

Wills and Estates

Thursday 15 August 2024

Session 2 – 11:00am - 12:00pm

Navigating complicated estate administration issues

This session will explore a selection of the myriad complex and varied issues that can arise in the administration of deceased estates. Topics will include proof of death by fact, inference or presumption; rights of burial and associated disputes; issues of domicile and the validity of foreign wills; lost wills and the presumption of revocation by destruction; and recent amendments to the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) affecting changes to trustees. The presentation will focus on the law underpinning these difficult areas of practice, provide practical examples, and offer pointers to practitioners in assisting their clients to navigate the potential minefield of deceased estates.

Meet the speaker

Esterina Azzi, Senior Associate, McCullough Robertson Lawyers

Esterina Azzi, an Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates, has practised exclusively in wills, estates and succession law since her admission as a legal practitioner in 2015. She assists clients with comprehensive estate planning strategies, and with navigating complex estate administration and litigation dilemmas. Esterina has also advised on unique succession issues, contributing to legislative reform. She is a member of the Elder Law, Capacity & Succession Committee of the Law Society of NSW, and of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Australia Newsletter Sub-Committee; and a founding member and Secretary of the STEP NSW Emerging Professionals Network Sub-Committee. Esterina was involved in the editing and publication of the *Elder Law Review*, publishing several articles in the journal. She was also a member of the inaugural Editorial Board for *Wills, Probate and Administration Practice (New South Wales)*, and co-authored monthly Bulletin case updates and annual updates.