

## Family Law

Friday 21 March 2025 | 5 hours | 5 CPD points

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### To brief, or not to brief? That is the question

In this interactive session we look at honing the skills of the early career lawyer. We take a look at matters that may come across your desk and what you can do to act in your client's best interest. From initial instructions to brief preparation, this session will increase your confidence as solicitor advocates by helping you identify when you need another set of eyes.

Presenters:

**Samantha Bolton**, Director, Pippa Colman & Associates; Councillor, Queensland Law Society

**The Honourable Colin Forrest SC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**Sarah-Jane MacDonald**, Legal Practitioner Director, MacDonald Law; Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

Chair: **Gemma Kruger**, Lawyer, Lander & Rogers; Member, Future Leaders Committee



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### Kennon – a history and a way forward

Our presenter will consider the history of the family courts' treatment of domestic and family violence in property settlement disputes. Moving through time, this session will identify how the *Kennon* decision has been interpreted, applied and developed by the courts. The session will then turn to the legislative amendments of the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) and the impacts of making family violence an explicit consideration for the court when determining a dispute. This session will consider whether the amendments will impact the standards for a *Kennon* submission and whether there is a real risk that the flood gates will open leading to larger amounts of litigation. This presentation aims to give practitioners a concise understanding of the relevant case law, as well as a couple of practical tips for litigating property disputes.

Presenter: **Damon Hatchett**, Senior Associate, HopgoodGanim Lawyers

Chair: **The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia



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### s.65DAAA Family Law Act – Do you need more keys to open the door?

In this session we will discuss the reconsideration of final parenting orders. Our speakers will consider the substantial changes surrounding the *Rice v Asplund* principles and whether the May 2024 amendments represent the codification of the same.

Presenter: **Trent Waller**, Director, Waller Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

Chair: **Alexandra Moles**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee



### Case Update: FCFCOA

You will be equipped with the latest updates from the Court. You will consider the latest amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) and how the Courts have interpreted the new legislative changes.

Presenters:

**Jeffrey Bunning**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**Allison Caputo**, Head of Dispute Resolution, Michael Lynch Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

Facilitator: **The Honourable Justice Paul Howard**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)

Chair: **Jamie Ford**, Senior Sales Executive, LEAP Family

**Chaired by Major Partner, LEAP**



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### Seeking an urgent response

This session delivered by Senior Judicial Registrars will consider an understanding of the manner in which the Court is assessing requests for urgent listings, and the evidence required to both seek dates and succeed in seeking orders.

Presenters:

**Senior Judicial Registrar Kara Best**, Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia

**Judicial Registrar Shannon Bownds**, Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia

Chair: **Matt Hempstead**, Partner, Barry Nilsson; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee

