

# Personal Injury

**Thursday 15 August 2024**

**Session 4 – 1:45pm - 2:45pm**

## **Historical child sexual abuse claims: Recent developments and new trends**

Since the publication of the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to child sexual abuse in 2017, significant developments have taken place in 'Abuse Law' in NSW, as well as in the other jurisdictions. This presentation will consider the issue of setting aside settlement agreements; schools' liability for harm committed by students on other students; and recent changes to the National Redress Scheme.

### **Meet the speaker**

#### **Maithri Panagoda AM, Partner, Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers**

Maithri Panagoda AM is one of Australia's leading compensation lawyers. Educated in both Sydney and Sri Lanka, he has more than 40 years' experience in litigation and dispute resolution. Maithri practised as a lawyer in Dubbo for nearly ten years before joining Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers in 1991. He has been involved in a large number of successful claims brought by members of the Stolen Generations. Maithri has also been a member of several committees of the Law Society of NSW: the Medico Legal Liaison Committee; the Senior Solicitors' Committee; and the Litigation Law and Practice Committee. He is currently a member of the Law Society's Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee and heads a team at Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers dedicated to representing survivors of historical abuse.