

SPECIALIST ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE 2024



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Program

Day 1 | Thursday, 15 August 2024 | International Convention Centre, Sydney

Time	Topic	Speakers
8.45am	Conference opening	Jacqueline Dawson Chair, Specialist Accreditation Board, Law Society of New South Wales
	Presidential address	Brett McGrath President, Law Society of New South Wales
	Keynote address	The Honourable Justice Julie Ward President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales
9.45am	Welcome by Chair	John Graves Consultant, Finn Roache Lawyers
9.45am – 10.45am	Session 1 - Implementing change: Legislative reforms in practice	Commissioner Alana Matheson Fair Work Commission
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Session 2 - Competition and consumer law update	Jacqueline Downes Partner and Practice Group Leader, Allens
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Session 3 - Remedies in commercial disputes	The Honourable Justice Kate Williams Supreme Court of New South Wales
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Session 4 - Cyber shields for business in a time of data insecurity	Malcolm Heath Practice Risk Manager, Lawcover
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Session 5 - Employee Share Schemes: A tax perspective	King Tan Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Session 6 - Business succession planning	Denis Barlin Barrister, 13 Wentworth Chambers
5.00pm – 5.30pm	Day 1 close and networking reception	

Day 2 | Friday, 16 August 2024 | Live online

Time	Topic	Speakers
8.30am	Welcome by Chair	John Graves Consultant, Finn Roache Lawyers
8.30am – 9.30am	Session 7 - Commercial property transactions involving different types of entities	Amy Mourd Principal, Mourd Evans Lawyers
9.35am – 10.35am	Session 8 - Indigenous businesses and joint venture structuring, incorporation, and support to maintain Supply Nation registration and certification requirements	Damien Barnes Founder and Managing Director, YIMBA
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Session 9 - Franchising and licensing agreements, including effects of the Final Report of the Independent Review of the Franchising Code of Conduct	Victoria-Jane Otavski Partner, Blackbay Lawyers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Session 10 - Recent developments: Liability in design and building disputes	Keith Redenbach Principal Solicitor, Redenbach Legal
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	John Graves Consultant, Finn Roache Lawyers

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Available from 17 August 2024	Current considerations for intellectual property law	Michael Williams Partner, Gilbert + Tobin

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9.35am – 9.45am	Welcome from the Court: An outline of recent innovations	The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
9.45am – 10.45am	Session 1 - Complex family law financial disputes	The Honourable Justice Peter Campton Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Session 2 - Delving deeper into the 2023 parenting reforms	Martha Barnett SC Barrister, Culwulla Chambers
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Session 3 - Coercive control as a criminal offence, and its impact on and interrelationship with family law proceedings	Carolina Soto Barrister, Black Chambers
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	

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1.45pm – 2.45pm	Session 4 - Panel: Trauma-informed practice – what we need to know and do to protect clients and solicitors in high conflict disputes	<p>Moderator: Cynthia Bluett Family Law Dispute Resolution Specialist, Separation Solutions</p> <p>Judicial Registrar Julianne Bardetta Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</p> <p>Hayley Foster Director, Family Violence/Access, Equity and Inclusion, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</p> <p>Dr Maree Livermore Founder and CEO, Tribe Family Lawyers</p> <p>Dr Monique Phipps Clinical Psychologist</p>
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Session 5 - Busting the trust: When are trust assets available for distribution in a family law proceeding?	<p>Farid Assaf SC Barrister, Banco Chambers</p> <p>Clarissa Amato Barrister, Banco Chambers</p>
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Session 6 - Panel: The redefinition of 'family member' under the Family Law Act 1975, kinship care, and the impact on First Nations communities	<p>Moderator: Bianca Dufty Solicitor in Charge, Family Law Service for Aboriginal Communities, Legal Aid NSW</p> <p>The Honourable Judge Elizabeth Boyle Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</p> <p>Louise Coady Principal Solicitor, Aboriginal Legal Service Ltd NSW/ACT</p> <p>Rachael Ward Director, Child Law, DCJ Legal, Law Reform & Legal Services, Communities and Justice</p>
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8.30am – 9.30am	Session 7 - Shall we collaborate, mediate, arbitrate, coordinate or litigate for our last tango?	Maurice Edwards Special Counsel, Rafton Family Lawyers
9.35am – 10.35am	Session 8 - The proposed new property regime: Principles and practicalities	Eleanor Lau Partner, Lander & Rogers
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Session 9 - Dimensions of family violence matters: Best practice when running a Kennon claim and investigating allegations of family violence	Craig Brickwood Barrister, Waratah Chambers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Session 10 - The different types of parental loans and how they are treated by the Court	Malcolm Gittoes-Caesar Consultant, Family & Relationship Law, Lander & Rogers
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	Glenn Thompson OAM Director, Newnhams Solicitors

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Available from 17 August 2024	Case law update: Recent 'big money' cases and appeals	Claire Cantrall Barrister, Waratah Chambers

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10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Session 2 - Panel: Psychological and psychiatric workplace injuries	Moderator: Naomi Tancred Partner, Hicksons Lawyers
		Dr Tanya Ahmed Consulting Trauma Psychiatrist
		Bruce McLean Partner, Bartier Perry Lawyers
		Krystal Parisis Special Counsel, Stacks Goudkamp
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Session 3 - Judicial review of decisions of the Personal Injury Commission – Motor Accidents Division	Jnana Gumbert Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Session 4 - Historical child sexual abuse claims: Recent developments and new trends	Maithri Panagoda AM Partner, Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Session 5 - Case studies in medical negligence based on recent claims and cases	Richard Royle Barrister, Sir Owen Dixon Chambers
		Maddison Summerhayes Barrister, Sir Owen Dixon Chambers

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3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Session 6 - Panel: A collaborative approach to rehabilitation	<p>Moderator: Leigh Davidson Principal Solicitor, Advantage Legal</p> <p>Sarah Jamieson CTP Services Manager, IOH Health</p> <p>Carl Newton Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers</p> <p>Melanie Skinner Operations Program Manager, NSW CTP, Allianz Australia Insurance Limited</p>
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8.30am	Welcome by Chair	Peter Hunt Principal, McCabes
8.30am – 9.30am	Session 7 - Vicarious liability and permanent stay in historical abuse cases	Dominic Villa SC Barrister, New Chambers
9.35am – 10.35am	Session 8 - Recent developments in dust diseases litigation	Tanya Segelov Principal, Segelov Taylor Lawyers
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Session 9 - Recent developments and cases in CTP	Tony Bowen Barrister, Coram Chambers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Session 10 - Public liability: A year in review	Brendan Jones Barrister, 9 Windeyer Chambers
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	Peter Hunt Principal, McCabes

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Available from 17 August 2024	The interplay between the Civil Liability Act and the Australian Consumer Law	Aleisha Nair Senior Associate, Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers

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9.45am – 10.30am	Session 1 - Real Property List case review	The Honourable Justice Elisabeth Peden Supreme Court of New South Wales
10.30am – 10.45am	Property Law Sponsor address: Deposit Power	Sharon Ladkin Senior Business Development Manager - Legal Practitioners, Deposit Power
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Session 2 - Panel: Renewables and environmental considerations in property transactions	Moderator: Michael Osborne Principal, Osbornes Lawyers Dixie Fitzclarence Senior Consultant, WMD Law Mark Seymour SC Barrister, Martin Place Chambers Diane Skapinker Principal, Skapinker Law
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Session 3 - Native title in practice	Tony McAvoy SC Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	

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1.45pm – 2.45pm	Session 4 -Panel: Reflections and updates on strata law and practice	Moderator: Jane Crittenden Principal, Jane Crittenden Lawyer Michael Allen Partner, Bugden Allen Graham Lawyers Pty Ltd Anne Fernando Partner, Sachs Gerace Lawyers
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Session 5 - Combustible cladding: The latest law and likely developments	Richard Cheney SC Barrister, Greenway Chambers
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Session 6 - Unfairness in property transactions under common law and legislation	Tony Cahill Author and Presenter
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8.30am – 9.30am	Session 7 - Leasing update: Recent cases and developments	Catherine Hallgath Partner, Mills Oakley
9.35am – 10.35am	Session 8 - Alternative dispute resolution for property matters	John McDermott Principal, McDermott & Associates
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Session 9 - Advanced issues and strategies in caveat litigation	Vikram N Misra Barrister, Clarence Chambers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Session 10 - GST and CGT implications for common property transactions	Michelle Hirschhorn Barrister, 5 Selborne Chambers
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	Stephen Pallavicini Special Counsel, Thomson Geer

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Available from 17 August 2024	A case study of compulsory land acquisition: Compensation and other considerations	Lucinda Morphet Special Counsel, Holding Redlich

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10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Session 2 - Navigating complicated estate administration issues	Esterina Azzi Senior Associate, McCullough Robertson Lawyers
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Session 3 - Complex family provision matters in blended families	Margaret Pringle Barrister, Chalfont Chambers
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Session 4 - Panel: The effect of cognitive impairment on testamentary and inter vivos decision-making capacity	Moderator: Josephine Pignataro Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers Rodney Lewis AM Senior Solicitor, Elderlaw Legal Services Caroline Sims Partner, Teece Hodgson & Ward Solicitors Professor John Watson AM Consultant Neurologist, Northern Neuroscience
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Session 5 - Complex probate applications: How to avoid death by requisition	Jennifer Vuu Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	

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4.00pm – 5.00pm	Session 6 - A few topical issues in succession and family provision matters	The Honourable Philip Hallen SC P. Hallen SC Mediation
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8.30am	Welcome by Chair	Adeline Schiralli Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law
8.30am – 9.30am	Session 7 - Taxation issues for estates	Clint Harding Partner, Arnold Bloch Leibler Lawyers & Advisors Danielle Ou Solicitor, Arnold Bloch Leibler Lawyers & Advisors
9.35am – 10.35am	Session 8 - Digitising inheritance: Expectations and reality	Professor Prue Vines School of Private & Commercial Law, UNSW Law & Justice
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Session 9 - Beyond the border: Multijurisdictional challenges in family provision claims	Lucy McPherson Partner, Attwood Marshall Lawyers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Session 10 - Elder abuse claims: Breaches of duties, unconscionable conduct, and equitable remedies	Monica Ross-Maranik Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	Adeline Schiralli Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law

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Available from 17 August 2024	Recent cases in NSW on contested, informal and statutory wills	Maree Harris Special Counsel, de Groot's Wills & Estates Lawyers

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