

Program

Day 1 | Thursday, 17 August 2023 | International Convention Centre, Sydney

Time	Topic	Speakers
8.45am	Welcome to Country	Joan Bell Representative, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Conference opening	Jacqueline Dawson Chair, Specialist Accreditation Board, Law Society of New South Wales
	Presidential address	Cassandra Banks President, Law Society of New South Wales
	Keynote address: Can lawyers be the community's trusted guides in the age of artificial intelligence?	Edward Santow Director, Policy and Governance, Human Technology Institute and Industry Professor, University of Technology Sydney
	Sponsor address	Kerrie Lalich Chief Executive Officer, Lawcover
9.45am	Welcome by Chair	Glenn Thompson OAM Director, Newnham Solicitors
9.45am – 10.30am	The development of a solutions focus in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia	The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
10.30am – 10.45am	ChatGPT: Opportunities and challenges for family lawyers	Stephen Foley Founder and Managing Director, eBrief Ready
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Panel: Preparing for change – again: The Family Law Amendment Bill 2023	Moderator: Jacqueline Dawson Chair, Specialist Accreditation Board, Law Society of New South Wales and Principal, Sexton Family Law The Honourable Colin Forrest SC Barrister, Family Law Chambers Dr Henry Kha Senior Lecturer, Macquarie University Susan Warda Partner, Mills Oakley
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Financial Agreements 3 ways: Drafting, advising and litigating	Melinda Winning Partner, Barkus Doolan Winning

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Time	Topic	Speakers
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Best practice for Court based Dispute Resolution: Make the deal, don't break the deal	Brett McGrath Director – National Registrar Operations (Dispute Resolution), Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Joyce Snedden Court Child Expert, Court Children's Service, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Dealing with risk issues, in light of <i>Isles & Nelissen</i>	Sarah Bevan Principal, Sarah Bevan Family Lawyers
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	The Kennon Principle: Family violence and its nexus to property settlements in family law	Neil Jackson Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
5.00pm – 5.30pm	Day 1 close and networking reception	

Day 2 | Friday, 18 August 2023 | Live online

Time	Topic	Speakers
8.30am	Welcome by Chair	Glenn Thompson OAM Director, Newnhams Solicitors
8.30am – 9.30am	Applying specialist accreditation in Alternate Dispute Resolution	Peter Batey Barrister, Waratah Chambers
9.35am – 10.35am	Complex property settlements	Cathie Blanchfield Principal, Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private Advisory
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	The treatment of inheritances in family law	Malcolm Gittoes-Caesar Consultant, Lander & Rogers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Blurred lines: The convergence of family law and child protection	Elanor Canning Senior Solicitor, Legal Aid New South Wales

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12.55pm – 1.00pm

Conference close

Glenn Thompson OAM
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On-demand

Time	Topic	Speakers
Available from 19 August 2023	Exploring family law topics that affect trans, intersex and non-binary individuals	Stephen Page Director, Page Provan

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