



First Title Insurance Core Topics Package

2025 | 3 hours | 3 CPD points

Introduction: First Title Insurance

Practical Legal Ethics



Professional independence, confidentiality and how to manage conflict

Professional independence is a fundamental ethical obligation that practitioners owe not only to the administration of justice but also to the client. This session examines the nature of what independence is, and its relationship in the Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules 2023.

Presenter:

Stafford Shepherd, Principal Ethics Solicitor & Legal Practitioner Director QLS Solicitor Support
Queensland Law Society; Adjunct Professor, School of Law and Justice, University of Southern Queensland

Practice Management & Business Skills



Psychosocial hazards in the workplace

Psychosocial hazards and factors are anything in the design or management of work that increases the risk of work-related stress. A stress response is the physical, mental and emotional reactions that occur when a worker perceives the demands of their work exceed their ability or resources to cope. Work-related stress, if prolonged and/or severe, can cause both psychological and physical harm.

This session focuses on psychosocial hazards particular to legal practice and provides an overview of such hazards, the legal duties on employers to manage psychosocial risks, and highlight how regulators are dealing with non-compliance of relevant work health and safety laws.

Presenters:

Eric Halden, Senior Associate, Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld
Madeleine Jensen, Associate, MinterEllison

Professional Skills



Better business and risk management use of the functions and data of the PPS registry

This session will take a look at the Personal Property Securities Register. Our presenter will consider the best use of the PPSR and how to get the most for your clients. We will take a look into the ways that you can use free tools to assist in risk management for your clients.

Presenter:

Peter Mills, Consultant Principal, Keypoint Law

Track Partner and Core Package Partner





Presenters



Eric Halden

**Senior Associate, Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice
Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld**

Eric is a Senior Associate at Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice. He is an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law and a member of the QLS Wellbeing Working Group.

Eric has worked in criminal defence most of his career, developing particular interest in regulatory prosecutions, focusing on advising and defending clients charged with offences under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and the ASIC Act 2001. Eric acts for individuals and corporate entities including the provision of advice, post-incident response, and representation through the prosecution process.



Madeleine Jensen

Associate, MinterEllison

Maddie is an Associate in MinterEllison's Brisbane Workplace team with a broad range of experience in workplace culture and safety, employee and industrial relations, investigations and legal compliance matters.

Maddie regularly provides legal advice to employers on the full spectrum of issues that arise in the workplace, including assisting with the management of workplace grievances, investigations and misconduct inquiries; advising on contractual disputes; facilitating workplace cultural reviews and employee focus groups; and consultation and redundancy issues. Maddie also represents clients in a broad range of employment, discrimination and industrial relations disputes in the various employment courts and tribunals.



Peter Mills

Consulting Principal Keypoint Law

If I was not enjoying my career, I would not be doing it. I am fortunate to have found the career and people I really enjoy, and so never see it as "work".

Specialties: Getting clients paid first; compliance and enforcement under the Personal Property Securities Act, and acting in credit and finance related litigation.



Stafford Shepherd

Principal Ethics Solicitor & Legal Practitioner Director QLS Solicitor Support Queensland Law Society

Adjunct Professor, School of Law and Justice, University of Southern Queensland

Stafford was admitted as a solicitor in 1987, after admission he practised for a number of years in partnership and subsequently as a sole practitioner. Between 2004 and 2008 he worked as a consultant to a number of law practices. In 2008 he joined the Queensland Law Society as an Ethics Guidance Officer. Between 2015 and 2020 Stafford served as Director, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre.

In October 2019 Stafford was appointed as Legal Practitioner Director of QLS Solicitor Support Pty Ltd, a wholly owned incorporated legal practice of Queensland Law Society.

Stafford is the executive editor of the Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules 2012 in Practice: A Commentary for Australian Legal Practitioners and has written extensively on legal ethics.

Stafford is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and Justice, University of Southern Queensland and a sessional member at the Queensland University of Technology. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws (Commercial and Corporate) from the University of Queensland, a postgraduate certificate in arbitration and mediation from the University of Adelaide. Stafford is also a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).