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Program – Selected Keynotes

57 mins **Keynote Address - Navigating Technology & Trust in Legal Practice**

As AI becomes increasingly embedded in the tools of legal practice, the profession faces a challenge that goes beyond technology adoption. Every decision a solicitor makes about how AI is used in their practice - how clients are identified, how matters are handled, how advice is communicated, and who is accountable for the outcome - is a decision about trust.

The Honourable Victor Dominello spent nearly fifteen years building trustworthy digital services - at scale - in the highly complex and risk-averse environment of the NSW state government.

Before earning global recognition for his work leading one of the world's most successful digital service transformations, Victor Dominello practised for over a decade as a partner in a commercial law firm. He knows what it means to carry a client's trust, to navigate complex matters on their behalf, and to bear full professional responsibility for the result.

Now advising organisations worldwide on modernising services and embedding trust in an increasingly digital world, this session draws on his globally recognised frameworks to explore what it means to design trust into a legal practice, and what leaders at every level of the profession need to consider now.

Presenter: **The Honourable Victor Dominello**, CEO, Future Government Institute

Facilitator: **Matt Dunn**, CEO, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Cosi De Angelis**, General Manager Transaction Banking, Business & Private Bank, ANZ

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60 mins **Resolving Complexity through Interconnection: Legal Practice, Courts, and Emerging Technologies**

In this session the former Chief Justice of Australia, the Hon Susan Kiefel AC, and the former Senior Judge Administrator of the Supreme Court of Queensland, the Hon Glenn Martin AM, will discuss their experience of interconnected approaches to the resolution of complex legal questions, the role courts play within an interconnected legal system, including the approaches courts have taken, and will be required to take, in relation to emerging technologies, and the leadership challenges faced by judges and courts within our ever-evolving legal system.

Presenters:

The Honourable Susan Kiefel AC KC

The Honourable Glenn Martin AM

Discussant: **The Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington AM**, Federal Court of Australia

Chair: **Peter Jolly**, President, Queensland Law Society



63 mins **Mind your own business: Examining the new statutory tort of privacy and its intersection with the traditional law of defamation**

The new statutory tort for serious invasion of privacy marks a fundamental shift. This session explores the implications through an examination of the relevant cause of action and defences, including exemptions, alongside jurisdiction and remedies with emerging judicial interpretation. It asks the question: how does this new privacy tort reshape the balance between an individual right to privacy, the freedom of expression and its potential to transform the collection, access and use of personal information in Australia?

Presenters:

The Honourable Justice Patrick McCafferty KC, Supreme Court of Queensland

The Honourable Peter Applegarth AM KC, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland

Chair: **Sophie Robertson**, Special Counsel, Bartley Cohen Litigation Lawyers





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60 mins **Ethics and interconnection: a not so trivial challenge**

The Legal Services Commissioner leads a closing conversation that draws together the threads of Interconnected. As practitioners navigate careers shaped by dissolving boundaries between practice areas, and professional roles, what holds firm and what must evolve? This session explores the ethical compass required when tradition meets innovation, when technology intersects with human judgment, and when the interconnected challenges of contemporary practice demand new ways of thinking about professional responsibility and service delivery.

Presenters:

His Honour Judge Nicholas Adreatidis KC, District Court of Queensland

Commissioner Megan Mahon, Legal Services Commission

Chair: **Murray Walter**, Director, Partnerships Australia, Dye & Durham

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Bonus Ethics sessions:

31 mins **Connecting with Colleagues; conflict, courtesy and keeping it collegial**

Lawyers are the face of our legal system, and the general public takes their view of how credible the system is based on the way practitioners engage, especially with each other. It is therefore vital that we interact in a professional, ethical and collegial fashion. This session will cover the importance of courtesy, collegiality, and dealing with conflict in an appropriate way.

Presenter: **Shane Budden**, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **David Bowles**, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society





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31 mins **Confidentiality: the boundary between professional duties and privacy compliance**

With many law practices coming under the regulation of the Privacy Act for the first time, this session will address:

- AML/CTF and Privacy Act interaction
- Professional duties of confidentiality vs Privacy: Key distinctions
- Privilege – duties to former clients and law enforcement
- What firms need to do before 1 July
- Resources that are available

Presenter: **David Bowles**, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Shane Budden**, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society





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His Honour Judge Nicholas Andreatidis KC

His Honour Judge Nicholas Andreatidis KC has extensive experience across both branches of the legal profession, having practised as a solicitor for 12 years and as a barrister for 20 years. He took silk in 2018. During his time at the Bar, he served as a member of the Queensland Bar Ethics Committee and acted for the Legal Services Commissioner.



The Honourable Peter Applegarth AM KC

Before his appointment to the Supreme Court in 2008, Peter Applegarth was a barrister for 22 years, was retained by media organisations, and acted in high profile defamation cases and public inquiries. During this time, he was active in the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties on freedom of speech issues. In 2024, he retired as a Judge. He teaches media law at UQ and is a PhD candidate at the University of Sydney on the topic of injunctions to stop the disclosure of private information. Peter is a member of Level 17 Chambers and conducts arbitrations, mediations, and case management facilitations in complex litigation.



David Bowles

David was admitted as a solicitor in 1996 and was in private practice from that time until joining Queensland Law Society's QLS Ethics and Practice Centre in November 2012.

David's experience, initially as an employee and then as a sole practitioner includes crime, property, litigation and estate planning. As an ethics solicitor he is responsible for providing ethical guidance to members, and continuing legal education.

He holds postgraduate certificates in Artificial Intelligence from the Said Business School at Oxford University, in Cybersecurity from Harvard University Extension School, in Project Management from the University of Adelaide EdX program and is a director of the Australasian Computer Law Institute.



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Shane Budden

As a Special Counsel in the QLS Ethics and Practice Centre/QLS Solicitor Support Pty Ltd, Shane provides ethical guidance and instruction to practitioners. He contributes significantly to the QLS journal Proctor, both through his regular column and by authoring feature articles. He is also a member of the QUT University Animal Ethics Committee.

Shane was admitted in 1992 and worked in general practice with a focus on Criminal Law, before moving to in-house work, initially with the Ipswich City Council internal legal team.

Prior to joining QLS he headed up the internal legal team at the Queensland Building Construction Commission/Queensland Building Services Authority and was Chair of the Society's Government Lawyers Committee.



The Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington AM

The Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington AM is a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, appointed in January 2018. Immediately prior to her judicial appointment, she was Dean of the TC Beirne School of Law at The University of Queensland. From 2018 to 2023, she was President of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

She is a leader in international arbitration and maritime law, and her research interests lie in the areas of admiralty jurisdiction and practice, the carriage of goods by sea, and marine insurance. She has authored numerous publications as sole author and jointly, including monographs, book chapters, journal articles and conference papers in the field of maritime law. She has held several positions in various international working groups on Maritime Law. Between 2012 and 2017, she served on the board of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), and from 2015 to 2024 she served as a member of the Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM). Justice Derrington is Chair of the Admiralty Rules Committee and has been a member since 2006, and, in 2024, she was appointed Chair of the United Nations Coordination Committee for Australia (UNCCA).



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The Honourable Victor Dominello

Victor Dominello is a globally recognised leader in public sector transformation and a pioneer of secure, citizen-centred digital identity. Guided by a simple principle—that governments exist to serve people—he champions digital services that are trusted, seamless, and measurable.

As NSW's inaugural Minister for Customer Service and Digital—the first role of its kind worldwide—Victor delivered landmark reforms, including one of the world's first fully digital driver's licences (85% adoption, 93% satisfaction), statewide QR check-ins, digital vaccine certificates, and the Dine & Discover program, which injected over \$1.4 billion into local economies during COVID-19.

During 12 years in Cabinet, The Hon. Victor Dominello held portfolios in Digital Government, Innovation, Finance, and Aboriginal Affairs. He drove transformative initiatives such as Service NSW, the Department of Customer Service, and the \$2.1 billion Digital Restart Fund—reforms now studied internationally as models of high-trust, citizen-focused service delivery.

Today, as CEO of the Future Government Institute, Victor advises governments, the World Bank, and major organisations on modernising services and embedding trust. He is Chair of the Services Australia Independent Advisory Board, Senior Advisor to the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, and Director of the Tech Council of Australia.

Recognised in The Australian's Top 100 Innovators and Okta's Identity 25 global visionaries (celebrated with his image on the Nasdaq Tower in Times Square), Victor is a sought-after keynote speaker at global forums, sharing insights on trusted digital identity, citizen experience, and the evolution from Government 2.0 to Government 3.0.



Matt Dunn

Matt is the Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Law Society (QLS).

Appointed in March 2024, Matt was previously General Manager – Advocacy, Guidance and Governance for QLS. Originally joining QLS in 2005, he departed to take up a national policy leadership role with the Law Council of Australia in 2014, before returning to raise his family in Brisbane.

Matt's extensive industry experience places him in the unique position of having a strong understanding and insight into the issues affecting the modern profession. An advocate for ensuring practitioners have affordable and accessible resources to build and maintain their practice, Matt is proud to be in such a position of trust to guide and enable the profession.



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Peter Jolly

Peter Jolly is a Partner at the Brisbane firm of Thynne + Macartney and heads the firm's Commercial Law Group. He is a Queensland Law Society Business Accredited Law Specialist and chairs the Queensland Law Society Business Law Specialist Accreditation Committee. He was elected to the Council of the Queensland Law Society in 2022 and is currently the Vice President of the Society.



The Honourable Susan Kiefel AC KC

The Hon Susan Kiefel AC served as the 13th Chief Justice of Australia from 2017 to 2023, the first woman to hold the nation's highest judicial office. She was a member of the High Court of Australia for sixteen years, following earlier judicial appointments to the Supreme Court of Queensland, the Federal Court of Australia, and the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island.

She was educated in Queensland and at the University of Cambridge, where she received a Master of Law. Admitted to the Bar in 1975, she became Queensland's first female Queen's Counsel in 1987. Her contributions extend to service as a Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission and leadership roles within the Queensland Bar Association.

During her tenure on the High Court, Chief Justice Kiefel was known for her principled approach to legal reasoning, her commitment to the institutional integrity of the Court, and her authorship of judgments shaping Australian constitutional, administrative, and commercial law. As Chief Justice, she oversaw the Court during significant matters, including the parliamentary eligibility cases and major constitutional litigation.

Her Honour has been widely recognised for her service to the law. She is an Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge, and holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Queensland and the University of Adelaide, as well as a Doctor of the University from Griffith University. Her Honour is a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn, and a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. Her Honour was awarded the Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2011 in recognition of her eminent service to the judiciary and the legal profession.



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Commissioner Megan Mahon

Megan Mahon was appointed the Legal Services Commissioner for Queensland in October 2019.

Megan has a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1996 after completing the five-year articulated clerk scheme. Megan is a Past President of the Queensland Law Society and a former Executive Director of the Law Council of Australia.

Having had a distinguished career in private practice for more than 20 years, Megan's contribution to the profession has often been recognised. She was awarded the QLS 2017 President's Medal, the WLAQ 2009 Woman Lawyer of the Year and appointed as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.



The Honourable Glenn Martin AM

The Hon Justice Glenn Martin AM served on the Supreme Court of Queensland from 2007 until his retirement in 2025. During his judicial career, he held a number of senior leadership roles, including President of the Industrial Court of Queensland and the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission from 2013 to 2020, and later Senior Judge Administrator of the Supreme Court.

Justice Martin was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1979 and appointed Senior Counsel in 1998. His practice extended across multiple jurisdictions, and he appeared in the Supreme Courts of Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, and the Solomon Islands.

He has made an extensive contribution to the Australian Bar. Justice Martin is a life member of both the Bar Association of Queensland and the Australian Bar Association, having served as President of each organisation. He was the inaugural Chair of the Australian Bar Association Advocacy Training Council, Vice Chairman of the International Advocacy Training Council, and the inaugural Chair of the International Council of Advocates and Barristers. He is also a life member of the National Judicial College of Australia.

Within the broader legal community, Justice Martin has served as Vice President of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences, Chair of the Supreme Court Library Committee, and a long-standing member of the Court's Legal Heritage and Financial and Risk Management committees.

In 2013, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the law, particularly through his leadership within the Australian Bar Association, and for his contributions to the Queensland community.



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The Honourable Justice Patrick McCafferty KC



Sophie Robertson

Sophie is a media lawyer and litigator with extensive experience in media and defamation matters.

She provides legal advice to some of Australia's largest media organisations. Sophie also acts for publishers, authors, insurers and private individuals. She was a Board Member of Women in Media Australia from 2019 to 2023. Sophie has been recognised in Best Lawyers in Australia since 2023 in Defamation and Media Law.

Sophie specialises in defamation matters (both plaintiff and defendant), contempt proceedings, non-publication orders, court access applications, urgent injunctions, privacy matters, freedom of information / right to information requests and protecting sources.



Murray Walter

Murray has over 20 years experience in the data and information industry and has held several senior management roles at Dye & Durham since joining the business in 2016. With a background in sales and operational management, these roles include Head of Customer Experience and Operations, General Manager for Dye & Durham Terrain and most recently as Director of Partnerships.

Murray is passionate on delivering high value solutions to customers through innovation and focus on solving problems. A Brisbane local, Murray has a Bachelor of Business from the Queensland University of Technology.