, Nicholes, Family Lawyers

✓ Ethics & Professional Responsibility

ETHICAL ISSUES FOR FAMILY LAWYERS: A CASE STUDY

Through dissecting a case study, you will work through an in-depth exploration of ethical dilemmas in family law and gain practical strategies and insights for addressing today's ethical challenges in family law practice.

Presented by **Caroline Counsel**, Managing Partner, Caroline Counsel Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Member of the Ethics Committee of the Law Institute of Victoria

ATTEND 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



CONSTRUCTION REGULATION: LEGISLATIVE REFORM, INSOLVENCY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505
253V04

Arm yourself and your practice with the insights and practical strategies needed to navigate the vulnerabilities in Victoria's construction sector. Benefit from an in-depth discussion on recent recommendations to reform the *Security of Payment Act 2002* and prepare yourself to spot potential weaknesses in your projects. Examine the ongoing review of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* and its impacts. Acquire practical strategies to manage counter-party insolvency and explore innovative dispute resolution techniques that can bolster the integrity and viability of your construction matters and projects given the current climate.

Chair: **Alexandra Golding**, Barrister, NMAS Accredited Mediator, Chancery Chambers; Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SECURITY OF PAYMENT ACT 2002 (ACT) REFORMS

- 11 September 2024: *The Building Legislation Amendment and Other Matters Bill 2024* was introduced – it did not address any of the security of payment recommendations
- What, if any, action has Parliament taken since on the recommended reforms?

Presented by **Hon Michael Whitten KC**, Barrister, Arbitrator, Mediator, List G Barristers

REVIEWING THE 20-YEAR-OLD DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS ACT

- Progress claims: Do we build homes the same way we did 20 years ago?
- Warning notes: Should cost plus be limited to the same monetary amount?
- Building works: Should the DBC Act apply to all?
- Dispute resolution: Does the DBDRV achieve its initial purpose 'Free, Fair, Fast'?
- Insurance: Given insolvency rates and timeframes in VCAT, is a last resort domestic building insurance sufficient?

Presented by **Donna Abu-Elias**, Director and Principal Lawyer, Spectrum Lawyers & Consultants

MANAGING COUNTER-PARTY INSOLVENCY RISK IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRY

- Upstream and downstream risk-considerations
- Contractual remedies and implications
- The role and effectiveness of performance securities and the role of insurance
- Any place for Security for Payment?
- Practical steps to manage insolvency risk/events

Presented by **St John Frawley**, Partner, Thomson Geer Lawyers; Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

INCORPORATING DISPUTE AVOIDANCE BOARDS (DABS) AND PRE- ISSUE MEDIATION IN MAJOR PROJECT CONTRACTS

Presented by **Toby Shnookal KC**, Lennon's List Barristers

THE LATEST IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- An update on the latest jurisdiction movements with domestic building disputes
- Running building cases efficiently: a refresher
- Perspectives from the bench: what decision makers do and do not like

Presented by **Fabian Brimfield**, Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West; Sessional Member, Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT)

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4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



NAVIGATING MERITS REVIEW AND JUDICIAL REVIEW AND THEIR INTERSECTION

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
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Arm yourself and your practice with the insights and practical strategies needed to navigate merits review and judicial review. Take a deep dive into commencing proceedings and different stages of Review proceedings. Benefit from an in-depth discussion of recent judicial review and merits review cases and the practical implications of these decisions. Review the administrative decision-making continuum and limits on merits reviews.

Chair: **Jason Pizer SC**, List A Barristers; Leading Administrative & Public Law Senior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide*

COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS: JUDICIAL REVIEW OR MERITS REVIEW?

Do you advise clients on the appropriate forum to commence proceedings? Do you advise government entities responding to merits or judicial review applications?

- Examine some of the key differences between proceedings for judicial review and merits review, with a focus on:
 - › Standing to commence proceedings
 - › Stays or injunctions of the operation of the decision under review
 - › Final relief available

Presented by **James Stoller**, Barrister, Ah Ket Chambers

RECENT JUDICIAL REVIEW AND MERIT REVIEW DECISIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

- Examine recent judicial review and merit review case law
- Key developments and emerging trends
- Practical implications for your clients and organisations

Presented by **Jim Hartley**, Barrister, List G Chambers

THE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION-MAKING CONTINUUM AND LIMITS ON MERITS REVIEW

Presented by **Natalie Blok**, Barrister, Ah Ket Chambers



DO YOU NEED YOUR CPD CORE UNITS?

See page 7 for compulsory units for
Government Lawyers

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



DRIVING OFFENCES AND DEFENCES, AND EXPERT EVIDENCE MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505
WEB253V06

Take a deep dive into the evergreen area of traffic offences in Victoria. A half-day masterclass with leading minds in the field, you will delve into expert evidence and how new technology is redefining the area, as well as dangerous driving causing death offences and sentencing issues associated with these. Understand the proposed reforms for drug driving laws and proven defence strategies for drink driving and drug driving offences.

Chair: **Chris Edwards**, Barrister, Chapman's List Barristers

DRUG DRIVING LAWS: REFORM UPDATE

Drug driving laws are inherently unjust because there is no impairment level required to prove to convict a person of an offence. The NSWCCA has confirmed that drug driving offences are offences of absolute liability. There are some reform initiatives underway around Australia that are leading to possible defences for those using drugs for a medicinal purpose. Explore the current drug driving reform landscape.

Presented by **Greg Barns SC**, Barrister, Douglas Menzies Chambers Melbourne

DEFENCES IN DRINK DRIVING AND DRUG DRIVING OFFENCES

- Six point check-list for breath test cases
- Essential considerations in refuse cases
- How to deal with blood and oral fluid samples
- Challenging a VIFM certificate

Presented by **Sean Hardy**, Barrister, 88 Dudley Street, West Melbourne

DANGEROUS DRIVING CAUSING DEATH: THE ELEMENTS, POTENTIAL DEFENCES AND SENTENCING ISSUES

- What must the prosecution prove?
- How does the test compare to culpable driving and careless driving and what are the dangers of such comparisons?
- Potential lines of defence
- What are the key sentencing principles? How do you tackle section 5(2)(h)?

Presented by **Sam Norton**, Accredited Specialist Criminal Law, Partner, Stary Norton Halphen, Leading Victorian Traffic & DUI Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide*

✓ *Professional Skills*

EXPERT EVIDENCE & TRAFFIC OFFENCES

- Surging technological development in vehicles
- New techniques in crash reconstruction
- What lawyers need to know about the new technology in cars
- Video analysis

Presented by **Dr Shane Richardson**, Principal Forensic Engineer, Managing Director and Owner Delta V Experts



MANAGING MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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WEB253V08

Join our medical negligence webinar to delve into some key issues. Gain insights on the current surge in class actions in Medical Negligence claims and the current legal approach taken towards these actions. Explore the findings from the NSW Legislative Council on birth trauma and obstetric violence, with reference to how these types of claims are being dealt with in Victoria. Finally, get a deeper understanding of how hospitals manage Medico-Legal risks behind the scenes, exploring the processes and the practical challenges they are forced to manage when there is an adverse event.

Chair: **Jane Fiske**, Partner, Lander & Rogers

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE AND CLASS ACTIONS

Presented by **Janine McIlwraith**, Principal Solicitor, Margalit; co-author, *Health Care and the Law* (4th, 5th & 6th editions) and *Australian Medical Liability* (1st & 2nd & 3rd editions)

BIRTH TRAUMA AND OBSTETRIC VIOLENCE - LEARNING FROM THE NSW PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE ON BIRTH TRAUMA

- Summary of the NSW Enquiry findings
- How we deal with these issues in Victoria
- Where to from here?

Presented by **Emily Hart**, Principal, Arnold Thomas & Becker Lawyers: Accredited Specialist in Personal Injury Law; Deputy Chair of the Health Law Committee, Law Institute of Victoria

BEHIND THE CURTAIN: HOW MEDICO-LEGAL ISSUES ARE MANAGED IN-HOUSE FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES

- Explore the processes and the practical challenges when hospitals and doctors are faced with an adverse event
- Examine how hospitals engage with patients and family when adverse events may result in medical negligence claims

Presented by **Emma Holden**, Associate, Brave Legal

COURT ORDERED MEDICAL PROCEDURES: RECENT CASES

Presented by **Christopher Lees**, Barrister, Greens List

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4 CPD UNITS

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

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- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONFERENCE 2025

MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2025

9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795

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Join experts at the Intellectual Property Conference 2025 – engaging with essential concerns, including the implications of AI on copyright, Indigenous Knowledge rights and notable recent cases. Examine critical current issues within patents, trademarks and IP remedies in the digital age. You will gain a unique opportunity to advance your specialist expertise or expand your general IP understanding and navigate the complexities of modern intellectual property.

SESSION 1: IP IN ADVERTISING, AI AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Paula Adamson**, CEO, Wrays

IP ISSUES IN ADVERTISING

- Ownership of ad content, brand names and packaging artwork
- Advertising clearance: what to look for
- Other advertising red flags: greenwashing, online reviews, discounted pricing

Presented by **Justine Munsie**, Partner, Addisons; Preeminent Technology, Media & Telecommunications lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

AI AND COPYRIGHT

- AI training and copyright: tricks and traps
- IP in works generated by AI
- Protecting original works online in the age of AI

Presented by **Sophie Dawson**, Partner, Johnson Winter & Slattery; Leading Media & Telecommunications lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

PATENTS

- Computer-implemented inventions and patentable subject-matter: where are we now?
- Sufficiency and support: mission critical
- The latest on best method

Presented by **James Lawrence**, Partner, Addisons; *Best Lawyers* in Australia, Intellectual Property Law 2025; Leading Lawyer, Contentious Intellectual Property 2024 *Doyle's Guide*

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

- What is Indigenous Knowledge (IK)/Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP)?
- To what extent is IK/ICIP currently protected under Australian law? What are the limitations?
- Proposed stand-alone legislation in Australia
- 2024 Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

Presented by **Katrina Chambers**, Partner, Thomson Geer; Lawyer of the Year, Intellectual Property Law, *Best Lawyers 2021* and Biotechnology, 2025

SESSION 2: INFRINGEMENT AND REMEDIES OF IP RIGHTS, AND APPEALS OF THE TRADE MARK REGISTRAR

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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\$420

Chair: **Peter Le Guay**, Partner, Thomson Geer Lawyers; Recommended Intellectual Property, Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024

CONFIDENTIALITY, IP REMEDIES AND OTHER HOT TOPICS

- Protecting confidential information: recent cases
- IP remedies: a look at the recent case Fortescue Ltd (hitherto known as *QFM1 v Element Zero Pty Ltd* hitherto known as RAB1 [2024] FCA 590) and some observations on Anton Piller orders
- Trademark use in the online context
- Overseas brand owners and spillover reputation: CrumbL and others

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

TRADE MARK INFRINGEMENT: CASE STUDY OF HEMMES TRADING PTY LIMITED V ESTABLISHMENT 203 PTY LTD

- Trade mark infringement
- Whether mark capable of distinguishing Applicant's services at priority date
- Defence of good faith use of own name
- Contraventions of ss 18 and 29 of the ACL

Presented by **Donna Short**, Partner, Addisons; Recognised in Chambers for Intellectual Property 2024

WHAT KATY PERRY DID NEXT

- Well known claim by Australian designer of trade mark infringement by US pop star
- Case started in 2019 after 10 years of no contact
- High profile trial in 2022
- 2023 judgment had some wins for the Australian and some wins for US star
- Next round from Full Court after appeal hearing in February 2024

Presented by **Odette Gourley**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; Leading Lawyer Chambers Asia-Pacific- Intellectual Property

APPEALS FROM, AND JUDICIAL REVIEW OF, DECISIONS OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE MARKS

Presented by **Michael Hall**, Barrister, Nigel Bowen Chambers

ATTEND THE FULL DAY AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

- 7 CPD units in Substantive Law



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSET TOKENISATION: THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025

9.00AM TO 12.15PM

\$420

WEB253N10

Join us for a frontier crossing conference on the legal implications of environmental asset tokenisation. You will gain critical insights on the current regulatory framework for tokenising environmental assets, the role of tokenomics in defining these assets and examine the complexities of digitising carbon credits and their market dynamics. This conference presents you with a unique opportunity to enhance your expertise in a rapidly evolving legal landscape, engage with industry leaders and strengthen your practice.

Chair: **John Bassilios**, Partner, Fintech & Blockchain Lead, Hall & Wilcox; The *Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024*, Next Generation Partner, Fintech and Financial Services Regulatory

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR TOKENISING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS

- Current state of digital assets regulation
- Legal considerations in tokenising financial assets linked to the environment
- Legal considerations for tokenising real world environmental assets
- Government policy proposal on asset tokenisation
- Potential use cases

Presented by **Steven Pettigrove**, Partner, Piper Alderman; *Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024*: Australia – Rising Star for Fintech and Financial Services Regulatory

✓ Professional Skills

TOKENISATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS: WHY TOKENOMICS COMES BEFORE TOKENISATION

- What is Tokenomics?
- Why Tokenomics matters when defining real-world environmental assets tokens
- Not all tokens are the same nor are all environmental assets are the same
- Elements to consider when defining tokens: structure, functionality, governance and compliance
- Not all environmental assets are financial products: the case of tokenising water rights and water quality credits

Presented by **Katrina Donaghy**, Country Chief Executive Officer, WATER LEDGER AUSTRALIA

✓ Professional Skills

THE DIGITISATION OF CARBON CREDITS

- What are carbon credits?
- Tokenising carbon credits
- Why tokenise carbon credits?
- Creating a market for carbon credits
- Listing tokenised carbon credits on an exchange

Presented by **Andrew Mayo**, Founder and CEO, MyCarbon

THE LEGAL ISSUES IN DIGITISING CARBON CREDITS

- Carbon credit regulations
- Corporations Law regulations dealing with a financial product
- Implications of AFSL involvement
- Creating a legal market for tokenised carbon credits

Presented by **Dr Adrian McCullagh**, Principal, ODMOB Lawyers; Member, Australian Law Council Digital Commerce committee, Special Advisor to the Director General of the Blockchain Climate Institute based in the UK

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3 CPD UNITS

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



ADVERSE ACTION, DISCRIMINATION AND BULLYING CLAIMS

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025

9.00AM TO 12.15PM

\$420

WEB253N12

Keep up to date on recent significant case law and legislative reform and the impact of these on adverse action, workplace discrimination and bullying claims. Be guided through the best processes to avoid bullying claims and then to use the procedures in the Fair Work Commission to solve problems.

Chair: **Kate Boomer**, Barrister, George Street Chambers

ADVERSE ACTION UPDATE INCLUDING THE NEW WORKPLACE RIGHTS

- What is adverse action?
- What are workplace rights and the right to disconnect?
- The 'because' test
- The reverse onus of proof
- The role of the Fair Work Commission
- Recent cases

Presented by **Sarah Ralph**, Oceania Law Leader, Ernst & Young

DISCRIMINATION & GENERAL PROTECTIONS

- Claims covered under claims under Part 3-1 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)
- Recent developments
- Evidentiary hurdles
- Damages & penalties

Presented by **Penny Thew**, Barrister, State Chambers

BULLYING ALLEGATIONS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

- Procedures at the Fair Work Commission and how to use them to solve problems
- Assessment of claims to determine what is in fact bullying, and what is in fact discontent unjustly described as such
- Handling supervision so that it complies with the definition of "reasonable management action"
- Assessing risk of complaint or dispute from employees who object to being named in bullying complaints: avoiding "the reaction of the target eclipsing the complaint of the complainant"
- Structures in an organisation to make bullying complaints the last, not the first step for employees speaking up

Presented by **Chris McArdle**, Principal, McArdle Legal

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



NAVIGATING CROSS BORDER CONTRACTS

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025
1.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$505
WEB253N13

This 4-hour session is packed with everything you need to know on cross-border contracts, covering topics from establishing jurisdiction and governing law in international agreements to managing supply chain disputes and identifying early signs of insolvency. You'll also explore arbitration mechanisms, consider landmark cases, the application of the Vienna Convention (CISG) for international sales, and crucial trans-border IP and privacy issues in contract drafting. Additionally, you will focus on the new Privacy Act and the required clauses.

Chair: **Julia Dreosti**, Partner, Clifford Chance

CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL CONTRACTS: JURISDICTION, GOVERNING LAW AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS

- Establishing jurisdiction: over the parties & over the subject matter
- Restraining proceedings: interstate & international cases
- Governing law
- Proper law of the contract: subjective & objective proper law
- Enforcement of judgments
- Registration of judgments: interstate & international

Presented by **Jennifer K Mee**, Barrister, 6 St James Hall Chambers; *Best Lawyers 2024*, Energy Law

MANAGING SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES IN CROSS BORDER CONTRACTS

- Current industry and contracting climate
- Early warning signs and how to prepare for a supply chain dispute before it occurs
- Role of arbitration in resolving supply chain disputes
- Mitigating insolvency risks and the enforceability of arbitration

Presented by **Daniel Allman**, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia

OUR HOME IS GIRT BY . . . CISG? THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS FOR AUSTRALIAN LAWYERS

- What is the CISG?
- When (and to whom) does it apply?
- Major points of difference between CISG and Australian contract/sale of goods law
- Adopting, excluding, or varying the terms of the CISG

Presented by **Angus Macinnis**, Director of Dispute Resolution, StevensVuaran Lawyers

TRANS-BORDER IP, PRIVACY & DATA ISSUES

- The fundamentals of IP due diligence
- Customer lists, trade secrets and personal information: IP, confidentiality and privacy considerations
- Trans-border IP and privacy issues
- Drafting considerations for IP

Presented by **Nicole Murdoch**, Principal, EAGLEGATE Lawyers, Recommended Non-Contentious Intellectual Property Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2023*



FAMILY LAW - KEY ISSUES IN FINANCIAL MATTERS

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505
WEB253N15

Unpack the essential issues you need to tackle in family law financial and property matters. All the difficult issues examined: handling non-disclosure, understanding the FCFCOA rules, and knowing when and how to bring an application in proceedings. Learn what to do when debts exceed assets and what key factors to consider in forum disputes, including the differences between parenting and financial matters. Gain insight into managing complex estate issues that may arise in your family law case.

Chair: **Claire O'Connor SC**, Villeneuve Smith Chambers

DEALING WITH NON-DISCLOSURE: WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

- The FCFCOA Rules and obligations to make full and frank disclosure
- Applications in a Proceeding
- Subpoenas
- Specific Questions, Notices to Produce and Notices to Admit
- Chang & Su: principals and subsequent authorities

Presented by **Bronia Tulloch**, Barrister, Foley's List

WHEN THE DEBT IS GREATER THAN THE ASSETS: NEGATIVE ASSET POOL

- Avoiding the iceberg: survival strategies when all seems lost
- Practical steps in dealing with banks and other creditors
- Keeping the ATO onside during the crash crunch
- Advantages and disadvantages if the other party becomes insolvent or bankrupt

Presented by **Stephen Page**, Director, Page Provan; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Recommended Family & Divorce Lawyer and Recommended Parenting & Children's Matters Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

HERE OR THERE? FORUM DISPUTES IN FAMILY LAW MATTERS

- Factors to be examined when there is a forum dispute
- Parenting vs. financial matters - does it make a difference?
- Practical tips: what to do when there are different options as to jurisdictions

Presented by **Eleanor Lau**, Partner, Lander & Rogers; Accredited Specialist in Family Law; Recommended Family Law & Divorce Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

THE MARRIAGE OF DECEASED ESTATES AND FAMILY LAW

- Separation, divorce, marriage – and their impact on wills and superannuation
- Death before, during and after family law proceedings

Presented by **Andrew Meiliunas**, Associate Director, Nevett Ford Lawyers



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- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law

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ENTERTAINMENT LAW CONFERENCE 2025

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
253N18

Join your colleagues at the Entertainment Law Conference 2025, an essential event for legal practitioners and entertainment industry professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of the dynamic intersection of law and media. Engage in critical discussion on production contracting, generative AI's role in filmmaking, and the latest updates on employment and contractor compliance in the entertainment industry. Explore pressing topics such as privacy reform, digital economy regulations and the intricacies of the Producer Tax Offset.

SESSION 1: WHAT'S NEW IN ENTERTAINMENT REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

9.00AM TO 1.15PM 253N18A **\$505**

Chair: **Sonia Borella**, Director, Borella Buchanan Pty Ltd

PRIVACY ACT REFORM AND THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

- Personnel and content
- Reform timeline and what shape that will take
- How AI will influence privacy

Presented by **Rebecca Dunn**, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin; *Best Lawyers 2025*, Defamation and Media Law, Intellectual Property Law and Privacy and Data Security Law

REGULATION OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY 2025: A MEDIA SECTOR PERSPECTIVE

- Artificial intelligence
- Competition and consumer protection
- Cybersecurity
- Online safety and misinformation

Presented by **Dr Martyn Taylor**, Partner, Australian Law Firm Partner of the Year - Competition, Trade & Regulation, *Best Lawyers 2023* and **Dietrich Marquardt**, Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright

WHAT'S HOT RIGHT NOW IN MEDIA LAW

- Anti-siphoning
- Smart-device prominence
- Market-fragmentation and implications for piracy
- Recent changes in advertising requirements (including sector-specific restrictions, such as in relation to gambling)
- Overseas trends and what might be next in Australia

Presented by **Rebecca Lindhout**, Consultant, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers and **Rohin Sharma**, Senior Legal Counsel, FOX SPORTS Australia

INDUSTRIAL NEGOTIATIONS AND UPDATES ON EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE

- Updates and review on contract compliance
- New contractor provisions
- Unfair contract jurisdiction, casual conversion and the right to disconnect

Presented by **Nicola McMahon**, Special Counsel, McCullough Robertson

SESSION 2: OPTIONS, PRODUCTION TRENDS AND PRODUCER OFFSETS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM 253N18B **\$420**

Chair: **Janine Lapworth**, Senior Legal Consultant

THE NEW, CLEAR OPTION: DRAFTING, EXERCISING AND REMEDIES FOR BREACH OF OPTIONS

- Drafting enforceable options for new series and talent
- Exercising an option
- Remedies for breach of option
- Other pre-emptive rights production lawyers might consider

Presented by **Eli Fisher**, Senior Legal Counsel, Paramount

CURRENT STATE OF INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION TRENDS IN AUSTRALIA

- International filmmaker attitudes to Australia
- Trends in production and post-production
- Client sentiment and process from interest to execution

Presented by **Mark Bamford**, Simpsons; Kate Marks, CEO, Ausfilm; **Patrick May**, Director of Policy and Research, Ausfilm

KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR – PRODUCER OFFSET, DIVISION 376, AND AAT APPEALS

PART 1

- Producer offset overview
- Contracting to avoid common Offset pitfalls
- QAPE – from Screen Australia's unique perspective

Presented by **Janine Pearce**, Principal, JP Media Law

PART 2

- The case of Fragmentary: applicant eligibility: carrying out of "all the activities" that were necessary for the making of the film: section 376-65 *Tax Act*
- Nature of AAT appeal
- Role of expert evidence

Presented by **Therese Catanzariti**, Barrister, 13 Wentworth Chambers



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STATUTORY INTERPRETATION INTENSIVE

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Gain essential insights from the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel on how issues of statutory interpretation are considered by legislative drafters when drafting legislation, understand the contemporary approach to statutory interpretation and some practical applications and examples. Understand the implications of recent cases in statutory interpretation and unpack the use of defined terms in statutory interpretation.

Chair: **Fiona McKenzie**, Barrister, Foley's List

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INSIGHTS FROM A LEGISLATIVE DRAFTER

Focus on how issues of statutory interpretation are considered by legislative drafters when formulating legislation.

- Consistency of language within the document and across the statute book
- Definitions and other interpretive tools: notes, examples, structure, headings, extrinsic materials
- Interpretation Acts and legal assumptions
- Issues relating to subordinate legislation
- How an Act interacts with common law: clear words of abrogation

Presented by **Jayne Atkins**, Chief Parliamentary Counsel, Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel

✓ Professional Skills

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION TOOLKIT

- Australian contemporary approach to statutory interpretation
- How to use interpretation acts in statutory interpretation exercises
- Practical application and examples

Presented by **Nidal Sayegh**, Lead Counsel, Victorian Government Solicitor's Office and **Andrea Mapp**, Lead Counsel, Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

RECENT CASE UPDATE IN STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

Gain essential insights from the latest and most relevant cases you should be aware of and their impacts on statutory interpretation.

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

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THE USE OF DEFINED TERMS IN STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

Presented by **Alanna Mitchell**, Partner, Maddocks



ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION MAKING FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
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Examine the obligation to ensure procedural fairness as the foundation of all good decision making and the consequences where a court concludes that there has been a breach of procedural fairness by a decision maker. Take a deep dive into jurisdictional facts, the importance of jurisdictional facts for administrative decision makers, the impacts of a failure to recognise the existence of a jurisdictional fact and a closer look at objective and subjective jurisdictional facts. Be updated on recent cases in administrative decision making and the impacts that these decisions may have on future decision making.

Chair: **Bronwyn Weir**, Director, Weir Legal & Consulting

THE OBLIGATION TO AFFORD PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS AND CONSEQUENCES WHEN IT IS BREACHED

Presented by **Kylie Walsh**, Principal, Russell Kennedy

JURISDICTIONAL FACTS: OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE

Presented by **Lisa de Ferrari SC**, Barrister, List A Chambers

RECENT CASE UPDATE IN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION MAKING

Hear a summary of the latest and most relevant decisions in administrative decision making and how adverse findings may affect these decisions.

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

LITIGATION PROOFING ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS FOR DECISIONS

Examine the law on reasons for decision and offer some practical guidance to minimise legal risk in the preparation of reasons.

Presented by **Kylie Evans KC**, Barrister, Ah Ket Chambers



CALLING ALL GOVERNMENT LAWYERS!

Need your core points in Government Law?
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PROPERTY LAW CONFERENCE: ADVANCED STRATEGIES FOR COMPLEX CHALLENGES

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2025

9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795

253V09

Property lawyers must navigate a minefield of challenges, from vague lease provisions that spark disputes to the repercussions of recent tax changes affecting transactions. Coupled with the increasing importance of cyber resilience, the stakes are higher than ever. Adopt practical strategies to clearly define lease terms, effectively manage owners' corporation disputes, and understand tax implications to provide robust client advice. Enhance your negotiation skills to manage competing interests and fortify your practice against hidden dangers.

SESSION 1: STRATEGIC APPROACHES TO COMMERCIAL LEASES, DISPUTES & PROPERTY ACQUISITION

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Andrew Cameron**, Barrister, List G Barristers; *Best Lawyers 2025*, Litigation and Real Property Law

DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING COMMERCIAL LEASE TERMS

- Heads of Agreement: points to look out for
- Deep dive into key lease provisions, risks and drivers for both parties
- Tips and traps from both a landlord and occupier perspective
- Focus areas of market rent review and make good
- Market trends
- Recent caselaw update

Presented by **Emilie Fary**, Special Counsel, Baker & McKenzie and **Josh Baldacchino**, Senior Associate, Baker & McKenzie

PROACTIVE LEGAL SOLUTIONS FOR OWNERS CORPORATIONS: AVOIDING VCAT THROUGH SMART GOVERNANCE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Focus on preventing legal disputes within owners' corporations through proactive legal strategies
- Practical advice on strengthening governance and improving decision-making processes
- Legal obligations for maintenance and repairs and how to manage them without escalation
- Financial management solutions: avoiding disputes over unpaid levies and debt recovery
- Emphasis on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms to resolve conflicts early
- Recent legislative changes and cases and compliance strategies for owners' corporations
- Case studies and real-world examples of successful non-tribunal legal solutions

Presented by **Sangeeta Thaker**, Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law; Accredited Specialist in Property Law

KEY ISSUES IN ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF PROPERTY

- Conducting due diligence
- Important terms to consider when drafting or reviewing contract of sale
- Is the vendor's statement compliant with the *Sale of Land Act*?
- Recent legislative changes and how that affects contract of sale

Presented by **Zoe Christodoulou**, Senior Associate, Gadens; Australia's Best Real Estate Lawyer, *Lawyers Weekly*, 30 Under 30 Awards and **Karena Balkwill**, Senior Associate, Gadens

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT IN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

- The legislative framework under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic)
- Key stakeholders
- The offence regime
- Cultural heritage management plans and other approvals (Cultural heritage permits)
- Compliance
- Dispute resolution
- Key considerations/takeaways from the case law
- Recommendations for best practice

Presented by **Joshua Dellios**, Partner, MinterEllison

KEY TAX ISSUES PROPERTY LAWYERS MUST BE AWARE OF

- Catch up on the latest tax issues and equip yourself with essential insights to navigate complex tax implications, ensure compliance, and effectively advise your clients
- Land tax
- Windfall gains tax
- Vacant residential land tax (VRLT)

Presented by **Natashia Ackroyd**, Partner, Holding Redlich

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR PROPERTY LAWYERS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Richard Brooks**, Consultant, Ashurst; Recommended Leasing Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility*

ETHICAL ISSUES FOR PROPERTY LAWYERS

- Conduct Rules: R4, R5 and R7
- Conflict issues: R10, R11 and R12
- Conveyancing from divorce/separation matters
- Technology, social media, AI

Presented by **Anastasia Aslanidis**, Principal Lawyer, Prisma Legal; Accredited Specialist in Property Law

✓ *Professional Skills*

PROPERTY LAW MEDIATION: GETTING THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR YOUR CLIENT

Learn from observations from a leading trial barrister and mediator as to what to consider and what to avoid when working up a case for mediation, when sharing information and common negotiation pitfalls, with a focus on property law disputes.

Presented by **Andrew Silver**, Barrister, Greens List Barrister; Leading Mediator, *Doyle's Guide 2024*; Recommended Insolvency & Restructuring Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Practice Management & Business Skills*

CYBER RESILIENCE FOR YOUR PROPERTY LAW PRACTICE: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE

- Prevention: practical strategies to protect your property law practice
- Prevention: refresher on privacy laws and privacy reforms and obligations
- Prevention: cyber security related legislative reforms and obligations
- Mitigation: managing data breaches and security risks, and ransomware
- Mitigation: penalties and compensation claims
- Priorities for 2025

Presented by **Iain McLaren**, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

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NEW 2025 COSTS REGIME AND OTHER COSTS ORDERS



NEW PRIVACY ACT REFORMS FOR ALL LAWYERS: ONE HOUR INTENSIVE

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
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Don't miss this essential keynote address by the Supreme Court's Judicial Registrar on the newly implemented Scale of Costs, effective 1 January 2025. In March, you'll have the opportunity to hear how the new scale is being interpreted and applied, along with practical insights from a costing expert on ensuring compliance. Gain an in-depth analysis of circumstances leading to non-standard costs orders, illustrated by recent case examples. Make sure your firm is fully prepared for the new costs regime.

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NEW COSTS REGIME: INSIGHTS FROM THE BENCH

NEW SCALE OF COSTS AS FROM 1 JANUARY 2025: REVIEW OF THE CHANGES

- The new scale of costs for recovery of party/party costs
- Obligation to ensure that claims for costs are reasonable

Presented by **Judicial Registrar Conidi**, Supreme Court of Victoria

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COMMENTARY: PRACTICALITIES IN ENSURING COMPLIANCE

Presented by **Antonella Terranova**, Principal, Castra Legal Costing; President, Northern Suburbs Law Association Inc., Chair, Costs Law Executive Committee, Member, Advisory Service Panel (LIV)

WHEN NON-STANDARD COST ORDERS WILL BE MADE

- When offers of compromise will result in a non-standard cost order
- When cost orders will be made against non-parties
- Recent case law

Presented by **Nicholas Bird**, Barrister, Champman's List Barristers

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 3.15PM

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Chair: **Olga Ganopolsky**, General Counsel - Privacy and Data, Macquarie Group Limited

OVERVIEW OF THE PRIVACY ACT REFORMS

- Automated decision (AI and related operations)
- A new Privacy Code for collecting PI from children
- New powers of Minister
- Civil action for Serious Invasions of Privacy
- Doxxing offences

Presented by **Patrick Fair**, Principal, Patrick Fair and Associates; Adjunct Professor, School of Information Technology, Deakin University; Recommended Practitioner, Chambers, and TMT Recognised for his "encyclopaedic knowledge of laws concerning privacy and security"

DECIPHERING "REASONABLE STEPS" TO SECURING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Changes to the reasonable steps under APP 11
- The civil penalties regime
- Infringements
- Applying the privacy rule of thumb

Presented by **David Tulacz**, Director – Privacy, Helios

Patrick Fair is the principal of Patrick Fair Associates, an Adjunct Professor at the School of Information Technology, Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment at Deakin University, the Chairman of the Communications Security Reference Panel at the Communications Alliance, a member of the IoT Alliance of Australia Security Workstream Member Technical Advisory Standing Committee auDA and General Advisor to and an author of LexisNexis Practical Guidance Cybersecurity, Data Protection and Privacy.

David Tulacz is an Information Privacy, Security & Risk specialist with over 20 years of experience leading business intelligence, technology, and data governance programs. Throughout his career, David has served as a trusted advisor for leading technology companies, supporting them to successfully implement business-critical software and systems to improve operational effectiveness and enable new revenue streams across the business whilst meeting relevant regulations and standards.



**ALL NEW PROGRAM
ON THE NEW SCALE OF COSTS
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ABUSE LAW FORUM

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM\$505
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Tackle the minefield of challenges within abuse law matters. With the largest award in an abuse law jury trial being handed down in 2024, you will want to hear from Michael Magazanik in relation to damages. Explore the key learnings from the latest significant decisions. Gain practical guidance on engaging experts in historical abuse claims. Develop strategies for discovery and how and what evidence should be disclosed.

Chair: **Gideon Boas**, Barrister, Foley's List

DAMAGES AND JURY CASE UPDATE IN VICTORIA

- The (pending) Court of Appeal decisions in Kneale and TJ
- Where to for general damages in abuse claims?
- *Jury v Judge*: competing considerations

Presented by **Michael Magazanik**, Partner, Rightside Legal

✓ Professional Skills

PRACTICAL TIPS IN ENGAGING EXPERTS IN HISTORICAL ABUSE CLAIMS

- Who to brief: medical and liability experts
- Why to brief: relevance to both damages and liability
- How to brief: background briefings and letters of instruction
- Complying with civil procedure rules and practice notes
- Practical tips and tricks

Presented by **Charles Harrison**, Partner, Carroll & O'Dea

DISCOVERY: WHAT EVIDENCE SHOULD BE DISCLOSED AND HOW

- Review of relevant discovery case law
- Scope of discovery
- Whether or not redactions are permitted
- Discoverability of National Redress Scheme documents
- How interrogatories can fill the gaps

Presented by **Nina Vallins**, Barrister, Green's List

CASE UPDATE

The Courts have handed down a number of abuse law decisions in past 12 months. Consider a selection of significant decisions in relation to:

- Vicarious liability
- Applications for permanent stays
- Setting aside deeds

Presented by **David Seeman**, Barrister, Lennon's List

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS: NEW REGULATION, DUE DILIGENCE AND STRUCTURING

MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 12.15PM\$420
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With the most significant overhaul of M&A regulation in nearly 50 years, Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 is set to take effect in Australia in 2025. Understand the procedural changes in merger control, substantive law modifications, and the ACCC's revised approach while anticipating developments in 2025/2026. Plus, explore financial due diligence, and the integration of IP assets into acquisitions under the new regulatory framework.

Chair: **Amanda Comelli**, Partner, Brown Wright Stein; Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee for Business Law

MERGER CONTROL REFORMS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR M&A

- Background and context to the reforms: Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024
- Procedural changes in merger control
- Changes to the substantive law
- New approach of the ACCC
- Next steps and issues to watch in 2025/2026

Presented by **Dr Martyn Taylor**, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright; Winner of Deal of the Year for *Best Lawyers* 5 times including in Australia, Aisa and the World categories and **Dietrich Marquardt**, Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright

IN THE RED BUT OWNS GOOD IP: INTEGRATING THE ACQUISITION IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW M&A REGULATIONS

- Strategic importance of IP in increasing the value of distressed assets during M&A
- IP due diligences in the context of new M&A regulations
- Robust due diligence process to identify and mitigate potential anti-competitive risks associated with IP holdings
- Strategies for maximising IP value post-acquisition
- Integrating IP into the larger business strategy

Presented by **Nicole Murdoch**, Principal, EAGLEGATE Lawyers, Recommended Non-Contentious Intellectual Property Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

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FINANCIAL DUE DILIGENCE AND VENDOR ASSISTANCE: HOW IT ADDS TO THE DEAL VALUE

- Enhanced deal certainty
- Improved negotiation leverage
- Accelerated deal closing
- Risk mitigation
- Synergy identification

Presented by **Vinod Parasuraman**, Partner, Head of Transaction Services, Pitcher Partners



LANDMARK CASES EXAMINED

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PPSR: DRAFTING, ENFORCING AND DISPUTING SECURITY INTERESTS

MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
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It is a perennial, but you must be totally on top of your understanding of correct practice and procedure of PPSR registrations especially in an economic climate of increasing insolvencies. Be guided through enforcing general security interests under the *Personal Property and Securities Act 2009*. Consider the issues in navigating insolvency issues in PPSR and perfect accurate PPSR registrations. Examine the impact of recent decisions on PPSR and asset protection mechanisms, along with strategies to ensure compliance and prevent disputes.

Chair: **Ian Davidson SC**, Eight Selborne Chambers

ENFORCING GENERAL SECURITY INTERESTS UNDER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SECURITIES ACT 2009

- Drafting, reviewing and negotiating contracts effectively to protect your client's assets
- Navigating legal compliance nightmares: how contract mechanisms can shield against emerging risks and regulatory challenges
- Contractual powerplay

Presented by **Steven Brown**, Chairman, Etienne Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Business Law

NAVIGATING INSOLVENCY ISSUES IN PPSR: HOW ACCURATE PPSR REGISTRATIONS CAN PROTECT YOUR CLIENT IN INSOLVENCY?

- Warning signs
- Dealing with client expectations
- Inadequate or incorrect registrations
- Priority conflicts
- Reputational risks
- Regulatory challenges
- Managing risks when all goes wrong
- Preventing losses of ownership during insolvency and ensures continued protection of your client's assets

Presented by **Stacy Miller**, Partner, Cronin Miller; Recommended for Litigation, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

PPSR DISPUTES

- False or inaccurate registrations on the PPSR
- Disputes relating to a PPS lease existence not registered on the PPSR
- Ownership rights do not automatically give rise to a PPSR security interest

Presented by **Stipe Vuleta**, Managing Director, Chamberlains Law Firm



DUST DISEASES CLAIMS UPDATE

MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025
1.30PM TO 5.15PM

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Dust disease claims practice is a constantly evolving area of personal injury law. Consider some of the essential current concerns impacting dust diseases claims. Consider the health risks of tunnelling work and the recent increase of claims that have occurred, keep up to date on recent decisions in Australia, plus explore the vexed question of capacity when the claimant is elderly and you have concerns about their capacity to provide instructions. How do you determine whether they have capacity and what steps can you take if they don't.

Chair: **Lian Chami**, Partner, Bartier Perry; Preeminent Dust Diseases Lawyers (Defendant) – *New South Wales, Doyle's Guide 2023*

JUDICIAL DECISION MAKING IN DUST DISEASES CLAIMS

Presented by **Her Honour, Judge Wendy Strathdee**, Dust Diseases Tribunal NSW

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BENEATH THE SURFACE: THE HEALTH RISKS OF TUNNELLING WORK

- Overview of tunnel construction, common health hazards and work-related diseases in tunnel workers
- Various tunnelling methods and how these methods impact on workplace exposure
- Consideration of the workgroups most at risk
- Typical control measures put in place to protect worker health and the gaps that can exist

Presented by **Kate Cole OAM**, Certified Occupational Hygienist, Cole Health

✓ Professional Skills

EXPLORING MENTAL CAPACITY OF THE ELDERLY OR INFIRMED CLAIMANT

- Different roles: the Court, the medical practitioner and the solicitor in the assessment of capacity
- Legal and medical tests for the assessment of capacity
- Role of the solicitor: communication with the client and taking clear instructions
- Warning signs for solicitors: what to do and when to engage a medical practitioner
- Referrals and letters of instruction: How can solicitors best assist the medical practitioner and the Court
- Role of the medical specialist
- Disclosure of documents and consent: confidentiality issues
- What steps the lawyer can take if the client's capacity is compromised

Presented by **Dr Amanda White**, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Forensic Psychologist, Neuropsychological & Forensic Services

CASE REVIEW AND UPDATES ON LIABILITY AND ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES: PRACTICAL GUIDANCE AND INSIGHTS

- Liability decisions including recent decisions relating to health risks of tunnelling
- Cases on assessment of damages

Panel Includes:

Annie Hoffman, Managing Partner, Turner Freeman; Recommended Dust Diseases Compensation Lawyers & Law Firms (Plaintiff) *Doyle's Guide 2024*
Victoria Keays, Partner, Gordon Legal, Preeminent Asbestos & Dust Diseases Compensation Lawyers (Plaintiff) *Doyle's Guide 2023*
Laine Ashforth-McDonald, Senior Associate, Slater & Gordon, Leading Dust Diseases Compensation Lawyers & Law Firms (Plaintiff) *Doyle's Guide 2024*
Jonathan Walsh, Partner, Maurice Blackburn; Leading Dust Diseases Compensation Lawyers & Law Firms (Plaintiff) *Doyle's Guide 2024*

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CONTRACT LAW CONFERENCE: DISPUTES AND POSSIBLE DISPUTES

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2025

9.00AM TO 5.15PM

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High Court cases, enforcement proceedings on new legislation plus more - there is so much to keep abreast of in Contract Law currently. Together with renowned barristers and solicitors, you can examine the necessary issues including recent high court cases on enforcing unfair contract terms and the new standard for calculating damages. Take a deep dive into strategies for managing insolvency risks and best practices relating to enforcement of privacy and confidentiality clauses. Examine the use of arbitration clauses in resolving contractual disputes. Plus, an ethics point. All in one day!

SESSION 1: UNFAIR CONTRACTS, UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT, CONFIDENTIALITY AND INSOLVENCY IN CONTRACTS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Samuel J. Woff**, Former Corporate Lawyer, Senior Fellow, Melbourne University

LEGAL ALERT: HIGH COURT DEVELOPMENTS ON UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS AND ENFORCEMENT TRENDS

- Recent cases: interpretation and enforcement
- Can we see any trends?
- PayPal enforcement decision
- Implications for your clients

Presented by **Dr Oren Bigos KC**, List A Barristers, and **Stephanie Hooper**, Barrister, List A Barristers

EFFECTIVE CONTRACT TERMINATION

Presented by **David Carlile**, Barrister, Lennon's List

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSES: ENFORCEABILITY AND BEST PRACTICES

Presented by **Michael Rivett**, Barrister, Chancery Chambers

PRACTICAL OPTIONS TO CONSIDER WHERE ANOTHER PARTY IS, OR AT RISK OF BEING, INSOLVENT

- Warning signs to watch for
- Relevant corporate insolvency and restructuring processes and potential outcomes
- Impediments to exercising rights where there is an insolvency event
- Risk minimisation strategies

Presented by **Sam Kingston**, Partner, Maddocks; Recommended Lawyer for Restructuring & Insolvency, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific Guide, 2024*

SESSION 2: CALCULATING DAMAGES, USING ARBITRATION AND ETHICS IN CONTRACT DISPUTES

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Dr Paul Vout KC**, List A Barristers; co-editor, *Commonwealth Law Reports*; Author, *Laws of Australia on Breach of Contract*; Co-author, *Appeals and Appellate Courts in Australia and New Zealand*, LexisNexis; Editor and co-author, *Laws of Australia: Unconscionable Conduct* and *Laws of Australia: Torts*, Lawbook

A NEW STANDARD FOR CALCULATING DAMAGES: *CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL V 123 259 932 PTY LTD (2024) HCA 17*

Presented by **JK Muckersie**, Special Counsel, Clayton Utz

USING ARBITRATION TO RESOLVE CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES

- The commercial benefits of arbitration
- The process of arbitration
- The arbitration clause
- A case study showing how arbitration works in practice

Presented by **Matthew Harvey KC FCIArb**, Owen Dixon Chambers West, and **Huw Watkins**, Barrister, Dever's List

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WHEN SOMEONE ELSE'S MISTAKE BECOMES YOUR PROBLEM: ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS WHEN YOUR OPPONENT MAKES AN ERROR

It's easy to think that an error by your opponent which advantages your client is a gift but it's actually a burden. It's likely to create a conflict between ethical responsibilities that may be difficult to resolve as well as create practical risks.

- Address the relevant ethical and practical considerations.
- Obtain guidance taken from the professional conduct rules, commentary and the (colourful) case law

Presented by **Peter Sise**, Special Counsel, Clayton Utz



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WILLS AND ESTATES LAW SUMMIT

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

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Whether you're a planner, administrator, or litigator, elevate your wills and estates practice with this succession law intensive! Delve into critical concerns like trustee responsibilities and potential liabilities alongside maladministration by attorneys. Navigate testamentary trusts and asset protection, while gaining insights into practical steps when dealing with informal wills. As elder abuse becomes increasingly relevant, explore remedies and legal principles to protect vulnerable clients. With 7 CPD units available, make your professional development enhance your practice.

SESSION 1: ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION ROUNDUP

9.00AM TO 1.15PM 253V13A \$505

Chair: **Jennifer Maher**, Director, Velocity Legal

LATEST AND GREATEST CASE LAW UPDATE

Presented by **Tim Staindl**, Barrister, Owen Dixon West

TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS AND ASSET PROTECTION: TRAPS AND TIPS, FACTS AND MYTHS

- Asset protection features of testamentary trusts
- Drafting tips to promote protective features
- Practical guidance on protective trust administration
- Preparing, at the planning stage, to meet future claims

Presented by **Greg Russo**, Director of Greg Russo Law, Recommended Lawyer in Wills and Estates and Estates Litigation *Doyle's Guide 2024*

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES: AVOIDING POTENTIAL PERSONAL LIABILITY

- Investment duties
- Good faith in decision making
- Impartiality
- Accounting
- Managing conflicts of interest

Presented by **Shane Newton**, Barrister, Lennon's List; Leading Junior Counsel in Wills and Estates, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

INFORMAL WILLS: THE BASICS AND RECENT CASES

- The basic principles of admitting an informal will to probate – and differences between formal and informal Wills
- How to make an application to admit an informal will to probate, including practical tips as to the affidavit in support and submissions
- Typical scenarios involving informal wills
- Recent cases from the last few years illustrating the legal principles in action
- Informal Wills and multi-jurisdictional estates: lessons from *Re Tang*

Presented by **Joshua Sheppard**, Barrister, Greens List

THE REMOVAL OF AN EXECUTOR

- Executor duties
- Legal principles
- Practice and procedure
- Recent cases

Presented by **Adam Craig**, Barrister, Greens List

SESSION 2: ESTATES AND ELDER ABUSE DISPUTES

2.00PM TO 5.15PM 253V13B \$420

Chair: **Ines Kalwait**, Accredited Specialist in Wills & Estates and a member of the Society of Trust and Estates Practitioners, KHQ Lawyers

RULE OF FORFEITURE IN PROBATE: A CONTEMPORARY REVIEW

- What is the rule?
- When and how should one approach the court?
- Who should approach the court?
- Common problems and issues in forfeiture applications
- Analysis by reference to recent decisions of the practical implications for wills and estates practitioners

Presented by **Simon Pitt KC**; Preeminent Senior Counsel for Wills & Estates Litigation Barristers – Victoria, *Doyle's 2024*

ATTORNEYS BEHAVING (VERY) BADLY

- Common disputes arising in respect of administration of estates
- Maladministration by powers of attorney
- Removal applications
- Recent case updates
- Costs orders and compensation

Presented by **Paul Beasant**, Principal Lawyer, KCL Lawyers; Leading Estates Litigation Lawyer, and Recommended Wills and Estates Lawyer – Victoria, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

ELDER ABUSE: GUARDIANSHIP LIST REMEDIES AND BEYOND

- Elder abuse and the realities of VCAT's Guardianship List
 - › Unpacking will and preference
 - › Review of recent decisions
- Undue influence/unconscionable conduct claims
- Statutory will applications
- Alternate dispute resolution and non-legal avenues for remedy

Presented by **Hayley Hunter**, Suzanne Lyttleton Lawyers, Chair of the Law Institute of Victoria's Elder Law Executive Committee, a director of the Board of Council On the Ageing (COTA) Victoria and Leading Lawyer for Estate Litigation - Victoria, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

Also presented with **Lachlan Einsiedel**, Chartered Tax Advisor and *Doyle's Guide Rising Star* for Wills and Estates 2024

EXERCISE OF TRUSTEES'/EXECUTORS'/SUPERANNUATION TRUSTEES' DISCRETION AND HOW TO CHALLENGE IT

- The grounds upon which discretions exercised by a trustee can be challenged
- The exercise of discretions granted to a guardian and appointor, including to change a trustee
- What trustees should be doing from a practical standpoint following *Owies* case
- Death benefits disputes involving the exercise of discretion by a superannuation trustee
- The exercise of discretion by executors under powers granted under a will and testamentary trust, including the status of an expression of wishes

Presented by **Dr Philip Bender**, Barrister and Nationally Accredited Mediator, List A Barristers

ATTEND AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

- 7 CPD units including in Substantive Law



ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING (AML) REGULATIONS: TRANCHE 2 FOR LAWYERS

18 MARCH 2025
12.00PM TO 3.00PM

\$305
WEB253W13

Join a two-hour essential intensive on imminent changes to the *AML/CTF Act 2006*, set to impact legal practices across Australia. With the 'tranche 2' reforms now before Parliament, stay ahead of the curve with (fittingly) 2 of Australia's apex AML minds, Edward Greaves (financial crime and proceeds of crime Barrister at Francis Burt Chambers) and Chris Douglas (former AFP Superintendent and AML consultant). Obtain all the practice tips on "Tranche 2" reforms from Australia's 2 most distinguished AML experts.

DELVE INTO:

- ✓ The new regulatory landscape for legal services, including mandatory registration with AUSTRAC
- ✓ Key obligations for compliance, including risk management policies and reporting requirements
- ✓ Insights on AUSTRAC's enforcement approach and implications for unregistered services
- ✓ Practical tips and real-world case studies to guide your practice

WHAT TRANCHE 2 ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING (AML) REGULATION WILL MEAN FOR LAWYERS

- The proposed 'tranche 2' changes to the *AML/CTF Act 2006* have been over 15 years in the making and are now before Parliament. By the time of the seminar, the changes may well have been enacted
- Once in force, the provision of certain legal services (including advice) will become regulated under the *AM/LCTF Act*, bringing with it obligations on legal practices to register with AUSTRAC, adopt policies and procedures to manage AML risk, and report certain matters to AUSTRAC
- Gain the understanding about the new requirements for lawyers and law practices that you will need on:
 - › the scheme of the Act
 - › AUSTRAC's approach to enforcement
 - › what you need to do if you wish to register
 - › what legal services you will **no longer be able to provide** if you don't register
- Practical pointers and case studies

Presented by

Edward Greaves, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers, specialising in financial crime and proceeds of crime; Author, "Confiscation" chapter of *Criminal Law Western Australia*, LexisNexis, Author, *Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crime*, LexisNexis

Chris Douglas, Consultant, Malkara Consulting, former AFP Superintendent and AML consultant



MARITIME LAW FORUM

MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB252N13

Explore the latest developments in maritime law - discuss current key topics including enforcing in rem claims by the judicial sale of a ship, new cybersecurity laws impacting maritime operations, the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims and collisions at sea. You have a unique opportunity to connect with experts and enhance your understanding of critical legal issues in the maritime sector.

Chair: **Drew James**, Lawyer, Aus Ship Lawyers & Consultants; Preeminent Admiralty, Shipping & Maritime Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

NEW CYBER SECURITY LAWS AND HOW THEY IMPACT MARITIME AND PORTS LAW

- Scope of the new *Cyber Security Act*
- Changes to the *Security of Critical Infrastructure Act* and *MTOFSA*
- Changes to the *Privacy Act*
- Cyber incident response and communications with agencies, regulators and stakeholders

Presented by **Richard Donaldson**, General Counsel, Pilbara Ports Authority

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ENFORCING IN REM CLAIMS BY THE JUDICIAL SALE OF A SHIP

- Pursuing *in rem* and *in personam* claims jointly
- Obtaining an order for the sale of a ship
- Issues arising in the course of a judicial sale
- Issues arising following a judicial sale
- The UN Convention on the International Effect of the Judicial Sales of Ships

Presented by **Gregory Nell SC**, Barrister, New Chambers

THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS (LLMC)

- The APL Sydney: the "distinct occasion" doctrine re-visited
- The Goliath: wreck removal – maintaining the status quo

Nic Van Der Reyden, Partner, Clyde & Co; Leading Admiralty, Shipping & Maritime Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

COLLISIONS AT SEA

- The scope of potential liability: vicarious liability of ship owners for negligence by master and crew
- Duty of care
- The collision regulations
- Pilotage and tug operations

Presented by **Pat Saraceni**, Director, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, **Clifford Chance**; Editorial board Member, ANZ Maritime Law Journal

ATTEND AND EARN

2 CPD UNITS

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

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL LEASING REVIEW

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
253V14

Equip yourself with strategic actions to manage leasing challenges, including understanding the New CIPT tax regime's implications, unfair contract terms and drafting sub-leases effectively. Gain insight into a tenant representatives' viewpoint and hear from the Victorian Small Business Commissioner. Strengthen your skills to navigate the complexities of leasing as you develop effective strategies for lease breach management and insolvency. Leave feeling prepared with significant insight and practical methods to protect your clients' leasing needs.

SESSION 1: UNPACKING LEASING CHALLENGES: CIPT, UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS, AND SUBLEASING ESSENTIALS

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

253V14A

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Chair: **Cameron Charnley**, Barrister, Svenson Barristers

VICTORIA'S NEW COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX (CIPT) THROUGH A PRACTICAL LENS: IMPACT ON LEASING

- Legislative framework
- Basic principles
- The model and its key features
- Specific elements
- Practical application in a range of scenarios

Presented by **Michael Taylor-Sands**, Partner, Maddocks; Member, UDIA Victoria – Greenfield Development Committee

NAVIGATING UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS IN LEASES

- Overview of the unfair contract terms regime and recent changes
- Application to retail and commercial leases
- Recent cases

Presented by **Tom Egan**, Barrister, Greens List

SUBLEASING: KEY ISSUES IN DRAFTING AND TRANSACTIONS

- Term of sublease and consequences if term extends beyond term of head lease
- Effect of surrender of head lease
- Relief against forfeiture of head lease
- Relief against forfeiture of sublease
- Drafting issues
- *Retail Leases Act 2003*

Presented by **Robert Hay KC**, Owen Dixon Chambers East

A REVIEW OF RECENT LEASING CASES

Examine some of the key developments, trends, and cases in retail and commercial leasing as you break down the facts of each case and walk away with crucial takeaways you can add to your leasing knowledge base and repertoire.

Presented by **Luke Virgona**, Barrister, Dawson Chambers

SESSION 2: LEASING RESILIENCE: ADAPTING TO TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND LEGAL COMPLEXITIES

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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\$420

Chair: **Max Cameron**, Partner, MinterEllison; Leading Property and Real Estate Lawyer and Leading Leasing Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Professional Skills*

RETAIL LEASING INSIGHTS WITH THE VICTORIAN SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER

Hear directly from the legislated authority on retail leasing, Victorian Small Business Commissioner Lynda McAlary-Smith. The Commissioner will share insights from the Commission's work resolving retail leasing disputes, including the key challenges that retail tenants and landlords are currently navigating. She'll also share dispute resolution and mitigation strategies, and best practices to enhance your retail leasing operations.

Presented by **Lynda McAlary-Smith**, Victorian Small Business Commissioner

✓ *Professional Skills*

WHAT TENANT REPRESENTATIVES WANT LANDLORDS TO KNOW

- What tenants prioritise in terms of rent structures, lease terms, and flexibility
- Areas where tenants feel there is room to improve the collaboration with landlords, including maintenance, operational transparency, sustainability and fit out management
- How to foster productive, ongoing dialogue between landlords and tenants to ensure smooth relationships
- Strategies for landlords to remain competitive and attractive to tenants in dynamic commercial real estate market

Presented by **Francesco Demarco**, Partner, Head of Global Portfolio Solutions, Australia & Tenant Representation, Victoria, Knight Frank

STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH BREACH ISSUES

- Breach of landlord obligations
- Breaches of legislative obligations
- Correctly identifying relevant breaches
- Notice of default requirements: contents of notice, provisions of lease and Section 146
- Breaches not capable of remedy
- Calculation of damages
- Relief from forfeiture

Presented by **Paul Nunan**, Director, Eastern Bridge PTY Limited; Accredited Specialist in Commercial Leasing Law

HANDLING INSOLVENCY SCENARIOS IN LEASING

Impact of insolvency on leasing arrangements

- Navigating interactions with insolvency practitioners
- Understanding ipso facto clauses and safe harbour provisions in the leasing context
- Defending claims from liquidators regarding preference payments or voidable transactions

Presented by **Jamie Bedelis**, Principal, Bedelis Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Commercial Leasing Law

ATTEND AND EARN

7 CPD UNITS

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



WORKPLACE LAW SUMMIT: REDEFINING DUTIES, DEFINITIONS & EMPLOYMENT RATES

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025
9.00AM - 5.15PM

\$795
253V15

Take a close look at the latest developments in employment law. Assess the impact of new legislation and workplace law reforms. Examine major developments from unconscious bias and managing psychosocial hazards in the workplace to redefining 'employee' status and promoting gender equality in wage structures. Stay at the forefront of employment law with insights into new rulings and regulatory demands. As workplace standards shift, so must your approach.

SESSION 1: REDEFINING WORKPLACE STANDARDS: NEW DUTIES, DEFINITIONS, AND RATES IN EMPLOYMENT LAW

9.00AM TO 1.15PM 253V15A **\$505**

Chair: **Amanda Junkeer**, Partner, Gadens

ADDRESSING UNCONSCIOUS BIAS AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS IN THE WORKPLACE

- Detailed analysis of the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal authority on unconscious bias in the workplace in *Austin Health v Tsikos* [2023] VSCA 82
- A model for the elimination of psychosocial hazards in the workplace
- Consideration of a regulatory scheme requiring the elimination of psychosocial hazards in the workplace

Presented by **Nadia Stojanova**, Barrister, Svenson Barristers; Recommended Workplace Health & Safety Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

THE NEW DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT, CASUAL EMPLOYMENT AND OPTING OUT

- Examine the definition of 'employee' and 'employer,' which introduces a varied test to determine whether workers are independent contractors or employees. This includes consideration of the new 'contractor high income threshold.'
- Consider existing case law in relation to independent contractors more broadly and how the definition may be applied in that context
- Implications of the new definition and threshold on businesses that engage independent contractors, including how the 'opt out' mechanism will operate
- Consideration of the updated definition of casual employment
- Implications of the new requirements for casual conversion

Presented by **William Marshall**, Partner, Gadens; *Best Lawyers 2023, 2024*, Labour and Employment Law

EMPLOYMENT LAW CASE UPDATE: THE LATEST DECISIONS

- Latest Fair Work Commission decisions relating to unfair dismissal cases and enterprise bargaining
- Latest discrimination and sexual harassment cases: updates from the courts and tribunals

Presented by **Renato Marasco**, Head of Industrial Relations (VIC), The BelRose Group

INCREASING MINIMUM RATES VIA AWARD VARIATIONS

- Changes to the *Fair Work Act* regarding the promotion of gender equality
- Statements from the FWC Annual Wage Review regarding the Commission's role in achieving gender equality through award variations
 - › Gender undervaluation priority awards review by Fair Work Commission
 - › Work Value Case: Aged Care by Fair Work Commission
 - › Work Value Case: Nurses and Midwives by Fair Work Commission
 - › Junior rates application in the Fair Work Commission

Presented by **Jim McKenna**, Barrister, Greens List; Recommended Employment Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

POSITIVE DUTIES AND WORKPLACE GOVERNANCE: ORGANISATIONAL AND LEADER OBLIGATIONS IN A NEW LANDSCAPE

- What is the new workplace landscape of positive duties and stronger regulatory intrusion?
- What is the meaning of 'systems' in respect of safety and workplace law and what does it require of organisations and their leaders?
- How do you create a reliable and evolving evidence base of risk to ground workplace strategy and accountability?
- What will happen if you get it wrong?

Presented by **Andrew Douglas**, Managing Principal, FCW Lawyers

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM 253V15B **\$420**

Chair: **Lauren Townsend**, Partner, Thomson Greer

✓ Professional Skills

WORK HEALTH & SAFETY: UNDERSTANDING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS & WORKPLACE INJURIES

- The techniques to document an incident scene
- Technologies used by engineers to reconstruct incidents
- Lesson from incidents what could you tell your clients to do
- Do a stress test

Presented by **Dr Shane Richardson**, Principal Forensic Engineer, Managing Director and Owner Delta V Experts

✓ Practice Management & Business Skills

THE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL'S GUIDE TO MANAGING EMPLOYMENT LAW: PRACTICAL TIPS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Join seasoned in-house counsel who will share their practical tips and strategies from the front line for effectively managing and aligning employment law matters with company and HR requirements.

- Practical tips on aligning employment law compliance with company objectives, including how you can assess risk levels and prioritise issues within business contexts
- Strategies for keeping up to date with employment law developments and implementing proactive measures, including effective ways to work with HR and other departments on policy updates
- How to manage sensitive workplace investigations, from planning to documentation

Panellists:

Jason Goyal, Managing Principal, Resolve Employment Lawyers; Leading In-House Employment & WHS Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

Andy Lynch, Group Manager - Industrial Relations Legal at Downer EDI Limited

Lachlan Carr, General Counsel – Employment Law Specialist, Australian Higher Education Industrial Association (AHEIA)

Fiona Mullins, Group Counsel, HSE, People & Transition, AGL

Natasha Hannah, Principal, Employment Law and Workplace Relations, Legalite

✓ Ethics & Professional Responsibility

ETHICS & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WORKPLACE LAWYERS

- Common ethical issues in workplace law
- Advising employer clients on an ethical basis
- Responsibilities of workplace lawyers

Presented by **Chris Molnar**, Partner, Kennedys; Accredited Specialist in Workplace Relations

ATTEND 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



TESTAMENTARY TRUST WORKSHOP



DEFAMATION LAW FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505
253N28

In today's dynamic legal landscape, a basic Will no longer meets the diverse needs of all your clients. Join Paul Evans, a recognised Wills and Estates law expert for this comprehensive workshop, where you will acquire essential insights, real-world examples and clauses, effective strategies, and best practices to ensure your testamentary trust drafting expertise is always correct. Gain a full understanding of various testamentary trusts, tailored to address complex scenarios in blended families and asset protection needs, and beneficiaries facing disabilities or vulnerabilities.

THROUGHOUT THE WORKSHOP, YOU WILL REVIEW EXAMPLE CLAUSES AND LEARN HOW TO AVOID PITFALLS WHEN DRAFTING TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS, EXAMINING THE FOLLOWING:

- Circumstances for including a testamentary trust in the will
- Drafting for the different types of testamentary trusts:
 - › Special disability trusts
 - › Life interest trusts
 - › Superannuation death benefit trusts
 - › Testamentary discretionary trusts
- Managing tax issues with testamentary trusts
 - › Excepted Trust Income
 - › Capital gains tax and land tax
 - › Non-resident beneficiaries
- Administrative and legal requirements for setting up the trust
- Explore case studies to illustrate when a particular trust may be appropriate for a client's circumstances
- In-depth strategies to elevate your drafting
- Example clauses to take away and utilise in your drafting
- Example clauses to avoid and what to do differently

Presented by **Paul Evans**, Partner, Makinson d'Apice Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Wills & Estates Law, Member of STEP; Preeminent Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyers – New South Wales, *Doyle's Guide* 2023

PAUL EVANS

Paul Evans specialises in wills and estate planning, disputes to wills, protecting assets for future generations and estate administration. Paul lived in London for 18 years and during that time specialised in inheritance tax mitigation and also acted for charities. He worked at National Australia Trustees Limited (part of NAB Private Wealth) where he was Manager Northern States, Estate Planning. He is a regular speaker on Wills and Estate Law.

“*Succinctly provided information in an entertaining way*”

“*Informative + knowledgeable*”

ATTEND AND EARN **4 CPD UNITS**

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

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB253N31

Join an in-depth analysis of the pressing issues surrounding defamation law, where Senior Counsel and defamation experts unpack recent developments and their implications. Discuss the challenges of proving serious harm in the context of social media and the evolving landscape of AI. The influence of a plaintiff's reputation on legal outcomes will be critically analysed, drawing from significant case law to highlight relevant precedents. Examine the implications of proposed privacy torts within the entertainment industry. Insightful discussion will illuminate the practical challenges faced in today's legal environment, making this conference a must attend.

Chair: **Andrew Munro**, Partner, Wardell Chambers

DEFAMATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS

- Defamation on social media
 - › Serious harm?
 - › “Me-too”
- Defamation and AI

Presented by **Rebecca Dunn**, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin; Recognised as a leading lawyer in Asia Pacific Legal 500, *Best Lawyers* and *Doyle's Guide*

TRENDS IN DAMAGES AND MODERN DEFAMATION LAW

Sit down with **David Gilbertson KC**, of Owen Dixon Chambers West, and discuss a return to the old days, what happened to uniform defamation laws? As well as recent trends in damages awards – examining how these developments are influencing modern defamation law.

Presented by **David Gilbertson KC**, of Owen Dixon Chambers West

THE DAMAGED PLAINTIFF: HOW DOES A BAD REPUTATION AFFECT DEFAMATION CLAIMS?

- What can defendants do in such circumstances?
- The relevance of a plaintiff's bad reputation
- The traditional prohibition on reference to other publications for proving a damaged reputation - *Associated Newspapers Ltd v Dingle* [1964] AC 371 (Dingle) and *Carson v John Fairfax & Sons Ltd* (1993) 178 CLR 44
- Exceptions to the Dingle principle
- Do the prohibitions on the use of other publications to prove a plaintiff's damaged reputation apply to the serious harm test? Consideration of the treatment of this topic in: *Lachaux v Independent Print Ltd* [2019] UKSC 27 (2020) AC 612 and the differing treatment in *Selkirk v Wyatt* [2024] FCAFC 48 and *Peros v Nationwide News* (No 3) [2024] QSC 193

Presented by **Marcus Hoyne**, Barrister, Foley's List

DEFAMATION ISSUES IN AN ENTERTAINMENT CONTEXT

- Key considerations when legalling films, podcasts and books
- Overview of recent cases in Australia and overseas
- How will the proposed privacy tort apply?

Presented by **Marlia Saunders**, Partner, Thomson Geer

ATTEND AND EARN **3 CPD UNITS**

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law



PRESSING REGULATORY ISSUES AND DISPUTES IN AUSTRALIAN AGRIBUSINESS

MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB253Q13

Tailored for both AgriBusiness general counsel and those advising, you will examine the regulatory concerns in AgriBusiness. Ensure your best PPS position for both domestic and international transactions. Navigate regulatory compliance concerns to ensure your sustainability credentials are not at risk and understand the ACCC's enforcement priorities and current prohibitions. Gain expert guidance on strategies to deal with contract disputes in AgriBusiness.

Chair: **Brian Healey**, Partner, K&L Gates; Preeminent AgriBusiness Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

CONTRACTS DISPUTES IN AGRIBUSINESS

- AgriBusiness disputes in arbitration and the courts
- Expert determinations
- Key issues for AgriBusiness disputes and recent developments and cases

Presented by **Christiana McCudden**, Special Counsel, Gilbert + Tobin; Recognised for Alternative Dispute Resolution, *Best Lawyers 2025*

FINANCE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN: HOW CAN STAKEHOLDERS IN AGRIBUSINESS IMPROVE THEIR PPS POSITION WITH FINANCIERS

- Export and import of goods – navigating international PPS compliance
- Common supply chain issues
- Examining case decisions: Carpenter International and Willmott Forests

Presented by **Peter Mills**, Principal Consultant, Keypoint Law

HOW TO BE CONFIDENT IN PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABILITY CREDENTIALS OF YOUR AGRIBUSINESS

- What regulatory and market drivers on food retail lead to pressure on AgriBusinesses upstream?
- How has the ACCC's greenwashing campaign impacted on AgriBusinesses?
- Do regulatory guidance and industry best practices tell you where the finish line is in substantiating your claims?
- How to mitigate legal risks in marketing your sustainability credentials?

Presented by **Charles Fisher**, Principal Solicitor, KHQ Lawyers; Recommended Lawyer, Competition & Trade, Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023

ACCC: A YEAR IN REVIEW

- Outcome of the Supermarket Inquiry
- Understanding the enforcement priorities in the supermarket sector
- Threshold merger review
- Prohibition of unfair trading practices

Presented by **Laura Hartley**, Partner, Addisons; *Best Lawyers in Australia 2025 for Commercial Law Best Lawyers in Australia*



SPORTS LAW: RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES & MORE

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$505
WEB253N32

Dive into the latest discussions on sports law and its impact on athletes and organisations. Delve into critical issues such as the participation of men in women's sport including relevant legal frameworks and case law. Learn about the complexities of engaging athletes as brand ambassadors, covering brand protection and compliance with the *Fair Work Act*. Address athlete rights and responsibilities in a global context and examine competition law within commercial sporting environments and the ripple effect of recent international cases. This event promises invaluable insights for both legal professionals and industry members of the sports sector.

Chair: **Marianne Barker**, Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West

ENGAGING ATHLETES AS BRAND AMBASSADORS

- Protecting your brand reputation
- Issues arising out of competition and consumer law: exclusivity and misleading conduct
- Intellectual property considerations and requirements
- Compliance with new *Fair Work Act* requirements and ever-changing industry codes of conduct

Presented by **Calli Tshipidis Legal Counsel**, Foxtel Group and **Chris Hill**, Principal, On Side Law

ATHLETE'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN A GLOBALISED SPORTS ENVIRONMENT

- How integrity and leadership influence the preparation for major global events like the Olympics, are Olympics a right or a privilege
- Legal considerations and frameworks unique to international, multi-sport competitions
- Legal frameworks supporting athletes' mental health and well-being, including the duty of care obligations of sports organisations

Presented by **Brownwen Knox OLY GAICD**, Lawyer, Consultant and Coach, Deputy Chef de Mission (Australian Olympic Team 2024)

MEN IN WOMEN'S SPORT

- Background to the issue
- Relevant provisions of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth)
- Relevant international and domestic instruments
- Relevant case law

Presented by **Bridie Nolan**, Barrister & Arbitrator, 12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers

COMPETITION LAW IN COMMERCIAL SPORTING COMPETITION

- Permissible and impermissible exercises of rule-making power in the competition law context
- Formation, structure and operation of sports leagues, and the scheduling and conduct of competition
- Labour market practices, including 'no poach' agreements and transfer systems
- Lessons from recent international cases

Presented by **Elle Nikou Madalin**, Barrister & Arbitrator, Victorian Bar - List G Barristers

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD UNITS

- 3 CPD units in Substantive Law

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



IMMIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE 2025

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025

8.45AM TO 5.15PM

\$795

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Ensure your advice is always current. Be updated on the swathe of regulatory reform underway including relating to strengthening compliance and integrity in the immigration system through the Migration Amendment Bills and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill, and Permanent Residency Pathways reform. Examine the impacts of domestic violence accusations and documentation challenges in the visa application process. Gain practical strategies for acting in Judicial Review matters and appeals to ART and visa cancellations.

SESSION 1: STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH VISA REFORM

8.45AM TO 12.00PM

253N33A

\$420

Chair: **Alex Kaufman**, Head of Migration, Longton Legal

OVERVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STRENGTHENING OF COMPLIANCE AND INTEGRITY IN THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

- Rapid Review into the Exploitation of Australia's Visa System
- *The Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Act 2024*
- The Migration Amendment (Work Related Visa Conditions) Regulations 2024
- The Migration Amendment (Workplace Justice Visa) Regulations 2024

Presented by **Maria Jockel**, Legal Principal and National Leader, Migration Services, BDO; Accredited Specialist in Immigration Law; Leading Immigration Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

CHANGES TO EMPLOYER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS AND PERMANENT RESIDENCY PATHWAYS

With the introduction of the Skills in Demand visa and overall reforms targeting skilled migration to address workforce shortages, increased mobility for migrants between sponsors, visa processing timeframes, and greater clarity and transparency on skilled visa requirements, this session will delve into:

- Keeping on top of the changes and how to give accurate, comprehensive guidance to ensure clients meet evolving criteria and are aware of all the options at their disposal to meet talent needs
- Advice to prevent compliance issues that could affect visa approvals or employer sanctions
- Ways to help clients achieve strategic workforce planning amid these regulatory changes

Presented by **Karen Lo**, Partner, Ajuria Lawyers, *Best Lawyers 2024*, Immigration Law

THE EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS AMENDMENT (QUALITY AND INTEGRITY) (ESOS) BILL 2024 AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR STUDENTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS: PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR LEGAL PRACTICE

- The ESOS Bill and its implications for higher education in Australia
- International students challenges arising from the Bill
- Temporary graduate visa
- Student visa processing delays
- Predictions for the higher education sector due to the ESOS Bill

Presented by **Wajihah Ahmed**, Partner and Mediator, Buttar, Caldwell & Co; Member, Human Rights Committee, Law Society of NSW; Co-Chair, Human Rights Law Committee, International Bar Association and **Ndi Ruppert**, Principal & Founder, Ruppert Legal; Leading Immigration Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE FOR MIGRATION PROFESSIONALS

Kim Hunter, criminal defence lawyer & Accredited Specialist Immigration Law will share her wealth of knowledge and experience in criminal migration law, including:

- Criminal procedure, AVO's and bail
- New coercive control criminal offences, bail, AVO's, penalties and immigration impacts
- Options for clients with charges including mental health dismissals
- Findings of guilt, convictions, bonds and sentencing generally
- Impacts on applications, visas, sponsors and citizenship
- Understanding police paperwork and AFP & ACIC reports
- Mandatory, character and 'risk' cancellations and character refusals
- Relevant DHA policy and procedures

Presented by **Kim Hunter**, Criminal Defence & Immigration Lawyer, Accredited Specialist in Immigration Law

SESSION 2: ETHICS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS AND AGENTS

12.15PM TO 1.15PM

253N33B

\$160

ETHICS IN IMMIGRATION PRACTICE: NAVIGATING ETHICAL DILEMMAS AND DOCUMENTATION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

- Ethical implications of documentation challenges: documentation inconsistencies and ethical responses to these challenges.
- Family reunion complications and ethical responsibilities: issues arising from partial or uncertain information, balancing client advocacy with compliance obligations
- Dealing with misleading or false information: ethical obligations when clients provide inaccurate or misleading information
- Evidence assessment and truthfulness: ethical frameworks for gathering, assessing, and presenting evidence while respecting professional integrity and client confidentiality
- Managing processing delays with transparency

Presented by **Dr. Mary Crook**, Immigration Lawyer; Professor, The University of Sydney

SESSION 3: VISA CANCELLATION, JUDICIAL REVIEW & APPEALS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

253N33C

\$420

Chair: **Lily Ong**, Principal, Lily Ong Business Lawyer & Migration Consultants; LIV Accredited Specialist Immigration Law; Leading Immigration Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

VISA CANCELLATIONS

- Type of visa cancellations: ss.109, 116, 134, 501 and 501CA
- Timeframes for response
- Requesting withdrawal of the Notice and responding
- Obtaining the file & using the regulations, directions and PAM3
- Consequences of cancellation
- Appeals: Merit Review and Judicial Review

Presented by **Simon Jeans**, Principal, Jeans Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Immigration Law; *Best Lawyers 2024*, Immigration Law

JUDICIAL REVIEW CASES THAT AFFECT YOUR PRACTICE AND WHY

Presented by **Nicholas Poynder**, and **Chris Honnery**, Barristers, Frederick Jordan Chambers

BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD IN S 501 MATTERS: ADVOCACY BEFORE THE ART AND THE FEDERAL COURT

- Preparing evidence and children providing evidence age in age-appropriate manner
- The impact of ART proceedings on children and the impact of culture
- Addressing the best interests of children with specific needs
- Providing submissions to the ART addressing the best interests of the child
- Jurisdictional errors and interesting areas of law relating to best interests of the child
- Persuading the Court that the Tribunal has fallen into jurisdictional error

Presented by **Sean Kikkert**, Barrister, Jessie Street Chambers (SA), List S (VIC)

MARA APPROVAL NUMBERS

Session 1: Face to Face & Live Online – 2 POINTS (CN182)

On Demand – 2 POINTS (DN508)

Session 2: Face to Face & Live Online – 1 POINT MANDATORY ETHICS (M1B10058)

On Demand – 1 POINT (M1B10059)

Session 3: Face to Face & Live Online – 2 POINTS (CN184)

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7 CPD UNITS

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PERSONAL INJURY CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
253V17

To have an agile, informed and successful personal injury practice you need to keep up to date with key legal developments. And that is what this conference provides plus ensures that you are CPD compliant with ethics, practice management and professional skills. Obtain updates on motor accident, workers compensation and total and permanent disability claims plus obtain and update on judicial review of medical panels plus your ethics, practice management and professional skills all tailored to the personal injury lawyer.

SESSION 1: PERSONAL INJURY LAW ROUNDUP

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

253V17A

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SESSION 2: ETHICS, PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS FOR PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

253V17B

\$420

WORKERS COMPENSATION UPDATE

- The effect of recent amendments
- Serious injury hurdles
- Recent relevant decisions on statutory entitlements
- Relevant recent common law decisions

Presented by **Joseph Ridley**, Principal, Arnold Thomas Becker

PSYCHIATRIC INJURY THRESHOLDS IN MEDICAL REPORTS IN WORKCOVER LITIGATION

- Changes to WorkCover scheme for statutory benefits and questions to ask treaters and medico legals
- Reviewing medical records: tips and tricks
- Serious injury: disentangling
- The impact of perception, and resolution of litigation
- Drafting a letter of instruction

Presented by **Angus Kleiman**, Barrister, Dever's List and **Catherine Sims**, Practice Director, Redlich Injury Lawyers

TRANSPORT ACCIDENT CLAIMS: CURRENT ISSUES

- TAC protocols/process updates
- Current trends in TAC litigation
- Common law damages update

Presented by **Megan Caines**, Principal and **Hamish Kelly**, Associate Lawyer, Polaris Lawyers

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CLAIMS

- Evidence in occupational disease cases
- The "nature of employment" gateway
- Emerging diseases (silica, welding and skin cancer)

Presented by **Andrew Dimsey**, Barrister, Dever's List; Preeminent Insurance & Personal Injury Law Junior Counsel *Doyle's Guide*, 2023

Chair: **Oliver Lesage**, Barrister, Lennon's List

✓ *Practice Management and Business Management*

THE NEW SUPREME COURT SCALE OF COSTS: MANAGING RECOVERY OF PARTY/PARTY COSTS IN 2025

The Supreme Court (Chapter 1 Costs Amendment) Rules 2024 have recently been published and come into effect on 1 January 2025. These Rules introduce a time-based costing regime for the recovery of party-party costs that replaces the current scale. There are many other changes to the Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2015 and more particularly Rule 63. A number of Rules have been revoked, amended and substituted giving the Costs Court greater powers.

- Hear what has changed with the introduction of the new rules
- Understand more about how the rules will be applied and any subsequent implications
- How will the new rules affect how you bill your client and disclosure?

Presented by **Antonella Terranova**, Principal, Castra Legal Consulting; President, Northern Suburbs Law Association Inc., Chair, Costs Law Executive Committee, Member, Advisory Service Panel (LIV)

✓ *Ethics and Professional Conduct for Personal Injury Lawyers*

APPLIED ETHICS FOR PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

As a member of the legal profession, reputation, ethics and standing in the community should be impeccable. Examine the issues of:

- Professionalism
- Dealing with difficult cases
- Handling negotiations
- Communicating with opponents, court staff and judges
- Managing conflicts
- Confidentiality
- Boundary violations
- Disclosure obligations
- Pleading allegations

Presented by **Patrick Over**, Barrister, Green's List

✓ *Professional Skills*

PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER ON PREPARING AND RUNNING A JURY TRIAL

- Preparing and presenting evidence before a jury
- Effective jury arguments: general advice and a discussion of scenarios to highlight tips and traps

Presented by **Fiona Ryan SC**, Green's List; Preeminent Insurance Law Senior Counsel *Doyle's Guide*, 2024

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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



NAVIGATING FORENSIC EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL LAW MATTERS

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

\$420
WEB253V16

Are you struggling with the technical aspects of forensic evidence in your matters? Ready for solutions? Gain the edge you need on all things forensic evidence. From finding the evidence to understanding digital forensics, making sense of the DNA reports in sexual offence matters, and interpreting forensic toxicology results. Plus, master your forensic interviewing skills. Don't miss this chance to elevate your skills.

Chair: **Michael Gleeson**, Acting Crown Prosecutor, Office Director of Public Prosecutions

FINDING THE EVIDENCE

- Searches & warrants: lawfulness, applications to exclude evidence
- DNA evidence
- Hearsay evidence: DVECs and recordings from body worn footage
- Acting in drug and poisons offences
- Expert evidence and admissibility of evidence
- Influence on jury decisions, and challenges & limitations

Presented by **Georgia Lewer**, Barrister, Forbes Chambers and **Heather Webb**, Barrister, Forbes Chambers

✓ Professional Skills

DIGITAL FORENSICS: FINDING THE EVIDENCE

- Opportunities for locating electronic data evidence to support cases
- Case studies: use of forensic technology, mobile devices and cloud technology
- Forensic examination and reporting process and presenting findings in court
- Look at ways to find electronic data that can help support cases, while also discussing the difficulties created by current security measures

Presented by **Paul Taylor**, Partner, Forensic Discovery and Data Management, Deloitte Financial Advisory

✓ Professional Skills

ILLICIT DRUG MANUFACTURE, TRAFFICKING AND CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF FORENSIC DRUG EVIDENCE

- Illicit drug manufacture trends, domestic, international
- Drug trafficking, criminal networks and Australia as an end user illicit drug market
- Common methods of forensic drug analysis, advantages, limitations and reliability
- Understanding data quality objectives, quality assurance and uncertainty in forensic drug analysis
- Tips on effectively communicating complex scientific findings to judges and juries

Presented by **Paul Newell**, Director, Forensic Chemist - Chemical Operations

✓ Professional Skills

ACTING IN SEXUAL OFFENCE MATTERS: MAKING SENSE OF THE DNA REPORT

- Sexual assault investigation workflow
- DNA workflow: 5 step process
- Interpretation of known 2-person profile
- Reporting the statistics
- Situations where we do have, or have to assume, additional information
- Limitations

Presented by **Anna Davey**, Director, Forensic Foundations International

MASTERING THE ART OF INTERVIEWING TO ELICIT FORENSIC EVIDENCE

✓ Professional Skills

- Learn how to craft your questions, manage sensitive topics, and navigate challenging dynamics in forensic evidence matters
- Enhance your interviewing prowess and improve your outcomes

Presented by **Sarah McAlister**, Senior Manager, PKF Integrity

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4 CPD UNITS

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



PLAIN ENGLISH LEGAL WRITING WORKSHOP: CLEAR, CONCISE AND PERSUASIVE WRITING

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 11.00AM

\$305
253V24

As a lawyer, your ability to communicate with the written word is the key to your success. Join a practical skills-based session, led by a renowned expert in legal writing. In this interactive workshop, you will explore a range of best practice writing principles (and some "worst practice" ones as well!) to help ensure your documents — memoranda, reports, submissions, correspondence, emails, advices are models of clarity, persuasion and conciseness.

THE LAWYER AS A PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATOR: TIPS ON CLEAR, CONCISE, PERSUASIVE AND READER- FOCUSED WRITING

An American legal scholar once unkindly observed that there are only two things wrong with most legal writing: one is its style; the other is its content. This workshop will give you the strong legal writing style that you need in your practice.

It does reinforce the key point that writing — indeed, strong writing — is a fundamental skill required of all lawyers.

In this interactive workshop, you will explore a range of best practice writing principles (and some "worst practice" ones as well!) to help ensure your documents — memoranda, reports, submissions, correspondence, emails, advices, whatever — are models of clarity, persuasion and conciseness. In the session you will explore:

- ✓ *The classical legal writing style: what it looks like, and why it doesn't always work*
- ✓ *Plain English writing for lawyers: what it is, and what it isn't*
- ✓ *The professional legal writing voice: myths and realities*
- ✓ *An international standard on plain language — including a soon-to-be-released standard on legal writing*
- ✓ *Email writing: the special challenges*
- ✓ *Clarity in advice writing: an ethical requirement*
- ✓ *Words, sentences and paragraphs: tips and techniques, including writing for persuasion*
- ✓ *Grammar and punctuation: problem areas for lawyers*

Presented by **Bob Milstein**, Principal, Milstein and Associates; Principal, Words and Beyond

BOB MILSTEIN

Bob Milstein is a practising lawyer, specialising in health law and also a plain English trainer and document writer. His background in health law — and in particular health care liability litigation — initially sparked his interest in the importance of clear and reader-focused communications. Bob has been running clear writing/plain English training for more than 18 years, and in that time has provided a range of training services to law firms, regulators, government, business, insurers, tribunals and researchers.

ATTEND AND EARN

2 CPD UNITS

- 2 CPD units in Professional Skills

**GUIDE TO BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURES AND PRACTICAL SKILLS****SETTLING LITIGATION FORUM****FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025**
1.00PM TO 5.15PM**\$505**
253V18

Join an essential and comprehensive guide to bankruptcy procedures, featuring insights from the Judicial Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia, a Trustee in Bankruptcy, and leading insolvency experts. Gain insights into applications to set aside bankruptcy notices, managing creditors' petitions, and practical considerations in these processes. You will also cover post-bankruptcy actions, trustee limitations, and recent case updates, legislative amendments and reforms, along with tips for navigating the electronic platform.

Chair: **Simon Rubenstein**, Barrister, Greens List; Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Junior Counsel and Leading Commercial Litigation & dispute Resolution Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

VIEW FROM THE BENCH

✓ Professional Skills

APPLICATIONS TO SET ASIDE BANKRUPTCY NOTICE AND HEARING OF CREDITORS' PETITIONS

Presented by **Judicial Registrar Amelia Edwards**, Federal Court of Australia

✓ Professional Skills

OTHER PRACTICAL ISSUES FOR APPLICATIONS AND CREDITORS PETITIONS: TIPS AND TRAPS

- What is necessary for application for substituted service: evidence required
- Potential defences the debtor can argue and recent cases
 - › Defences made before the orders are made
 - › Defences made post the order of Bankruptcy has been made
- Recent case review and current interpretation of the *Bankruptcy Act* and regulations
- Examples

Presented by **John Dunne**, Principal, John Dunne & Associates

✓ Professional Skills

POST BANKRUPTCY: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? WHAT CAN THE TRUSTEE DO AND NOT DO

- Dealing with the Trustee in Bankruptcy
- Powers of a Trustee to claw back preferential payments and dispositions of property to defeat the creditors and general administration of bankruptcy

Presented by **Ivan Glavas**, Partner, Official Liquidator and Registered Trustee, Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants

CURRENT CASE OVERVIEW, CURRENT AND PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE REFORMS AND TIPS IN NAVIGATING THE ELECTRONIC PLATFORM

- Current case update
- Review of current and proposed legislative changes
- Tips and traps when dealing with electronic filing and management of proceedings

Presented by **John Dunne**, Principal, John Dunne & Associates and **Ivan Glavas**, Partner, Official Liquidator and Registered Trustee, Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants

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- 1 CPD unit in Substantive Law

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025
12.00PM TO 4.15PM**\$505**
253W11

Settling can be your best option—if your agreement is secure and tax-efficient. Start by structuring your offer of compromise with enforceability and potential cost consequences in mind. Understand “without prejudice” communications and when this protection might not apply. Gain expert insights on tax and collateral issues in settlement offers to avoid hidden surprises. Walk away with practical strategies for the challenges you face in your mediations and negotiations, bringing them to new heights of success.

Chair: **Anthony Willinge**, Barrister, Murray Chambers; Adjunct Professor at the University of Western Australia

✓ Professional Skills

OFFERS OF COMPROMISE AND COSTS CONSEQUENCES

- Getting the structure right and avoiding an ineffective offer
- Strategic considerations
- Comparisons between Calderbank Offers vs offers made under court rules
- Costs consideration

Presented by **Richard Douglas**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers

WITHOUT PREJUDICE COMMUNICATIONS

Presented by **GiGi Visscher**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers

TAX AND OTHER COLLATERAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SETTLEMENT OFFERS

Presented by **Matthew Crowley**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers; Recommended Tax Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2023*

✓ Professional Skills

MEDIATIONS & NEGOTIATIONS: A CHALLENGE FOR LAWYERS?

- Legal skills and their limits in negotiation
- Psychology of negotiation: what can be done when material leverage is limited
- Can lawyers learn something from FBI negotiators
- Compromise as the enemy of the optimal deal

Presented by **Robert French**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers; Recommended Employment & WHS Law Barrister, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ESSENTIALS

MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB253Q14

Whether you are a legal professional or procurement officer, equip yourself with the tools and knowledge to drive best practice procurement and optimise your procurement processes while managing risks and liabilities. Understand the risks and issues that may arise with incumbent providers, unpack the theory and practical application of negotiation in Commonwealth procurement, and review the debarment regimes and tips on choosing the right evaluation criteria when assessing tenders to achieve a value for money outcome.

Chair: **Philippe Lambert**, Principal Consultant, Lambert & Co

THE TYRANNY OF INCUMBENCY – DOES FAMILIARITY BREED CONTEMPT

- Incumbency in tendering
- What is the issue with incumbents and is it really an advantage?
- Early identification and procurement planning
- Can an entity engaged to assist with an early stage: bid for the main procurement
- Intellectual property issues with incumbent contractors: who owns what
- Extensions and variations under the procurement rules
- Other issues:
 - › Data rooms and data room access agreements
 - › Deeds of confidentiality
 - › Transition in/ transition out

Presented by **Scott Alden**, Partner, Mills Oakley

✓ Professional Skills

NEGOTIATION: THEORY AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION IN COMMONWEALTH PROCUREMENT

- Negotiation theory: positional bargaining versus principled negotiation
- Practical application: negotiations in a Commonwealth procurement policy context
- Lessons learned and practical examples

Presented by **Rory Alexander**, Partner, Aldermane; and **James Evans**, Associate, Aldermane

THE DEBARMENT REGIMES IN PROCUREMENT: HOW THEY WORK AND CHOOSING THE RIGHT EVALUATION CRITERIA

In conducting any procurement you are seeking a value for money outcome. To achieve this you need to select the right evaluation criteria.

- Commonwealth/State/Territory policy mandatory pass/fail criteria
- Relevant debarment regime
- Customer essential pass/fail criteria
- Appropriate evaluation criteria to rank tenderers with a view to achieving value for money
- Consideration of technical criteria
- Consideration of financial criteria
- Consideration of risk
- Putting the pieces together
- Mitigating a challenge from a disgruntled tenderer.

Presented by **Alexandra Wedutenko**, Partner, Sparke Helmore Lawyers



THE CHANGING FACE OF TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY CLAIMS: DISPUTES, COMPLAINTS AND CLAIMS

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
9.00AM - 1.15PM

\$505
WEB253N38

While the definition of total and permanent disability has not changed in 30 or 40 years, the nature of underlying causes of disability has changed. Focus on the current state of the law and practice, examine procedural fairness in TPD claims and gain insights from an examination of trustee obligations to vulnerable claimants and access to justice.

Chair: **Stephen Walsh**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS

- Practical guidance when responding to a procedural fairness letter in the context of a TPD claim
- The insurer's decision
- Reconsideration requests

Presented by **Adrian Coombes**, Barrister, Seven Windeyer Chambers

VULNERABLE CLAIMANTS – CHALLENGES FOR TRUSTEES AND THEIR MEMBERS: IN CONVERSATION

- Challenges for vulnerable claimants:
 - › Understanding the claims process
 - › Communicating with vulnerable clients
 - › Information gap in claim assessment
 - › Finalisation of claim
- Issues for trustees:
 - › Insurers and legal representative: what are trustee duties?
 - › How is it different to insurer obligations?
 - › What are the practical implications for vulnerable claimants?
- Best practice and case studies: trauma-informed approach, fair approach and fair outcome

Presented by **David Coorey**, Special Counsel, Carrol and O'Dea

CASE UPDATE

Embark on a tour of recent and topical judgments considering life insurance disputes and a discussion about how these may be applied in practice.

Presented by **Craig Parrish**, Principal Lawyer & State Litigation Leader (NSW & SA), Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

✓ Professional Skills

HOW A TYPICAL TPD CLAIMANT SAVED OVER \$50,000 IN TAX AND BENEFITS

- Superannuation TPD claims and tax treatment
- Financial impacts to Centrelink, child support, family tax benefits, HECS debts, Medicare etc
- Income protection, litigated insurance & common law settlements & financial implications
- Better financial outcomes

Presented by **Andrew Reynolds**, Principal Adviser, EFS Advice



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**ETHICS, PRACTICE MANAGEMENT
AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS** Units
for Government Lawyers

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ADVERTISING AND MARKETING PRACTICES: THE LEGAL CONCERNS



'HOW TO SKILLS' DRAFTING FOR LITIGATORS

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB253N39

Enforcement of advertising and marketing breaches is on the rise. Join us for a conference focused on essential topics including recent ACCC enforcement actions, greenwashing risks and liabilities, and navigating intellectual property issues in advertising. Gain insights into current regulatory trends and learn practical tips for risk management. Explore the impact of AI tools on marketing strategies and customer engagement. This event is a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding of the evolving legal landscape in advertising and marketing law.

Chair: **Shaun Miller**, Principal, Shaun Miller Lawyers

RECENT LEARNINGS FROM THE ACCC INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM: ADVERTISING, MARKETING AND THE REGULATOR

- Current key focus areas of ACCC
- Recap of the regulatory regime and penalties
- An examination of recent enforcement action and court action taken by the ACCC, including in respect of:
 - › Misleading pricing claims
 - › Unfair contract terms
 - › Issues relating to digital platforms

Presented by **Sarah Butler**, Special Counsel, Holding Redlich

GREENWASHING ADVERTISING RISKS: CURRENT POSITION AND KEY CLIENT TAKEAWAYS

- What is greenwashing?
- Greenwashing liability risks: key prohibitions under Australian Consumer Law and maximum money penalties
- Recent trends and regulatory guidance; greenwashing enforcement action
- Greenwashing risk management tips

Presented by **Odetta Gourley**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; Leading Individual – Intellectual Property, Legal 500 Asia-Pacific

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING: HOT TOPICS, TIPS AND TRAPS

- Navigating IP risks in advertising and marketing
- Overview of recent advertising/consumer law cases
- Other trends and issues including online marketing and privacy

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

✓ Professional Skills

MARKETING TRENDS FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING LAWYERS TO UNDERSTAND – AI AGENTS, AVATARS AND AI COMPANIONS

- 70% of the Customer Journey is completed before reaching out to a vendor - how is that data being used?
- The good, the bad and the ugly of AI in practice
- Impact of new tools like AI forecasting, Predictive Lead Scoring, Customer Platforms and Prospect Intent

Presented by **Tony Eades CSP**, Co-Founder/Chief Strategy Officer, Salted Stone

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3 CPD UNITS

- 2.5 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 0.5 CPD unit in Professional Skills

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
9.00AM - 1.15PM

\$505
WEB253N40

Struggling with drafting initiating documents, defences, or affidavits? This essential seminar is here to solve that problem. Learn to draft effective, bulletproof pleadings, particulars, and defences that avoid common pitfalls and stand up to scrutiny—keeping you out of costly interlocutory battles. Gain valuable tips and insights to improve your documents immediately. Master affidavit drafting, and create instruction letters that set your experts up for success. This is a must-attend seminar for anyone aiming to strengthen the clarity, precision, and impact of their legal drafting.

Chair **Stephen Owen-Conway KC**, Sir Lawrence Jackson Chambers

✓ Professional Skills

PLEADINGS AND PARTICULARS: INSIGHTS ON DRAFTING THEM EFFECTIVELY

Presented by **Wai Kaey Soon**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

✓ Professional Skills

DRAFTING DEFENCES IN CIVIL & COMMERCIAL MATTERS

- The function of a defence
- General pleadings protocols and rules as they apply to defences
- Bare defences and the surprise rule
- Admissions, non-admission (deemed admissions) and denials
- Alternative defences

Presented by **Robert French**, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers

✓ Professional Skills

'HOW TO' DRAFT AFFIDAVITS

- Practical tips for preparing affidavits
- Common admissibility issues
- Evidence of speech in affidavits: recent judicial observations
- Making affidavits more persuasive

Presented by **Thomas Bagley**, Barrister, Ninth Floor Selborne Chambers

✓ Professional Skills

'HOW TO' DRAFT LETTER OF INSTRUCTION AND HOW TO HELP YOUR EXPERT FORMAT THEIR REPORT

Presented by **Philippe Doyle Gray**, Barrister, 8 Wentworth Chambers



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FRANCHISING CODE OF CONDUCT: BIG CHANGES IN 2025

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
9.00AM - 11.15AM

\$305
WEB253N41

On 1 April 2025, the Franchising Code of Conduct will sunset if not remade.

A comprehensive review of the Code was undertaken in 2023, making 23 recommendations for change. In response, the Government has moved to implement a new Code, adopting 11 of these recommendations. The new Code keeps the same structure as the previous Code, but substantially re-writes (and re-numbers) many of its provisions.

Franchisors will welcome many changes, including simplified disclosure obligations, strengthened termination rights for serious breach, and "opt-out provisions" and removing regulatory requirements for renewing franchises.

Franchisees will welcome a new right to have a reasonable opportunity to make a return on their investment during the term of the agreement, a broader prohibition against restraints of trade in certain circumstances, an expanded right of compensation for early termination, expansion of disclosure obligations concerning "marketing funds" to apply to any "special purpose funds", a revised definition of "motor vehicle dealership", increased financial penalties for breach, and a new right for the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman to "name and shame" franchisors who have not participated meaningfully in ADR.

These are significant forms which it will be important for all practitioners dealing with the franchise sector to understand.

Chair **Derek Minus**, Barrister, Mediation & Arbitration Chambers

SESSION 1: FRANCHISING CODE OF CONDUCT – EXPLAINED

In this session, our panel of experts, will provide a comprehensive overview of the recent changes to the Franchising Code of Conduct. They will break down the key amendments and explain their implications for both franchisors and franchisees.

Panelists

Josh Simons, Partner, Thomson Geer

Elizabeth Gore Jones, Founding Partner, The Franchise & Business Lawyers

Simone Pentis, Managing Partner, Advantage Partners Lawyers

SESSION 2: PREPARING FOR MEDIATION IN FRANCHISE DISPUTES

Dr Johnson will address the mental health impact of franchise disputes on all parties, franchisees, franchisors, and lawyers when conflicting "truths" arise in franchise agreements.

This session will explore how assumptions, often mistaken for facts, lead to unmet expectations and mutual blame that escalate disputes.

Katherine will discuss how mediation, as opposed to litigation, can empower each party by untangling perspectives and fostering understanding. Despite changes to the Franchising Code of Conduct, these core issues remain central to franchise disputes, making mediation a constructive approach to resolution.

Presented by **Dr Katherine Johnson**, Director, Unilegal Consulting



SPACE LAW

MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

\$420
WEB253N42

Come to an illuminating conference on space law – chaired by Dr Joel Lisk, Lecturer in Space Law at Flinders University. Delve into the significance of space for Australia with Prof. Steven Freeland, who will explore the international framework governing space activities and future challenges. Donna Lawler of Azimuth Advisory will discuss the nuances of commercial space transactions and the unique considerations that drive them. Finally, Dr Stefan Paterson will examine the intersection of space law and intellectual property, providing strategies for protecting space technology. This event is a must for anyone interested in the dynamic field of space law and its real-world implications. Secure your place today.

Chair: **Dr Joel Lisk**, Lecturer in Space Law, Flinders University

THE WONDERS OF SPACE LAW: HOW IT IMPACTS YOU EVERY DAY

- Why space is important for Australia and Australians
- An outline of the international framework for space activities
- The implementation of international law into Australia's national space legislation
- Challenges for future space governance

Presented by **Em. Prof. Steven Freeland**, Emeritus Professor, Western Sydney University and Bond University

COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSACTIONS: UNLEARNING TERRESTRIAL HABITS

- Why scarcity of insurance drives everything
- Buying and selling spacecraft
- Launching spacecraft

Presented by **Donna Lawler**, Principal, Azimuth Advisory

THE INTERSECTION OF SPACE LAW AND IP

- Understand how IP laws and space laws interact
- Issues with IP laws when looking to protect space technology
- Strategies to protect IP needs to consider entire commercial ecosystem

Presented by **Dr Stefan Paterson**, Principal, Integrated IP (IIP)

✓ Professional Skills

THE ROLE OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES (CRC) IN SPACE LAW AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- A CRC as a platform to integrate policy design and industry needs (i.e. co-development of industry-driven policy outcomes)
- How a CRC enables thought-leadership projection re policy development (i.e. decadal approach to maturing a commercially relevant eco-system)
- CRCs as a funding mechanism for space law and policy development

Presented by **Prof. Anna Moore**, Director, ANU Institute for Space, and **Benjamin Bek**, Associate Director (Program Delivery and Operations), ANU Institute for Space, and Bid Chief Operating Officer, Future of Space Cooperative Research Centre



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FAMILY LAW PARENTING SYMPOSIUM

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
WEB253N43

Gain valuable insights into key topics shaping family law parenting matters. Examine recent reforms one year on with a focus on safety and Rice & Asplund codification, unpack the complexities and risks of parental alienation, and assess the impact of new amendments to the Hague Child Abduction Convention regulations. Gain valuable insights from the latest case updates and understand the influence of parental mental health on parenting capacity from an adolescent and family psychiatrist. Finally, tailored for family law practitioners, gain essential practical guidance on managing urgent parental applications, meeting ethical obligations in family law parenting matters, and tips for sustaining a thriving family law practice and cover off your ethics, professional skills and practice management.

SESSION 1: REFORMS, AMENDMENTS & CASE UPDATE, ALIENATION AND CAPACITY

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB253N43A

\$505

Chair: **Carly Mirza-Price**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Recommended Parenting & Children's Matters Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

PARENTAL ALIENATION: WHAT IS IT? DOES IT REPRESENT AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK

- How to deal with the situation when there was abuse
- How to deal with the situation when no abuse but the child is told that there is

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

NEW REFORMS 'ONE YEAR ON': SAFETY AND CODIFICATION OF RICE & ASPLUND

- Interpretation of the 'Best Interests' test
- Statutory iteration of the *Rice vs Asplund* principle vs how it's being interpreted by the courts: Whitehill & Talaska; Rasheem & Rasheem
- The Role of the Independent Children's Lawyer in light of the recent changes to the *Family Law Act*

Presented by **Karen Shea**, Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers; Leading Junior Counsel, Parenting & Children's Matters Barrister, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

WILL THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE HAGUE CHILD ABDUCTION CONVENTION MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

- The provision of free legal representation for the 'abducting parent'
- The requirement to consider 'family violence' in any defence to a Return Application
- Recent court decisions since the amendments

Presented by **Maurice Edwards**, Special Counsel, Rafton Family Lawyers; Recommended Family Law Mediator, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

RECENT CASE UPDATE

- How is the Court approaching coercive control?
- Harmful proceedings: the new vexatious
- Insight – what does it look like?

Presented by **Kylie Chesterman**, Barrister, Level 14 Inns of Court Chambers; Recommended Family Law Junior Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Professional Skills*

THE INTERFACE BETWEEN PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND PARENTING CAPACITY

- Consider the impact of developmental experiences in parent's family of origin and personality vulnerabilities on parenting capacity independent of diagnosis
- Diagnostic categories, and the place of therapeutic intervention
- considered in this context the impact of parental mental illness on parenting capacity

Presented by **Dr Antony Milch**, Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatrist, Family in Mind

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR FAMILY LAWYERS (PARENTING)

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Susan Warda**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Recommended Family & Divorce Lawyer and Recommended Family Lawyers (High-Value & Complex Property Matters), *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Professional Skills*

RUNNING URGENT PARENTING APPLICATIONS

- Factors that may make a parenting application urgent
- Pre-action procedures
- To serve or not
- Convincing the court
- Managing client expectations

Presented by **Dianne Pendergast**, Barrister, Brisbane Chambers; Recommended Parenting & Children's Matters Junior Barrister, and Recommended Family Law Counsel, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility*

NAVIGATING ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS IN FAMILY LAW PARENTING MATTERS

- Refresher on obligations pursuant to the Solicitors Conduct Rules and Family Law Rules
- Communicating with clients, experts, Court, third parties
- Conflicts
- Disclosure
- Secret recordings
- When clients go rogue including dealing with illegally obtained 'evidence'

Presented by **Tijana Petkovic**, Director, Blanchfield Nicholls

✓ *Practice Management & Business Skills*

DEALING WITH THE PRACTICAL IMPACTS OF RUNNING A BUSY FAMILY LAW PARENTING PRACTICE

- Managing escalating practice costs and client expectations
- Managing lawyer burnout and mental health
- Knowing when and how to draw boundaries with clients
- Family law violence
- Court delays and deadlines

Presented by **Kuppy Nambiar**, Director, Nambiar Hogg Family Lawyers; Recommended Parenting & Children's Matters Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

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4 CPD UNITS

- 4 CPD units in Substantive Law



COMMERCIAL LITIGATION CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

\$795
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Do you need a quick roundup of the key issues in commercial litigation currently? Do you need your ethics, practice management and professional skills points but want them truly tailored for your commercial litigation practice? The Commercial Litigation Conference has just that for you. You will delve into challenging authority, gain an expert roundup of enforcing contracts including unfair contracts, unsigned contracts, examine misuse of intellectual property and breach of restraint of trade claims, plus explore enforcement of privacy breaches and insolvency matters. Gain practical strategies for drafting pleadings and leveraging AI for an efficient practice. All from expert commercial litigators with experience and expertise to share.

SESSION 1: YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE ON IMPORTANT AREAS OF COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Trevor Withane**, Partner, Ironbridge Legal

CHALLENGING AUTHORITY: A REVIEW OF THE LAW OF AUTHORITY

- Actual / Express / Apparent / Ostensible
- Principal / Agent
- Authority to act for a corporation (including indoor management rule)
- Breach of warranty of authority

Presented by **Greg Smart**, Partner, Wallace & Wallace Lawyers; Accredited Specialist Commercial Litigator

CONTRACT LAW: ENFORCING AGREEMENTS UPDATE

- Formation
- Legislative intervention in relation to unfair contract terms
- Penalties
- Remedies

Presented by **Robert Carey**, Barrister, 7 Wentworth Selborne

COMPETITION LAW UPDATE: MISUSE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND BREACH OF RESTRAINT OF TRADE

Explore the intersection between intellectual property misuse and restraints of trade (RoTs), gain practical insights into protecting business interests while navigating legal boundaries.

- Protecting IP through RoTs: how confidential information, trademarks, patents, and copyrights align with enforceable restraints
- Reasonable restraints: defining acceptable time and geographic limits versus overreaching constraints
- Drafting resilient RoTs: practical tips to ensure enforceability, and when courts might read them down
- Impugning RoTs: strategies to challenge unreasonable restraints in court
- Business sales vs employment contexts: comparing RoTs for established businesses versus departing employees

Presented by **Sydney Jacobs**, Barrister, 13 Wentworth Chambers

A NEW ERA OF PRIVACY REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT

- Brief overview of privacy laws affecting businesses
- Stronger penalties and increased risk for businesses
- Enhanced powers for the OAIC
- Rights to seek compensation

Presented by **Edward Martin**, Partner, Gadens

INSOLVENCY UPDATE

Presented by **Colin Brown**, Special Counsel, Bridge Lawyers

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL LITIGATORS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Sarah Davies**, Director, Sarah Davies Legal; Accredited Specialist in Commercial Litigation

✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility*

KNOWING YOUR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES IN A DISPUTES PRACTICE

A number of common situations in everyday legal practice can be negotiated safely with a confident understanding of ethical obligations.

- Confidentiality and privilege: principles, limitations and waiver
- Conflicts
- Undertakings
- Ex parte applications

Presented by **Nola Peace**, Barrister, Chambers 33

✓ *Professional Skills*

'HOW TO' TACTICAL PLEADING AND STRIKE-OUT PROOFING YOUR CASE

- Tips to reduce the risk of a pleading being struck out or challenged
- The proper pleading of knowledge, inferences and causation
- The role of pleadings as the foundation of the case theory at trial

Presented by **Matthew Jones KC**, Barrister, Level Twenty Seven Chambers

✓ *Practice Management and Business Skills*

LEVERAGING AI AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, MANAGE RISK AND REDUCE LITIGATION STRESS

This session showcases AI tools that will streamline case preparation by automating production of chronologies, summarising documents and extracting relevant details quickly. Learn how to evaluate which of the available tools is best place to help your practice being more efficient and more profitable.

Presented by **Fiona McLay**, Principal Lawyer, McLay Legal



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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

**FAMILY LAW: SUPERANNUATION, DIV7A, VALUATIONS AND TRUSTS****TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025**
9.00AM TO 1.15PM**\$505**
WEB253N05

Take a deep dive into the more technical accounting and tax issues of family law financial matters. Learn advanced strategies for superannuation splitting. Understand the potential Division 7A issues and tax implications for third-party loans. Gain insight into valuations including how to value a mix of assets, including businesses, employee share schemes, and cryptocurrency. Explore child maintenance trusts as a tax-effective child support strategy. Gain the deeper understanding that you need.

Chair: **Susan Pearson**, Partner, Pearson Emerson: Accredited Specialist in Family Law

✓ Professional Skills

ADVANCED STRATEGIES WHEN CONSIDERING SUPERANNUATION SPLITTING

Presented by **Tricia Peters**, Director and Certified Financial Planner, MELCA and PetersMcKeown

✓ Professional Skills

DIV 7A AND HOW UNDERSTANDING ITS COMPLEXITIES CAN EXPEDITE YOUR SETTLEMENTS

- Tips and traps of Div 7A
- Considerations for the asset pool
- Mum and Dad loans
- Case studies / examples

Presented by **Julie O'Reilly**, Partner, Business Advisory, William Buck Accountants

✓ Professional Skills

UNDERSTANDING VALUATIONS IN FAMILY LAW MATTERS: WHEN, WHY AND WHAT TO CONSIDER?

- Timing and basis for valuations: Obstacles to adopting a current or historical valuation? Which standard of value should you instruct the expert to adopt?
- Types of valuations: property pools may contain a mixture of assets and entities including businesses, employee share schemes, preference shares, earn out clauses and cryptocurrency
 - › Identifying what is in the pool, the information to request and whether an asset may require an Expert assessment?
- Potential pitfalls:
 - › What are the tax consequences hidden in the valuation of assets?
 - › Dealing with incomplete asset disclosures, or failure to account for debts and liabilities, which can skew the fair market value assessment?

Presented by **Jennifer Veitch**, CA, Partner, Pilot Partners Chartered Accountants

CHILD MAINTENANCE TRUSTS: THE TANTALISING, TAX EFFECTIVE CHILD SUPPORT STRATEGY

- The legislative framework for child maintenance trust income
- Creating the obligation
- Need for a single or progressive gift of assets into the trust
- Ensuring excepted trust income
- Structure of trust – outright beneficiary v capital reserved
- Dealing with income surplus to child support obligations
- Adjusting for the trusts in Wills

Presented by **Allan Swan**, Director, Estate Planning Equation; Adjunct Lecturer, College of Law Applied Law Master's Program

**PERSONAL INJURIES: 3 STRATEGIES TO MAXIMISE DAMAGES****THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025**
2.00PM TO 5.15PM**\$420**
WEB253N48

If you missed out in August 2024, then this is your go-to seminar on damages in personal injury claims. Offering 3 up to the minute presentations by industry experts who will dissect a key area related to maximising the outcome of a personal injury claim. Explore the assessment of damages where the claimant is a child and delve into the various aspects of quantifying economic loss of a self-employed plaintiff. Finally, join Rob Taylor who will take you through the legal implications of claiming damages under different regimes in the one claim.

Chair: **Paul Blacket SC**, Sir James Hall Chambers

✓ Professional Skills

CHILDREN WITH CATASTROPHIC INJURY CLAIMS: THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF THE OT REPORT IN QUANTIFYING DAMAGES

In cases where children have suffered a catastrophic injury, the OT report is central in the work of the lawyer building the claim for damages, in sourcing other opinions, costings from builders and other medical specialists. Examine:

- Assessment, with costings of care over and above that of a typically developing child
- Lifetime care
- Equipment
- Home modifications
- Impact on the family of supporting a child with catastrophic injuries

Presented by **Nancy Stephenson**, Consultant Occupational Therapist, Assess Medical Group

✓ Professional Skills

ASSESSING ECONOMIC LOSS OF SELF-EMPLOYED PLAINTIFFS

- Loss of profits and/or replacement labour
- Impact of the sale of a business
- The premium for "entrepreneurship"
- Taxation issues

Presented by **Mariano Rossetto**, Director, Forensic & Litigation, Vincents

A DIFFERENT DRUMMER: CLAIMING DAMAGES UNDER DIFFERENT REGIMES IN THE ONE CLAIM

- Work injury damages and the intersection of public liability and motor accident regimes
- Might a workers compensation insurer pay motor accident damages?
- The classic case: a worker run over by a forklift at work

Presented by **Rob Taylor**, Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers

**ATTEND AND EARN****4 CPD UNITS**

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

ATTEND AND EARN**3 CPD UNITS**

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



CONVEYANCING CONFERENCE: NAVIGATING COMPLEX ISSUES

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

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Get a handle of the more complex conveyancing concerns. Gain essential insights into the complexities of managing water shares in property transactions while avoiding the pitfalls of compliance issues and disputes. Understand CGT implications and uncover the hidden dangers associated with exemptions and mixed-use properties. Clarify Section 12(d)'s impact on rescission and damages and address the ambiguities surrounding early deposit releases to minimise misunderstandings. Ensure compliance with planning permits and maintain transaction integrity by breaking down the latest AML regulations and ethical dilemmas posed by AI integration in your conveyancing practice.

SESSION 1: CHALLENGES IN MODERN CONVEYANCING AND INTEGRATING BEST PRACTICES

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Kelly Young**, Director, Estate Conveyancing

VICTORIAN WATER ENTITLEMENTS & PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

- Water entitlements in Victoria: the legislation and terminology to know
- Assessing value of water shares and due diligence in property transactions
- Steps and documentation required for the transfer and registration of water shares
- Recent developments: general place of take licenses, shared water, arrangements, proposed water markets reform

Presented by **Racheal Alamaras**, Director, Dawes & Vary Riordan Lawyers

ALL THINGS CAPITAL GAINS

- Are you sure it's on capital account?
- Does the family home qualify for the CGT main residence exemption?
- Small business CGT concessions when portion of the land is used for business purposes
- How do landowners treat settlement payments or compensation?

Presented by **Edward Hennebry**, Senior Associate, Sladen Legal; Fellow, Tax Institute of Australia (TIA); Member, TIA's National SME Tax Technical Committee

SECTION 12(D) SALE OF LAND ACT: KEY ISSUES

- Section 12(d): How broad is it?
- The cases that we have so far - issued and decided: What do they tell us?
- What rights arise for beach? Can I rescind, or get damages?
- The material facts guidelines: What do they tell us? What is missing?
- Traps for vendors and tricks for purchasers
- What if the vendor "knew" but "forgot"?
- Asbestos reports: what if the vendor never obtained one when they should have?

Presented **Michael Lanyon**, Partner, Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers

GREY AREAS SURROUNDING SECTION 27 EARLY RELEASE OF DEPOSIT

- Section 27 *Sale of Land Act* and its implications for early deposit release
- Circumstances under which a vendor can request an early release of the deposit
- Key legal considerations and potential risks associated with early deposit releases
- Case law highlighting disputes or ambiguities in applying Section 27
- Rights and obligations of vendors and purchasers for early deposit releases
- Practical tips for ensuring compliance with Section 27 and avoiding common pitfalls
- Role of contractual terms in influencing the outcome of deposit release requests
- Insights into potential legislative changes or interpretations impacting Section 27

Presented **David McKenzie**, Special Counsel, Corporate & Commercial & Property, FCW Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Property Law; Chair, Owners Corporation Working Group; Deputy Chair, The Building and Construction Working Group

MORTGAGEE SALES AND GOOD FAITH OBLIGATIONS: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE

- When can a mortgagee take possession of and sell mortgaged property?
- Can a borrower challenge a mortgagee sale?
- What is the content of the duty of good faith imposed on mortgagees?
- Is the duty any different in harder economic times, or during a pandemic?

Presented by **William Stark**, Barrister and Accredited Mediator, Greens List

SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR CONVEYANCERS

2.00PM TO 5.15PM

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Chair: **Rochelle Castro**, Principal Lawyer, RC & Co Lawyers

✓ Professional Skills

UNDERSTANDING THE SUBDIVISION PROCESS IN CONVEYANCING UNDERTAKINGS

- Overview of planning permits, certification and statement of compliance
- What rights, restrictions, and responsibilities can be created by a plan of subdivision i.e. common property, easements, restrictions, MCP's, s173 agreements
- When are amendments to a preliminary plan of subdivision required and when are they considered material?
- Following SPEAR applications and the progress of a subdivision

Presented by **Tom Champion**, Director, Reeds Consulting

✓ Practice Management & Business Skills

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING: KEY ISSUES FOR CONVEYANCERS

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) framework and its relevance to conveyancing
- Identification and assessment of money laundering risks in property transactions
- Effective record-keeping practices to ensure compliance with AML regulations
- Reporting obligations: how and when to report suspicious activities to authorities
- Best practices for maintaining compliance and mitigating risks

Presented by **Katherine Shamai**, Partner - Risk Consulting, Grant Thornton; Editorial Advisory Board, *Fraud Magazine* (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and *Internal Auditor Magazine*, (Institute of Internal Auditors (US))

✓ Ethics & Professional Responsibility

ETHICAL ISSUES WITH BRINGING AI INTO YOUR CONVEYANCING PRACTICE

- AI technologies impacting the conveyancing sector and their potential applications
- Ethical responsibilities when utilising AI: transparency, accountability, client consent
- Considerations around data handling, privacy concerns, and compliance with relevant legislation when using AI tools
- Strategies to implement AI solutions and maintain ethical standards and trust

Presented by **Michael Afanassiev**, Legal Counsel & AI Educator



**GAIN ALL YOUR
CORE CPD UNITS!**

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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



CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, EVIDENCE & ADVOCACY

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025
9.00AM TO 5.15PM

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You know that winning sexual and family violence cases at trial is challenging, and being an effective advocate in the limited time available to showcase your case is crucial. This is your opportunity to hear from extraordinarily barristers and members of the Judiciary while exploring landmark cases. Gain expert analysis of the new non-strangulation legislation and youth justice updates. Attend and gain essential knowledge in understanding forensic DNA evidence and practical skills for client management and handling ethical issues. All you need to do is attend, either in person or online, to gain insights that will make your practice easier.

SESSION 1: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, EVIDENCE & ADVOCACY

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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SESSION 2: ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FOR CRIMINAL LAWYERS

2.00pm to 5.15pm

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS: A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Presented by **His Honour Judge Frank R Gucciardo**, County Court of Victoria

THE NEW NON-FATAL STRANGULATION LAWS

Presented by **Sam Norton**, Partner, Stary Norton Halphen; Preeminent Criminal Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

HIGH COURT'S ENUNCIATION OF PRINCIPLE IN THE PELL CASE AND ITS IMPACT ON SEXUAL AND FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES, AS WELL AS THE DE FACTO REVERSAL OF TRADITIONAL BURDENS OF PROOF

How challenging is it to win a trial in sexual assault cases?

Gain insights from Robert Richter KC, one of Australia's foremost advocates, as he examines the pivotal High Court ruling in the Pell case. This landmark decision has revealed the difficulties in sexual assault trials and highlighted the complexities of conducting these cases before juries.

- Explore how this case has influenced criminal practice, emphasising the critical importance of accurate evidence gathering.
- Address the unique challenges faced by criminal lawyers in this field, where today many defendants feel that the traditional burdens of proof are no longer applied to them, following the court's ruling that reversed these conventional standards

Presented by **Robert Richter KC**, Crockett Chambers

YOUTH JUSTICE UPDATES

Presented by **Nick Jane**, Partner, Stary Norton Halphen, Accredited Specialist Children's Law

✓ *Professional Skills*

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE IN 10 MINUTES

You have just 10 minutes to catch their attention and address what will define the case. How can you be effective? Philip Dunn KC is undoubtedly one of the most gifted advocates who can guide you through this challenge. Drawing on his extensive experience, Philip will share practical insights that will help you engage your audience and communicate your key points with clarity and impact.

The not to be missed presentation will cover aspects of closing addresses in criminal and Magistrates Court proceedings.

Presented by **Philip Dunn KC**, Barrister, Crockett Chambers

✓ *Practice Management & Business Skills*

CLIENT MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES FACED BY CRIMINAL LAWYERS AND HOW TO TACKLE THEM

Presented by **Emma Turnbull**, Director, Emma Turnbull Lawyers, Accredited Criminal Law Specialist' Preeminent Criminal Defence Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibility*

HANDLING ETHICAL ISSUES, STRESS AND TRAUMA WHEN PRACTICING CRIMINAL LAW

Presented by **Paul Galbally**, Partner, Galbally O'Bryan, Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law; Preeminent Criminal Defence Lawyer, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

✓ *Professional Skills*

FORENSIC DNA UPDATES: HOW TO ADVANCE YOUR CASE USING FORENSIC EVIDENCE

- DNA: What can it tell us, structure and function, inheritance
- Forensic DNA typing: systems currently in use, risks and benefits
- DNA profiling process: What to look for
- Interpretation
- Emerging techniques

Presented by **Anna Davey**, Director, Forensic Foundations International



**VIEW FROM
THE BENCH**

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7 CPD UNITS

- 3.5 CPD units in Substantive Law
- 1 CPD unit in Ethics & Professional Responsibility
- 1 CPD unit in Practice Management & Business Skills
- 1.5 CPD units in Professional Skills



10 POINTS IN ONE DAY – YOUR LAST CHANCE

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025

7.30AM TO 6.30PM

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10 hours, 10 CPD points and 12 exceptional legal experts presenting on 12 different areas of law including your mandated core areas of ethics, professional skills and practice management, and all in one day. Plus, all in time for the 31 March CPD deadline. You really can't ask for more. Catch up on new compliance regimes, new legislation, new cases and new strategies.

SESSION 1: WILLS, PROPERTY, TRUSTS AND CONTRACTS LAW

7.30AM TO 10.30AM

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Chair: **Lizia Lim**, Partner, Aitken Lawyers; Accredited Specialist in Wills & Estates; Recommended Wills, Estates & Succession Planning Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide 2024*

CAVEAT MATTERS IN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS: AN IMPORTANT TOOL IF USED CORRECTLY

- An overview of s58 of the *Administration and Probate Act* Victoria 1958 and the grounds of caveat's objection pursuant to Reg. 8.06 Supreme Court (Administration and Probate) Rules 2014
- Real prospects of success?
- What is an interest such as held by the Court of Appeal in *Gardiner v Hughes* (2017) 54 VR 394

Presented by **Tasman Ash Fleming**, Barrister and Mediator, Svenson Barristers

COURT APPROVAL AND TRUSTS: HOW, WHY AND WHEN

- How to determine whether your trust issue requires Court approval
- The mechanisms by which the Court gives approval
- Which is appropriate for your circumstance
- Matters to consider when dealing with issues of trusts and estates

Presented by **Bree Ridgeway**, Barrister; Jarndyce Chambers

A REVIEW OF RECENT LEASING AND OTHER PROPERTY LAW CASES

Examine some of the key developments, trends, and cases in retail and commercial leasing and other areas of property law as you break down the facts of each case and walk away with crucial takeaways you can add to your property law knowledge base and repertoire.

Presented by **Luke Virgona**, Barrister, Dawson Chambers

NAVIGATING CONTRACTS AND CONTRACT RISK IN 2025

Presented by **Laura Young**, Partner, MinterEllison

SESSION 2: PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND ETHICS FOR ALL LAWYER

10.45AM TO 1.45PM

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✓ *Ethics & Professional Responsibilities*

INADVERTENT COMMUNICATION AND CLIENT KNOWLEDGE

- Inadvertent disclosure by a practitioner & the Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules
- The practical problems arising from inadvertent disclosure
- What to do if you become aware of inadvertently-disclosed privileged material
- What to do if your client obtains privileged material belonging to another party and shares it with you
- How to navigate the situation if you suspect your client has accessed privileged material
- Whether you continue to act in these situations
- Practical tips to avoid inadvertent disclosure

Presented by **Karen Mak**, Barrister, Svenson Barristers

✓ *Practice Management & Business Skills*

MANAGING PERFORMANCE, CONDUCT, ILLNESS AND INJURY IN YOUR PRACTICE – WHAT LAWYERS MUST KNOW AND HOW TO DO IT

Navigate the key concepts and how they impact the way you and your firm practice.

- Discrimination, safety, workers' compensation and employment law risks around managing complex behaviours
- The right paper infrastructure and process
- Managing flexible work and the right to disconnect
- How to measure performance and what you need to do
- What is misconduct, serious misconduct and condonation
- How to manage illness and injury in your workplace
- Discrimination, safety, workers' compensation and employment law risks around managing complex behaviours
- The right paper infrastructure and process
- What are the inherent requirements of the job and what do you do when someone is not fit for work?

Presented by **Andrew Douglas**, Managing Principal, FCW Lawyers

✓ *Professional Skills*

SKILLS LAWYERS WITH NEED WITH NEW AML/CTF LEGISLATION

The much-awaited draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 has been introduced to Parliament. There are proposed provisions dealing with the simplification of the AML/CTF regime, as well as the introduction of greater regulatory powers for AUSTRAC.

However, of great interest to lawyers is the proposed reform which would bring some aspects of legal practice and service provision into the regulatory regime. If passed, the AML/CTF laws will apply to certain "designated services" offered by legal practices, as from March - July 2026.

- The background context of the proposed expansion of Australia's AML/CTF laws to legal professionals (as one of the "high risk", "gatekeeper" professions)
- The proposed "designated services" specifically relevant to legal practices and professionals as a type of regulated "tranche 2 entity"
- The compliance obligations (policies, practices and prohibitions) that will be applicable to legal professionals
- The implications for legal professional privilege
- What lawyers in legal practices can do now to get ready for the proposed changes
- The expected realities of "how" this will impact the day-to-day practice of law

Presented by **Kelly Dickson**, Managing Principal Lawyer, Dandenong, Macpherson Kelley; Winner, Australasian Lawyer, Elite Woman 2023

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10 CPD UNITS

- 7 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

SESSION 3: COMMERCIAL LAW ROUNDUP AND MEDIATION SKILLS WITH THE EXPERTS

2.15PM TO 6.30PM

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Chair: **Ian Upjohn KC**, Howells' List Barristers**LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN PRIVACY, CYBER AND AI**Presented by **Dudley Kneller**, Partner, Gadens; Recommended Technology, Media & Telecommunications Lawyers, *Doyle's Guide 2024***NAVIGATING THE NEW FRANCHISE CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP**

- Understanding the proposed new Franchising Code of Conduct which is slated to commence on 1 April 2025
- Compliance requirements under the new Code
- The Australian Consumer Law and the franchising relationship

Presented by **Allison McLeod**, Partner, HWLEbsworth; *Best Lawyers Australia, Franchise Law***PRACTICAL OPTIONS TO CONSIDER WHERE ANOTHER PARTY IS, OR AT RISK OF BEING, INSOLVENT**

- Warning signs to watch for
- Relevant corporate insolvency and restructuring processes and potential outcomes
- Impediments to exercising rights where there is an insolvency event
- Risk minimisation strategies

Presented by **Sam Kingston**, Partner, Maddocks; Recommended Restructuring & Insolvency, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific Guide 2024***CAN I BE LIABLE AS A DIRECTOR FOR MY COMPANY'S DEBTS?**

Consider the circumstances in which directors might be liable for debts incurred by the company, including through:

- Accessorial liability for misleading or deceptive conduct
- Liability under guarantees
- Insolvent trading
- Environmental protection laws
- Director penalty notices

Presented by **Grant Lubofsky**, Barrister, Young's List**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDIATION: PRIVILEGE, PROBLEMS AND PITFALLS**Presented by **David Roberston KC**, Chapman's List and **Ian Upjohn KC**, Howells' List Barristers**CLASS ACTIONS REFORMS, STRATEGIES AND CURRENT CHALLENGES**

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025

9.00AM TO 1.15PM

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Chair: **Angela Pearsall**, Partner, Ashurst Australia✓ *Professional Skills***PROCEDURAL TRAPS FROM COMMENCEMENT AND CARRIAGE OF CLASS ACTIONS**Facilitated by: **Angela Pearsall**, Partner, Ashurst Australia

Panelists:

Odette McDonald, Director, Phi Finney McDonald
Nathan Rapoport, Practice Group Leader, Class Actions, Slater + Gordon Lawyers
Kione Johnson, Practice Leader, Class Actions, Shine Lawyers

CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT APPROVALS AND THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FUNDINGPresented by **Simon Morris**, Managing Partner, Morris Mennilli**MARKET TRENDS OF CLASS ACTIONS IN AUSTRALIA & OVERSEAS**Presented by **Jason Betts**, Partner, Global Co-Head of Class Actions, Herbert Smith Freehills✓ *Professional Skills***'AFTER THE EVENT' INSURANCE: ITS USE, CURRENT TRENDS AND HOW TO OBTAIN IT**Presented by **Philip Lomax**, Managing Director (Asia Pacific), Litica; Lawyer**ATTEND AND EARN****4 CPD UNITS**

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

BUSINESS LAW**DIRECTOR DUTIES: LIABILITIES, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT REALITIES**

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025

10.00AM TO 2.15PM

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