

Family Law

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Session 6 – 4.00pm – 5.00pm

The Kennon Principle: Family violence and its nexus to property settlements in family law

A Kennon argument is essentially an argument that family violence perpetrated by one party has made the contributions of the other party (usually the wife) more 'arduous' and that family violence has had a 'significant adverse impact' on that party's contributions. It specifically relates to contributions made under section 79(4) or section 90SM(4) of the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth). This presentation will examine the evidentiary burden in running this argument, recent decisions and appeals, and Australian Law Reform recommendations.

Meet the speaker

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As a barrister specialising in family law, Neil Jackson has particular expertise in property and child-related disputes. Neil also has expert knowledge in the law relating to de facto relationships. Neil maintains a strong advisory practice and regularly appears in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and in appellate courts for a broad range of clients, including the Independent Children's Lawyer. He has been appointed a Mediator of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and has participated in hundreds of mediations and conciliation conferences throughout his legal career. For over two decades, Neil has delivered family law-related papers to industry associations, universities and legal conference organisers, and has made contributions to LexisNexis' various Family Law services and to *Halsbury Laws of Australia* on family law. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of New South Wales and a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Economics from the University of Sydney.