

# Family Law

**Friday 16 August 2024**

**Session 7 – 8:30am - 9:30am**

## **Shall we collaborate, mediate, arbitrate, coordinate or litigate for our last tango?**

Join us online as we consider the latest moves in dispute resolution in the family law arena, including: how to bring the voice of the child safely into the Mediation space; the uptake of the Arbitration of family law property matters, and some leading cases; and the emerging practice of Parenting Co-ordination as an alternative to court proceedings. This session will contemplate ways in which the various dispute resolution options and processes can be utilised to achieve the best outcome for families after a relationship breakdown. Pencil this session into your dance card.

## **Meet the speaker**

### **Maurice Edwards, Special Counsel, Rafton Family Lawyers**

Maurice Edwards is qualified through the Law Society of NSW as an Accredited Specialist in Family Law, and is a nationally accredited mediator, an accredited family law arbitrator with the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators (AIFLAM), and an Accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner registered with the Attorney General's Department. He is the current treasurer of AIFLAM and the NSW representative on its board. Maurice is also a member of the family law, mediation and arbitration committees of the International Bar Association. He has trained specifically in the mediation of disputes relating to the Hague Child Abduction Convention in Japan, and is listed as a 'Recommended' mediator in the Doyle's Guide of Leading Family Law Mediators – NSW, 2024. Maurice is the leader of the Rafton Arbitration and Mediation Practice and has practised in the family law space for more than 40 years.