

Wills and Estates

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Recent cases in NSW on contested, informal and statutory wills

This presentation will explore the latest cases in NSW on contested, informal and statutory wills. Through a comprehensive examination of recent decisions, it will offer valuable insights for legal practitioners practising in estate law in 2024. The areas highlighted will include an overview of the current climate, particularly a look into the cases filed in the Supreme Court of NSW in 2024. Other areas will include recent family provision claims and the judiciary's view on 'estrangement', the rise in cases involving informal documents in the digital age, and protection of the incapacitated person and the latest statutory will decisions in NSW.

Meet the speaker

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Maree Harris holds Bachelor of Laws and Commerce degrees from the University of New South Wales. In 2009, Maree was admitted as a solicitor in NSW. Maree is Special Counsel at de Groot's wills and estate lawyers in Sydney. Since 2012, she has worked exclusively in wills and estates, acting in a range of estate litigation, Probate, estate administration and estate planning matters. Her primary focus has been on estate litigation matters, including family provision applications, contested probate matters, will validity claims, and estate administration disputes. Maree is on the editorial board of the *Wills, Probate and Administration Practice* (NSW) text authored by John de Groot and *Family Provision in Australia*, authored by John de Groot and Bruce Nickel. In 2023, Maree completed her collaborative law training. Maree was named in Doyle's Guide in 2023 as a recommended lawyer in the NSW estate litigation category.