

Personal Injury

Thursday 15 August 2024

Session 5 – 2:45pm - 3:45pm

Case studies in medical negligence based on recent claims and cases

Difficult evidentiary issues often arise in medical negligence litigation. This presentation will focus on problem solving through discussion of the recent cases, the technical challenges in medical procedures and the effect of the decisions on existing medical case law.

Meet the speakers

Maddison Summerhayes, Barrister, Sir Owen Dixon Chambers

Maddison Summerhayes was called to the Bar in 2024. Maddison's principal area of practice is common law with a particular interest in medical negligence, public liability and intentional torts including boundary violation claims. Prior to coming to the Bar, Maddison was an Associate at Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers and worked for both plaintiffs and defendants across a range of complex medical negligence and public liability claims. Maddison has a health care background as a previously registered nurse in operating theatres. Maddison's medical experience affords her the knowledge required to comprehend technical aspects of a case. Maddison's academic interests have focused on the topic of medical/health law. During her time at university, she completed her honours thesis on the topic of informed consent.

Richard Royle, Barrister, Sir Owen Dixon Chambers

Richard Royle specialises in common law with a particular interest in medical negligence, public liability, sexual abuse cases and travel law. He is retained in numerous catastrophic injury and other cases, and represents Australian residents injured in Australia and overseas. Richard was originally admitted to practice in the UK but has been based in NSW for 40 years. He is a former NSW State President of the Australian Lawyers Alliance and current committee member of the state branch. Richard regularly gives papers at legal seminars and conferences in personal injury related subjects. He is admitted to practice in England, Wales and most States of Australia. He has chambers both in Sydney and London.