

# FAMILY AND CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE

## Program

### FAMILY LAW

**58 min**    **Keeping up with financial statements**

You're doing amazing sweetie, but there's nothing wrong with a refresher! We will consider the key tax and financial terms that could make or break your matters.

We're here to spill the tea on everything you need to know about your clients' assets and tax obligations.

Presenter: **Julie O'Reilly**, Partner, Business Advisory, William Buck

Chair: **Wendy Miller**, Special Counsel, Damien Greer Lawyers, Senior Counsellor, Queensland Law Society; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld, Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee

**Chaired by Major Partner William Buck**



**51 min**    **Doing disclosure justice – uncovering hidden mines and increasing the pie**

This session explores strategies to employ when acting for a client in a financial matter, including reading and interpreting disclosure, to uncover hidden mines before you step on them, to improve the outcome for your client and to minimise harm to your clients as they engage with the family law system.

Presenters:

**Courtney Barton**, Legal Practice Director, Barton Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

**David Young**, Director, Azimuth Partners

Chair: **Monica Busine**, Financial Advisor, William Buck

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## 52 min **Case update: Family Law**

With plenty of new amendments to the legislation, we take a look at some of the most recent authorities from the FCFCOA.

Presenters:

**Trent Waller**, Waller Family Law; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

**Kayla Milana**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Kane Anderson**, Head of Client Relationships, LEAP Family Law

**Chaired by Major Partner LEAP Family Law**



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## 63 min **The art of advocacy in the FCFCOA**

The mark of a great advocate is a combination of exceptional legal knowledge, persuasive communication and strategic decision making.

Join us while we incorporate these elements into our practice so that we can truly master the art of advocacy.

Presenter: **Michael Drysdale KC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **The Honourable Justice Jacoba Brasch**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)



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## 61 min **Family Law amendments in context**

We consider the 6 May 2024 amendments to the Family Law Act, as well as other recent legislative changes that might impact your approach to matters.

We provide context as to why those changes have been legislated and what you could expect in the future.

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

Chair: **Rachael Murray**, Partner, Mills Oakley



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## Presenters



### **Kane Anderson**

#### **Head of Client Relationships, LEAP Family Law**

Kane collaborates with family law firms to ensure they are using the LEAP software to the fullest, by increasing their productivity and efficiency. His role also involves reviewing new and upcoming LEAP Integrations to ensure our clients remain at the cutting edge of legal service.

Drawing upon over six years' experience in corporate and commercial law prior to moving to LEAP, as well as a lengthy involvement in the banking and mercantile sector, Kane blends a keen interest in both results-driven legal work and economic data analysis to help drive LEAP firms' business interests towards more lucrative and efficient outcomes.

Kane enjoys helping LEAP family law firms tackle the ever-evolving challenges presented to them with a heavy emphasis on consistent back-end process improvement, and the incorporation of industry-leading profitability and software solutions to drive effective practice management, helping our clients spend more time doing the things they love about their job.



### **Courtney Barton**

#### **Legal Practice Director, Barton Family Lawyers Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld**

Courtney is a family lawyer, conflict resolution specialist and the founder of Barton Family Lawyers.

Courtney has been working in family law firms since 2008. She graduated from the Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 2009 and was admitted to the profession as a solicitor in June 2011.

For the last 14 years, Courtney has been working tirelessly to assist her clients to achieve certainty and a fresh start following separation.

Courtney has successfully supported thousands of people through their separation journey. Courtney strives to deliver the best practical outcome to each of her clients that makes a positive difference to their lives.

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## **The Honourable Justice Jacoba Brasch**

### **Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)**

Prior to her elevation, Justice Brasch had a national practice in family law, and a Queensland-wide practice in child protection, domestic violence matters and coronial inquests.

Currently, her Honour is a statutory appointee to the Family Law Council, a member of the AIJA Board and a presenter in AIFLAM's arbitration training course.

In 2021 her Honour was President of the Law Council of Australia, having previously served as the Inaugural Chair of the LCA's Family Violence Taskforce, and a long-time member of the Family Law Section Executive. Her Honour was also the Inaugural Chair of the Australian Bar Association's Family Law Committee and Chair of its Access to Justice Committee.

Justice Brasch completed an LLB from QUT with first class honours, and then an LLM at New York University as a Fulbright Scholar and NYU Graduate Merit Scholar. Her Honour completed a PhD at UNSW in 2010, and took Silk in 2014.

In her spare time, Justice Brasch chairs the Queensland Rugby League's Anti-Doping Tribunal and its Tribunal of Final Appeal.



## **Monica Busine**

### **Financial Advisor, William Buck**

Monica is passionate about helping women make smart and confident financial decisions. Throughout her career and specialisation in family matters, Monica observed that a female partner in a relationship would not actively partake in consultations with a financial advisor leaving the male partner to manage their joint interests. Her aim is to empower women to proactively manage their finances. She offers strategic advice for clients considering starting a family, saving for their child's education, managing day-to-day cash flow and debt, financial planning, relationship separation, and wealth protection.

## **Michael Drysdale KC**

### **Barrister, Queensland Bar**

Michael Drysdale has been a practising barrister for more than 20 years. In addition to practising in the family law jurisdiction he enjoys a wider common law practice with particular interest in common law, building and construction cases, commercial law and alternative dispute resolution.

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## **Matt Hempstead**

**Partner, Barry Nilsson**

**Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld**

**Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee**

Matt is experienced across a diverse range of Family Law matters, including property, domestic violence, child support and spousal maintenance.

Matt has specialised in Family Law since his admission in 2011. In 2017, he gained his Specialist Accreditation in Family Law with the Queensland Law Society.

He is an experienced advocate, with a particular interest in complex property, child support and parenting matters. Matt draws on his extensive experience to ensure clients understand the range of alternative dispute resolution options available to suit their circumstances. He is passionate about working with clients to help them focus on their long term goals and what's best for them and their families.

Matt has been named as a Family Law Rising Star in the 2019 to 2023 editions of *Doyle's Guide*.

Matt is a member of the Queensland Family Law Practitioners Association and a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia.



## **Kayla Milana**

**Barrister, Queensland Bar**

Kayla was called to the bar in September 2024 after practising as a lawyer for nine years. She has chambers at Carson Chambers.

Kayla holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and also holds a Bachelor of Arts (Languages & Linguistics) from Bond University. She previously worked as a chambers clerk at Inns of Court working for barristers who practiced in family law, class actions and personal injuries.

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## Wendy Miller

**Special Counsel, Damien Greer Lawyers**  
**Senior Counsellor, Queensland Law Society**  
**Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld**

Wendy holds a Bachelor of Laws and Arts, a Masters in Law and a Masters in Taxation Law. She has been a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist – Family Law since 2001, is an Approved Arbitrator and also a Chartered Tax Advisor.

Wendy specialises in complex financial and property settlements and identifying tax minimising opportunities to maximise financial outcomes presented by a marriage breakdown. She is an expert in asset protection strategies and business succession planning in a family law environment. Wendy is a member of the Family Law Practitioners' Association of Queensland and the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators.



## Rachael Murray

**Partner, Mills Oakley**

Rachael is a Partner and co-manages the Mills Oakley Brisbane Family Law practice. Having worked solely in family law since 2002, Rachael possesses particular expertise and interest in cases involving parties' interests in corporate and trust structures, and relationship planning by use of binding financial agreements. Her practice has a specific focus that includes complex parenting matters involving international parenting disputes, drug and alcohol misuse, cases involving mental health issues and children with special needs.

Rachael is also trained in collaborative law and parenting coordination. In her work as a parenting coordinator, Rachael coaches parents in post-separation communication strategies and conflict resolution. Rachael arms parents with the tools they need to make positive and constructive contributions to their child's development, and helps them avoid the poor outcomes traditionally associated with children who have been exposed to parental conflict.

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## **Julie O'Reilly**

### **Partner, Business Advisory, William Buck**

As a Partner in the Business Advisory division at William Buck, Julie is a divorce and separation specialist, and has family succession and asset structuring as well as having specialised knowledge in relation to the medical and dental industries.

Julie assists clients in all areas of general and specialist practises, assisting them with their tax and business advisory requirements, including establishment, structuring, asset protection, family wealth and growth strategies.

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## **Trent Waller**

### **Director, Waller Family Lawyers Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld**

Trent is an accredited Family Law specialist. He is Director of Waller Family Lawyers, Brisbane. Trent is past president of the Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland and a member of the Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia.

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## **David Young**

### **Director, Azimuth Partners**

David is a specialist accountant in the discipline of business valuation. David is the founder and principal advisor at Azimuth Partners. David commenced his career in 1990 and has been in private practice for the past 27 years.

David's commercial expertise, independence and objectivity has assisted advisors and their clients to solve complex business and commercial issues. David works closely with the legal profession, accountants and financial planners to provide expert opinion and reports on business and entity valuation issues, including a range of commercial, taxation, shareholder and family law property matters. David is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Accountants, Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants and a Professional Member of the Business Valuation Institute UK.

David completes valuation and other expert engagements including critiques of expert reports for clients and their advisors across Australia and Internationally.

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