

# Family Law

**Friday 18 August 2023**

**Session 8 – 9.35am – 10.35am**

## **Complex property settlements**

What makes a property matter complex? In this session we will review the many and varied ways in which a property matter might be considered complex, recent case law in complex matters, the role of the solicitor in managing complex property settlements, and practical issues and resource management in complex matters.

## **Meet the speaker**

### **Cathie Blanchfield, Principal, Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private Advisory**

Cathie Blanchfield is a leading family and divorce lawyer and has practiced exclusively in family law and related areas since admission over 30 years ago. After some years in partnership with Stuart Fowler, in 2007 Cathie established Blanchfield Nicholls with Nigel Nicholls. Cathie has been named as a leading family lawyer in the Doyles Guide consistently since 2016, including in High Value and Complex Property Matters. She maintains a particular interest in financial agreements under the Family Law Act and regularly drafts and advises clients in those matters. She enjoys the challenges inherent in communicating sometimes difficult concepts in family law and working to understand each client's particular needs and expectations while giving realistic advice. Cathie has written and presented many papers on family law issues for members of the profession undertaking continuing legal education.