

# Family Law

**Thursday 15 August 2024**

**Welcome from the Court – 9:35am - 10:35am**

## **An outline of recent innovations**

The Honourable Justice Robert McClelland AO, Deputy Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, will provide an overview of recent innovations in Court case management and risk screening, adaption to the new legislative framework, enhancement of judicial skills, creation of specialist lists including the small property claims, Indigenous Practice and Evatt List to deal with more complex parenting cases, particularly those involving allegations of family violence. The take-out message is that the Court has very much adopted a solutions-focus to matters coming before it and expects the profession to assist in that task.

## **Meet the speaker**

### **The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia**

The Honourable Justice Robert McClelland AO was appointed as Deputy Chief Justice in December 2018 and appointed as a judge of the Family Court of Australia in June 2015. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales as a solicitor in 1982, elected to Federal Parliament in 1996 as the Member for Barton and served as Commonwealth Attorney-General between 2007 and 2011. During that time, he introduced amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) in respect to family violence and to de facto couples. His Honour was appointed as Chair of the Family Law Council in December 2021. In 2022, His Honour was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours for 'distinguished service to the people and Parliament of Australia, to the law, social justice and law reform'.