

Wills & Estates

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Session 7 – 8.30am – 9.30am

Financial elder abuse in the context of succession law

This session focuses on two scenarios of general application in succession law. The first is 'inheritance impatience' in the form of an inter vivos misappropriation by an adult child. The second is 'inheritance insecurity' on the part of the biological children of the first partner in an elderly blended family to die. How can succession and property law be utilised to reduce the spectre of family provision claims disturbing testamentary wishes?

Meet the speaker

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Richard McCullagh has practised law since 1985, mostly on the Central Coast of NSW. He has specialised in elder law since 2012. He taught elder law at the College of Law from 2013 to 2019 and has done so at the University of Western Sydney since 2020. He has taught property law and succession at Macquarie University. His textbook, *Australian Elder Law*, was published by Thomson Reuters in 2018. He is a past member of the Law Society of New South Wales Elder Law, Capacity and Succession Committee and publishes articles from time to time in the *Law Society Journal*, amongst others. Richard is currently a government solicitor specialising in elder abuse.