



Commercial Law

Friday 21 March 2025 | 5 hours | 5 CPD points

Without prejudice – navigating the shades of grey

In the search for the commercial outcomes, we understand that negotiation isn't always black and white—it thrives in the grey. Explore and discuss strategies to navigate ambiguity, balance interests, and find creative solutions in complex, high-stakes discussions.

Presenters:

Darren Ho, Consultant, Construction and Infrastructure, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

Rachel De Luchi, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Facilitator: **Jesse Hill**, Senior Professional Development Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



Insolvency – an evolving frontier

In this session we will consider the insolvency landscape in 2025. This session will consider new complications that have arisen for liquidators.

Presenter: **Matthew Hudson**, Director, SV Partners

Chair: **Sam Nelson**, Lawyer, Axia Litigation Lawyers; Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee



Commercial litigation – fundamentals and preparation

In this early career-focused session, we will be delving into essential considerations for matters proceeding to litigation. In this hour, we will cover the unmissable steps of early stages of litigation. You will engage with experts in litigation on how to best prepare yourselves and clients for the dispute resolution process.

Presenters:

Mia Behlau, Director, M Behlau & Associates; Councillor, Queensland Law Society

Toby Boys, Partner, Holding Redlich; Member, Queensland Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; Accredited Specialist (Commercial Litigation) – Qld

Florence Chen, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Caitlin Littleton**, Lawyer, Nurture Law; Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee



The liquidator's dilemma – unscrambling the egg and maximising the return

The reality of insolvency practitioners appointed to companies without assets. The discharge of insolvency practitioners' statutory duties to get in mandatory reports and investigate company's financial affairs often leaves them with significant unpaid work in progress without funding by the ASIC or creditors. We will consider the important role played by the profession in completing recovery work for insolvency practitioners on a speculative basis, legal costs considerations and advising on the legal and ethical standards to be considered by an insolvency practitioner before any recovery proceeding is commenced.

Presenters:

Michael Beirne, Principal, Barclay Beirne Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Business Law) – Qld

James Stokes, Legal Practitioner Director, Stokes Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Business Law) – Qld

Chair: **Matthew Hudson**, Director, SV Partners



Effective operation in the Commercial List

Directly from the Bench, you will hear about the effective operations of the Commercial List within the Court. This session is a discussion that will deal with how the List works both in Brisbane and the regions, as well as the expectations of practitioners who are conducting proceedings on the List. You will have the opportunity to engage directly with the Bench on how to manage in the List.

Presenters:

His Honour Judge Ken Barlow KC, District Court of Queensland

His Honour Judge Rowan Jackson KC, District Court of Queensland

His Honour Judge Bernard Porter KC, District Court of Queensland

Chair: **Toby Boys**, Partner, Holding Redlich; Member, Queensland Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; Accredited Specialist (Commercial Litigation) – Qld

