

Wills & Estates

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Practice and procedure in NCAT’s Guardianship Division: Practising in a protective jurisdiction

Representing clients in NCAT’s Guardianship Division can be challenging for legal practitioners unfamiliar with the Division’s inquisitorial procedures. The Division is required to exercise its jurisdiction to give paramount consideration to the welfare and interests of people with disabilities in a manner that encourages informality, flexibility and dispatch. The head of the Division, NCAT Deputy President Anne Britton will outline and discuss the procedures employed by the Division designed to achieve those requirements. Ms Britton will also explore how the statutory duty imposed on legal practitioners to cooperate with the Division and the Appeal Panel works in practice.

Meet the speaker

Anne Britton, Deputy President and Head of Guardianship Division, NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal

Anne Britton is a Deputy President and Division Head of the Guardianship Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Prior to her appointment, Anne held senior roles in Commonwealth and state tribunals for over 2 decades. In addition, Anne is the Chair of the Australasian Council of Tribunals as well as a member of the Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity, an initiative of the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand.