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## Full Program 2026

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**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



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**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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**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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**60 mins**    **Source of Funds & Source of Wealth: Questions your clients might not like, but you must ask**

Source of Funds and Source of Wealth is central to meeting Tranche 2 customer due diligence obligations, but it's also one of the areas practitioners find most uncomfortable. This session demystifies what AUSTRAC expects of legal practitioners and highlights:

- what constitutes reasonable, proportionate inquiry and documentation
- how to scale your inquiries to client and matter risk, and
- what evidence is sufficient in low, medium and high risk situations.

Learn how to ask the necessary questions, record the answers effectively, and strike the right balance between regulatory obligations and client relationships.

Presenter: **Katie Miller**, Deputy CEO, Regulation, AUSTRAC

Chair: **Lynette Barlow**, General Manager, Sales, InfoTrack

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**60 mins**    **A Guide to the AUSTRAC Starter Kit: Practical Steps for Legal Practices**

The AUSTRAC industry-specific AML/CTF Program Starter Kits are designed to help small, low-complexity legal practices prepare for their obligations under Tranche 2. These kits will provide templates for an AML/CTF Program and a Money Laundering/Terrorism Financing (ML/TF) Risk Assessment as well as accompanying AML/CTF policies for typical small legal practices. But templates are just the beginning—not the finish line. In this practical session, Grant Thornton Partner Neil Jeans will guide practitioners through the Starter Kit's key components, demonstrating how to adapt and implement the template for your specific practice.

- What's actually in the Starter Kit and what it doesn't cover
- How to customise the templates for your practice area and client base
- How to integrate the Starter Kit into your existing workflows and systems without over-engineering

Presenter: **Jessica Smith**, Director, Risk Consulting, Grant Thornton

Facilitator: **Amy Hayes**, Director, Licensing, Operations & Policy, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Dylan Maclou**, Special Projects - AML/CTF, Leap Legal Software

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**59 mins**    **Electronic Real Property Transactions: Tips and traps from life in the Matrix**

In the rapidly evolving digital landscape of Queensland's property law (much like navigating the simulated reality of The Matrix) today's practitioners must master the art of electronic transactions to avoid glitches that could kill transactions.

This presentation delves into the intricacies of electronic contracts, communications, and signatures, in real property dealings, drawing on recent developments to offer actionable tips and highlight potential traps that could leave parties (and practitioners) exposed.

Presenter: **Joshua Fox**, Founder & Director, Foxlaw Pty Ltd

Chair: **Cheryl Dixon**, Executive Account Manager, PEXA

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## 61 mins **Property Law Act 2023 in Practice - 6 Months On**

This panel session will review the Property Law Act 2023 and its practical impact. Queensland's leading property practitioners will examine key changes in conveyancing practice and procedure, industry approaches to preparing disclosure statements, and the extent to which buyer's practitioners can rely on prescribed certificates attached to Seller Disclosure Statements. The discussion will also cover updates to precedent contracts, options, and leases arising from the Act.

Presenters:

**Billy Dent**, National Sales Director, First Title

**Warren Denny**, Partner, Piper Alderman, Accredited Specialist (Property Law) - Qld

**Peter Nugent**, Partner, Piper Alderman

Chair: **Despina Priala**, Director and Legal Practitioner, Priala Legal



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## 60 mins **Navigating therapeutic and assessment options in family law**

This session provides a structured overview of key interventions in family law contexts. It begins with outlining what each intervention entails, when it is appropriate, expected outcomes, and limitations. A comparative matrix will visually highlight differences in purpose, timing, professional scope, and outcomes.

The interactive Q&A will allow participants to explore case-based scenarios, such as managing resistance to child contact or determining developmental appropriateness for child-inclusive models. The session aims to deepen understanding of clinical rationale, implications for court-involved matters, and best-practice psychoeducation, equipping professionals with practical insights for informed decision-making.

Presenter: **Hollie Thompson**, Psychologist and Family Report Writer, Family Psych Matters

Chair: **Judicial Registrar Natalie De Campo**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia





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**59 mins**    **Migration and Family Law: Complexities of visas, family violence and parenting**

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This presentation explores the intersections of family law and migration law, drawing on insights from the Women's Legal Service Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Violence Program (TPV). It examines the challenges faced by women on temporary visas who experience family violence or require parenting assistance, including differing definitions of family violence under Queensland law and federal Migration Regulations, evidentiary hurdles in accessing visa provisions, and the serious issue of misidentification in protection orders.

The session also addresses complexities around parenting and immigration, such as the status of children born in Australia to visa holders and visa pathways for parents of Australian citizen children following relationship breakdowns, where no automatic right to remain exists.

Presenters:

**Kathryn Smith**, Senior Supervising Solicitor (Migration), Women's Legal Service Queensland, Accredited Specialist (Immigration Law) - Qld

**Tamara Anand**, Lawyer, Women's Legal Service Queensland, Accredited specialist (Family law) - Qld

Chair: **Adele Bentham**, Special Counsel, Best Wilson Buckley Family Law



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**31 mins**    **Family law case update**

A Symposium staple returns for practitioners that may need a refresher on the latest authorities from the Federal Circuit and Family Court. Our presenter will take you through a lightning round session providing the highlights of cases that you need to be aware of 2026.

Presenters:

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

**Blake Hatchman**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Jennifer Veitch**, Partner - Forensic Accounting, Pilot Partners





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**57 mins**    **Cybercrime in 2026 and beyond: Deepfakes, AI, and the expanding digital frontier**

Cybercrime is developing faster than almost any other area of criminal law. As technology becomes more deeply embedded in daily life, the distinction between the digital and physical worlds is increasingly blurred. This session explores how that shift is reshaping the practice of criminal law and what lawyers need to be ready for as we move into 2026 and beyond.

A central focus will be the new Commonwealth offence under section 474.17A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth), which came into effect on 3 September 2024. This provision criminalises the transmission of sexual material without consent, including deepfakes and other digitally altered images. It marks one of the first legislative steps in Australia to directly address the criminal use of artificial intelligence.

The session will look at what this offence means in practice, the challenges it presents for investigators and defence practitioners, and how it fits within the broader spectrum of emerging technology-related crimes.

Presenters:

**Amy Soong**, Legal Practice Director & Notary Public, Ashworth Lawyers

**Michael Bonasia**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**Professor Ryan Ko**, Director, UQ Cyber Research Centre, University of Queensland

Chair: **Lisa Fernandes**, FirstAML

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**31 mins**    **Reforms to sentencing for sexual matters**

Reforms to sentencing are underway for sexual matters following the introduction of the Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

This Bill makes significant changes and criminal law practitioners need to know how to respond to the new scheme including, for example, presenting references in sexual assault sentences. You will receive information on the new scheme and specifically how references are going to be seen to be relevant if they address rehabilitation and re-offending factors.

Presenter: **Dan Rogers**, Principal and Legal Director, Robertson O’Gorman Solicitors; Member, Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council

Chair: **Evan O’Hanlon-Rose**, Senior Associate, Robertson O’Gorman Solicitors





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## 62 mins **Insights from a Ballistics Expert Witness**

With 40 years of policing, forensic firearms and toolmark investigations experience, Gerard is recognised as one of Australia's leading ballistics experts. Gerard's work has covered crime scene reconstruction and expert testimony in courts across Australia, New Zealand and Norway and his work has contributed to hundreds of cases including the Port Arthur massacre and the Ivan Milat murders. This session will provide attendees with interesting insights, practical take aways and is a must see for all criminal law practitioners.

Presenter: **Gerard Dutton**, Forensic firearms and toolmarks consultant

Chair: **Jason Murakami**, Director of Family Law/Domestic Crime and Violence Division, Behlau Murakami Grant; Adjunct Professor of Law



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## 60 mins **Succession Keynote**

Her Honour's address will consider the evolution of succession practice. You will be invited to reflect on the interconnected natures of areas of practice, and how we evolve with our clients.

Presenter: **The Honourable Justice Rebecca Treston**, Supreme Court of Queensland

Chair: **Bryan Mitchell**, Principal, Mitchells Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) – Qld



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## 59 mins **Broken promises, shattered dreams & estate estoppel claims**

This session will examine the recent and rapid development of equitable estoppel claims in the context of deceased estates to enforce promises. The leading High Court decision of *Kramer v Stone* clarifies the doctrine of equitable estoppel by encouragement and its far-reaching application. Estate planners will gain insight into additional questions that must be asked during the interview process. Estate litigators will find another angle to assist a disappointed beneficiary.

Presenter: **Bryan Mitchell**, Principal, Mitchells Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) - Qld

Chair: **Jon Wiedman**, Director, Hede Byrne & Hall Lawyers; Councillor, Queensland Law Society





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## 61 mins **Happy Birthday District Court Practice Direction No. 8 of 2001**

Litigation of small estates is generally discouraged, but, nevertheless, practitioners encounter these matters regularly. Family Provision Applications involving small estates can present significant challenges as legal costs can be disproportionate to the value of the estate.

This topic, inspired by the 25th Anniversary of PD 8/2001, speaks to the substantially changed and improved conduct of FPAs. It is considered that the PD continues to achieve its heroic objectives, but we are left to wonder about small estates. Is there more we can do?

This session will explore innovative strategies and technology that may now be implemented to achieve the objectives of the Practice Direction.

Presenters:

**Jeneve Frizzo**, Director, The Will & All, Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) - Qld

**Arabella Kullack**, Special Counsel, The Will & All, Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) - Qld

Chair: **Karen Gaston**, Barrister, Queensland Bar; Member, Queensland Law Society Succession Law Committee



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## 59 mins **Roundtable discussion: Unpacking Queensland's Trust reforms**

An expert overview of Queensland's landmark reforms: the Trusts Act 2025 (Qld) and Property Law Act 2023(Qld). This session explores key changes impacting trustees, beneficiaries, property transactions, and legal practice.

Presenters:

**Karen Gaston**, Barrister, Queensland Bar; Member, Queensland Law Society Succession Law Committee

**Chelsea Baker**, Legal Practitioner Director, Baker Hastings Lawyers, Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) - Qld; Member, Succession Law Committee

Chair: **Jesse Hill**, Education Solicitor, Queensland Law Society





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## 40 mins **The Power of Pro-Bono: Opportunities and Challenges**

As a profession, we proudly boast our pro bono contribution. However, navigating and managing pro bono work can be challenging at a professional and personal level. This is a practical, generalist session designed to highlight the pro bono opportunities for solicitors and the benefits of 'giving back', while acknowledging the challenges that face our regional and remote community.

Presenters:

**Dan Rogers**, Principal and Legal Director, Robertson O’Gorman; Member, Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council

**Professor Tamara Walsh**, Director, UQ Pro Bono Centre, University of Queensland

**Andrew O’Brien KC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar



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## 34 mins **First Nations Perspectives on Generative AI**

This presentation explores the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP), examining key considerations, opportunities and responsibilities in the respectful use and protection of Indigenous knowledge in digital and AI-driven contexts.

Presenters:

**Stephanie Parkin**, Founder & Principal Solicitor, Parallax Legal

**Cassie Lang**, Founder & Principal Solicitor, Parallax Legal

**Millie Russell**, Managing Partner, Russells





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**60 mins**    **Lingo and the law: Bridging the generational gap and speaking each other's language**

Our presenters explore the challenges and opportunities presented by intergenerational communication in the legal profession, focusing on how language, tone, and communication preferences vary between generations — from Boomers to Gen Z — and what this means for legal practice, law reform, and access to justice.

In an age where language is rapidly evolving and digital platforms shape how people speak and interact, the legal profession faces a unique challenge: how to ensure that legal advice, advocacy, policy, and workplace communication remain effective, relevant, and inclusive across generations.

Presenters:

**Georgia Coen**, Lawyer, Travis Schultz & Partners

**Shelby Bennett**, Lawyer, Travis Schultz & Partners

Chair: **Ann-Maree David**, National Executive Director, College of Law

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**50 mins**    **Practising law at the periphery: Professional realities, responsibilities & opportunities for solicitors in remote, small-town Queensland**

This presentation will examine the distinctive nature of legal practice in remote and small-town Queensland, exploring how solicitors adapt to broader practice scopes, navigate heightened community visibility, and respond to unique ethical, cultural, and professional challenges. It will also consider the evolving role of technology, cross-sector collaboration, and legal innovation in enhancing access to justice for individuals and communities who might otherwise be excluded from the legal system.

Presenters:

**Louise Prychidczuk**, Principal Solicitor, Clearwater Law

**Mathai Joshi**, Senior Associate, Connolly Suthers Lawyers; President, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee; Member, Queensland Law Society Access to Justice and Pro-Bono Committee

Chair: **Marian Morgan-Bindon**, CEO, Supreme Court Library Queensland





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## 60 mins **Implications of the Pascua Fair Work decision**

On 27 June 2025, the Full Bench of the FWC handed down a decision on the question of whether Ms Joanna Pascua, a paralegal working remotely in the Philippines for a law firm based in Queensland, was unfairly dismissed and could thereby receive compensation under the Fair Work Act.

Ms Pascua worked as a paralegal for a law firm. The firm operated solely out of premises in Queensland, Ms Pascua lived and performed work from in the Philippines at her home. The Full Bench found that employees based overseas can apply to the Fair Work Commission (“Commission”) for unfair dismissal, so long as they have a direct contractual relationship with an Australian employer that controls the performance of their work.

The decision may have a major impact on cross-border outsourcing arrangements both within and without the legal industry. Our presenter will speak to some of the many implications it could have for industry.

Presenters:

**Andrew Ross**, Partner, Longton Blackwell

**Stephen Hughes**, Partner, Longton Blackwell

Chair: **Kate Brodnik**, Principal Policy Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



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## 43 mins **The issue of geographical disadvantage and access to justice**

With advances in the use of artificial intelligence and technology, the accessibility of free legal support is rapidly increasing for those that cannot afford private legal representation. Despite this, access to justice remains a large societal problem. This session is an intensive that considers multiple factors that contribute to the challenges of access to justice.

Presenters:

**Judy Harrison**, Director, Harrison Clarke Pty Ltd; Lecturer, Charles Darwin University

**Kylie Bell**, Manager (Regional Courts), Legal Aid Queensland

**Paxton Brown**, Legal Practitioner, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld)

Chair: **Mark Fenlon**, Practice Manager, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator; Member, Law Council of Australia’s Remote, Rural and Regional Committee





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## 63 mins **Personal Injury Law Case Update: Year in Review**

This session will be an overview of case law and its defining principles. This session will be unmissable for practitioners that may not be up to date on their case law.

Presenters:

**Jessica McClymont KC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**Clare Eves**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Eduardo Cruz**, Partner, CZ Injury Law



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## 60 mins **Red flags for the non-personal injury lawyer**

This session is presented in an interactive Q&A style to close out our conference. Our presenters will hear your concerns and your troubles with the jurisdiction and assist you in getting access to the information and insight that you will need for clients.

This session is designed to triage and identify problems, either proactively or preventatively. You are not expected to be a personal injuries lawyer, but successful, holistic analysis of a legal problem will allow you to point your client in the right direction.

Presenter: **Anna Morgan**, Director, Take Control Legal

Chair: **Erin Mitchell**, Director, Potts Lawyers





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## Presenters

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### **Tamara Anand**

Tamara was admitted as a solicitor in 2007 and has dedicated her career exclusively to family law. As a QLS Accredited Specialist in Family Law, she combines high-level technical expertise with professional recognition. With over 10 years of experience in private practice, Tamara later joined a specialised family violence litigation team at the Women's Legal Service including working within their Temporary Visa Program which provides migration, family law and domestic violence assistance to women on temporary visas who are experiencing family violence.

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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.

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### **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.

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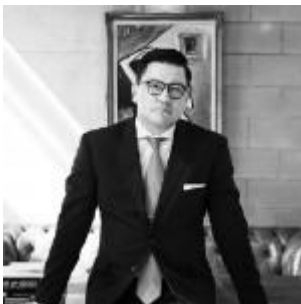
## Chelsea Baker

Chelsea Baker is a Queensland based succession law solicitor practising in complex estate planning, contested administration and estate litigation. She is also appointed as an Independent Administrator by the Supreme Court of Queensland where disputes have arisen between parties during the administration of estates. Her experience extends to complex grants of representation, trusts, superannuation, guardianship matters (including investigations into breaches of duties by attorneys) and statutory trustee matters. Chelsea is also trained in Collaborative Practice for Wills and Estates, a form of dispute resolution focused on interest based negotiations. In the last three years, Chelsea has been recognised as a Rising Star in the Doyle's Guide category of Wills, Estates & Succession Planning. In 2024 and again in 2025, Chelsea was also a Finalist for Senior Associate of the Year (SME) in the Lawyers Weekly national Women in Law Awards. Most recently, Chelsea was also a Finalist for Queensland Solicitor of the Year in the Queensland Law Society Excellence Awards for 2025.



## Lynette Barlow

Lynette Barlow is a respected industry voice in legal technology, currently serving as the General Manager of Sales at InfoTrack. With over 12 years of experience in the industry, she has played a pivotal role in driving business growth, digital transformation, and the adoption of AI-powered solutions within the legal sector. With a unique ability to translate complex technological advancements into real-world value for legal practices across Australia, she continues to shape the future of legal technology, inspiring professionals to embrace innovation in an evolving digital landscape.



## Ron Behlau

Ron Behlau is a Partner of Behlau Murakami Grant, Adjunct Professor of Law at Griffith University and member of the QLS First Nations Consulting Committee. In 2022, Ron along with partners Jason Murakami and Shane Grant, established the Behlau Murakami Grant Art Prize, a prestigious portraiture competition for Queensland College of Art & Design students aimed at highlighting contemporary social justice issues. Winners of the ArtPrize have included Sky Parra, Anne Weston and most recently, Meanjin based emerging artist Jori Etuale, for his work depicting climate campaigner, President of the Asia Pacific Youth Parliament for Water and co-founder of the Future Ancestors Program: Pasifika Young People in Politics, Mary Maselina Harm.



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## **Kylie Bell**

Kylie Bell is the Executive Director of Regional Services at Legal Aid Queensland, leading service delivery for 13 regional offices across Queensland.

Kylie has practiced exclusively in criminal law for more than 20 years and brings an understanding of how the justice system impacts vulnerable people and communities, together with region-specific challenges such as workforce attraction and retention, disaster related effects, and the impact of geography on access to services. Admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2001, Kylie brings more than two decades of experience to leadership of multidisciplinary regional teams and a keen interest in both improving sustainability for regional practitioners while strengthening justice outcomes for clients in rural, regional and remote communities.



## **Shelby Bennett**

Shelby is an early-career lawyer at Travis Schultz & Partners and an up-and-comer in the legal space.

Shelby graduated from the University of the Sunshine Coast with a Bachelor of Laws in 2024. While studying, she worked as a paralegal for Travis Schultz, before gaining her admission to the legal profession in June 2024.

Since being admitted as a lawyer, Shelby has been working closely with managing partner Travis Schultz on a range of complex claims including motor vehicle accidents, workers' compensation, public liability and professional negligence claims. She finds it rewarding to help injured people navigate the legal process and receive a fair outcome. She also has an interest in legal research and has provided research contributions to numerous papers.

Shelby was drawn to TSP after seeing the firm's dedication to community initiatives and is keen to continue giving back.

Outside of the office, Shelby loves going to the beach, attempting to improve her surf skills, and spending quality time with her friends and family.



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## **Adele Bentham**

Adele brings more than 15 years of dedicated experience in family law, underpinned by a genuine passion for guiding people through some of life's most challenging moments with clarity and compassion.

Her career spans over nine years in private practice, where she advised across family law, property law, wills and estates, and elder law which assisted in developing a well-rounded, strategic approach to complex and emotionally sensitive matters. She then transitioned into the community legal sector, providing critical advice and advocacy in domestic and family violence matters, family law proceedings, and the protection of counselling records of victims of sexual assault.

In this role, Adele worked closely with women on temporary visas experiencing domestic and family violence, helping them navigate both family law and domestic violence systems with confidence and dignity during incredibly vulnerable times.

Today, as Special Counsel at Best Wilson Buckley Family Law, Adele combines technical excellence with deep empathy. She is known for empowering her clients with clear, practical advice and the knowledge they need to make confident, informed decisions about their future and their families.



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## Michael Bonasia

Michael was called to the bar in 2011 and has since developed a robust practice, advising and appearing in matters across Queensland, interstate, and Commonwealth Courts. He specialises in all aspects of criminal law, with a particular focus on offences involving computers and information technology.

Prior to a life in the law, Michael undertook studies in computer technology and software engineering. With that experience and knowledge, he possesses a unique perspective on the legal landscape, particularly in dealing with technology-based crime.

While his practice is predominantly in criminal defence, Michael is regularly briefed by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, particularly in cases involving human exploitation.

His expertise in criminal law, especially in the rapidly evolving fields of cybercrime and human exploitation, positions him as a sought-after advocate in both defence and advisory capacities. His dedication to staying at the forefront of technological advancements ensures that his clients receive cutting-edge representation.

Michael is also committed to community service. He regularly speaks at PACT (Protect All Children Today) recruitment sessions on criminal trials and the role of defence counsel, sharing his insights and experiences with future witness support services. Additionally, he serves as a volunteer lawyer at Caxton Legal Centre, providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need.

Before being called to the bar, Michael gained invaluable experience serving as Judge's Associate to her Honour Judge Ryrie in the District Court. This role honed his legal acumen and provided him with a deep understanding of courtroom proceedings and judicial decision-making.



## 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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## **Kate Brodnik**

Kate Brodnik is a Principal Policy Solicitor at the Queensland Law Society. She works closely with several QLS legal policy committees, including the Industrial Law Committee, supporting their responses to law reform issues on behalf of QLS members. Kate joined QLS in 2016 and brings a background in personal injuries litigation.



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## **Paxton Brown**

Paxton was admitted to the legal profession in 2020 while employed at the Department of Youth Justice, having commenced as an accredited Restorative Justice Convenor in 2018. In 2020, she relocated to Mount Isa to work as a Case Worker, gaining significant experience supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged clients.

In 2021, Paxton commenced practice at the Aboriginal & Torres Strait islander Legal Service, where she developed extensive advocacy and court experience representing some of Queensland's most disadvantaged clients across rural and remote communities in Mount Isa and the broader Gulf region. She regularly appeared in high-volume circuit court lists, including Cloncurry, Normanton, Doomadgee and Mornington Island.

After three years in Mount Isa, Paxton returned to Brisbane, where she continues her legal practice at the Aboriginal & Torres Strait islander Legal Service, with a strong commitment to access to justice and client-focused representation.



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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.



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## Georgia Coen

As an early career lawyer, Georgia brings a sense of enthusiasm and positivity to the legal profession. Beginning her career in the legal industry in 2020, Georgia experienced a variety of practice areas while studying for her dual degree of Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) and Bachelor of Criminology and Justice. After working with Barristers and alongside a Judge of the District Court, she has chosen to go down the path of personal injury law with Travis Schultz & Partners after witnessing first-hand how lawyers in this field provide vital legal assistance while helping people feel heard and empowered during some of the most challenging times of their lives. She is keen to pursue fair outcomes for all clients with compassion and kindness. Ever the optimist, even in the face of complex situations, her willingness to achieve resolution makes her an asset in the Travis Schultz & Partners team of expert lawyers.



## Eduardo Cruz

Eduardo was admitted as a solicitor in November 2004 and has worked exclusively with a culturally diverse client base since 2002. He is extremely motivated to utilise his versatile legal training and experiences to assist members of our community that have limited access to and/or knowledge of the legal and social system. His professional and life experiences have moulded him into a versatile and resourceful professional. Through his legal practice and life experiences he contributes to the development of a better society. Eduardo has been involved with the Queensland Law Society's Accident Compensation and Tort Law Committee since 2017. He is actively engaged in procedural and legislative reform across motor vehicle accident insurance, workers' compensation, public liability insurance and historical sexual abuse claims. He volunteers as General Counsel for Australia's fastest growing charity Serving Our People. He is also a Board Member for youBelong Australia, a leading charity that welcomes and empowers refugees. In July 2024 he was appointed as the Consul of the Republic of El Salvador. He has previously worked in two national firms and for WorkCover Queensland managing a section of its common law division.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **Ann-Maree David**

Ann-Maree David is an Executive Director of The College of Law, the largest provider of practice- focused legal education in Australasia. She has worked across public and corporate sectors, in private practice as a solicitor and as a non-executive director. Ann-Maree has a passion for empowering others to see and achieve their potential so they might lead the life they really want (not just the one they've trained for). While she no longer practises law, she has dedicated her career to helping those who do. Ann-Maree volunteers her time advocating for greater equity, diversity and inclusion. Her work has been recognized through the conferral of awards and honors.



## **Cosi De Angelis**

Cosi is the General Manager Transaction Banking for Business & Private Bank at ANZ, with a professional banking career spanning 35 years. In his current role, he oversees the positioning of business banking products, payments solutions and the delivery of ANZ's Commercial Professional Services and Franchise Banking propositions.

Cosi is also responsible for and passionate about educating small businesses and corporates on cyber security.

Previously, Cosi served as the Head of Third-Party Asset Finance at ANZ, Head of Broker at Esanda and led the Third-Party Channel at Bank of Queensland. Earlier in his career, Cosi held various senior business roles at NAB, including Senior Credit Executive.

Cosi holds an MBA from the University of New England and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Judicial Registrar Natalie De Campo

National Judicial Registrar De Campo leads the operation of the National Strategic Framework for Information Sharing within the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, as part of the National Operations team. Natalie works directly with state and territory child protection agencies, police and the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department on information sharing, co-location and other legal issues which arise in the context of the intersection between family law and state and territory police and child protection agencies. Natalie provides expertise in a range of legal policy matters related to children, family violence and risk within the Courts.

Prior to appointment as National Judicial Registrar, Natalie worked as part of the Queensland Law Society Legal Policy team. Natalie has experience in both Commonwealth and state government roles in law reform, legislative reviews and policy and has practiced as a solicitor in family law and child protection, including at the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT). Before commencing legal practice, Natalie was a Legal Associate to Justices Loughnan and Johnston of the Family Court.



## Warren Denny

Warren has over 30 years' experience advising clients on a wide variety of real estate transactions.

Warren is highly skilled in the preparation and negotiation of all common real estate transactions, including leasing, acquisition and sales. Warren's capability also extends to more complex transactions such as off the plan developments including volumetric title and stage developments, development and fund through agreements, put and call options, acquisition and sale of property subject to leases, the acquisition of development sites and large commercial property transactions.

Warren acts for clients across all sectors of real estate, including property development, real estate investment trusts, the fund management industry, air and seaports, and particular service industries such as the dental industry and management rights.

Warren is a Queensland Law Society accredited specialist in Property Law and for many years has been recognised by Best Lawyers in Australia in Real Property and Leasing Law.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **Billy Dent**

Billy Dent has expertise in commercial property transactions, financial solutions, deal structuring and insurance.

He currently leads the commercial property department for First Title, a global specialist title insurance company. First Title specialise in risk mitigation, deal facilitation and protection for institutional and private property purchasers and major bank and non-bank lenders.

Title Insurance is commonly ordered by lawyers on behalf of their clients and is available for residential or commercial transactions and provides cover for purchasers under the new seller disclosure regime.



## **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).



# SYMPOSIUM



## Cheryl Dixon

Cheryl Dixon GAICD is an Executive Account Manager at Property Exchange Australia (PEXA) and an experienced transformational change leader with over 20 years' experience across financial services, property, legal and not-for-profit sectors. She has led large-scale digital and organisational transformation initiatives, working closely with law firms, financial institutions and industry bodies to deliver sustainable, customer-centric outcomes.

Cheryl brings deep expertise in strategy, governance, stakeholder engagement and operational excellence. She is also a Professional Coach accredited through the Australian Institute of Professional Coaching, and is known for translating complex change into practical, executable outcomes. Alongside her executive role, Cheryl serves as a board member for sporting and community organisations and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



## 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.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **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.



## **Gerard Dutton**

Sergeant Gerard Dutton retired from Tasmania Police in January 2025; 37+ of his 40 years in policing working exclusively in forensic firearms and toolmarks investigation.

He has written and published in excess of 100 articles and papers on a wide range of topics relating to his work. Gerard continues to present at forensic science symposia and has taught his profession all around Australia and in other countries.

Despite retirement, he remains engaged in his profession, continuing his Assistant Editor roles for the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners technical/forensic journal and the Australian Police Journal.

He was awarded Life Membership of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society in 2023.

Gerard has given expert evidence on firearm related cases in courts of all jurisdictions in Australia and overseas on many hundreds of occasions.



## **Clare Eves**

Clare was called to the Bar in 2024.

Prior to transitioning to the private Bar, Clare practiced in both Australia and the UK, having commenced her legal career in personal injury litigation in 2002 and going on to become admitted as a Solicitor in Queensland in 2010.

Clare has practiced almost exclusively in injury litigation for the duration of her career, specialising in catastrophic injury claims and medical law claims.

Clare is also a nationally accredited mediator.

Clare's practice at the Bar involves all areas of personal injury litigation, medical negligence litigation, coronial inquests and mediation.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Mark Fenlon

Mark is the Prosecutions Practice Manager for Queensland for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. He is the QLS representative to, and Co-Chair of the Law Council of Australia's Regional, Rural and Remote Lawyer's Committee. He is also a member of the Queensland Law Society's Wellbeing Working Group. In 2024, Mark was the recipient of the QLS' Regional Lawyer of the Year Award



## Lisa Fernandes

Lisa Fernandes is First AML's lead consultant within the ANZ law sector. She is highly sought after for her industry knowledge and candid, practical view of how AML plays out in reality, including what technology can and cannot do.

She works closely with firm leaders and compliance teams to guide them through the technology procurement process based on their specific requirements, processes and objectives.

Lisa is known for bringing clarity and confidence to the decision-making process and frequently collaborates with compliance and industry experts across Australia and New Zealand.



## Joshua Fox

Josh Fox is the founder, Sole Director, and Solicitor at Foxlaw, a Queensland-based law firm focused on property law, business law, estate planning and estate administration.

With degrees in Law (including a Master of Laws) and Commerce from the University, Josh has also completed two semesters of study abroad, one at the University of British Columbia in Canada and one at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom.

A passionate speaker and problem-solver, Josh infuses optimism and empathy into discussions on law, business, innovation, travel, psychology, personal development, life, and the future.

His adventures include summiting Mount Kilimanjaro and reaching Everest Base Camp as part of his '100 Things' List.

Josh is currently a Committee Member of the Queensland Association of Collaborative Practitioners and also sits on the PEXA's QLD Advisory Council.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Jeneve Frizzo

Jeneve Frizzo is a QLS Accredited Specialist in Succession Law. She established her own boutique succession law practice The Will & All in Cairns in 2016, and practices solely in inheritance matters. Jeneve is a champion of regional practice, mentor to many, and an enthusiastic presenter of succession law related topics community groups and professional associations.



## Karen Gaston

Karen is a barrister in private practice specialising in litigation involving equity, trusts, wills and estates. Prior to her call to the Bar, she was a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist in succession law, attaining accreditation in 2013.

Karen is particularly interested in estate litigation with a broader commercial focus, such as those concerning rural partnerships, trusts, and equitable remedies, such as undue influence and unconscionable conduct.

In the conduct of litigation which often involves complex law and which is factually dense, Karen is known both for her strategic approach and her attention to detail.



## Judy Harrison

Admitted to legal practice in 1981, decades of experience as a senior lawyer in non-profit legal assistance sectors (including ACT, NT and WA), national NGO leadership, praxis focused legal academic, law reform, legal policy and consulting - especially justice and access to justice. Cross-cutting themes include women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, regional, rural, remote and very remote areas. Currently co-convenor of the National Network of Regional, Rural, Remote and Very Remote Community Legal Services ('4Rs Network') - about 85 organisations and 200 individuals.

Celebrating the United Commission on the Status of Women 70th session (9-19 March 2026) priority theme on access to justice for women and girls and the 2026 International Women's Day theme 'Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls (especially the word 'ALL!'). PhD research is exploring whether human rights are optimised for rights and inclusion of peoples, people and groups in 4Rs areas.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Blake Hatchman

Blake has practiced in Family Law since his admission as a solicitor in boutique firms on the Gold Coast and Brisbane before moving to a national firm in Brisbane. Blake has continued his practice solely in Family Law and Domestic Violence since his call to the Bar in 2023.



## Amy Hayes

Amy Hayes is the Director of Licensing, Operations and Policy at the Queensland Law Society.

Since beginning her legal career in Brisbane, Amy has developed expertise in legal services regulation (including AML/CTF frameworks), compliance and risk management across the United Kingdom and Australia. She has a strong, practical understanding of how AML/CTF obligations intersect with legal practice, particularly conveyancing, and has enjoyed assisting practitioners understand and mitigate the risks of facilitating financial crime.

Amy's current work focuses on ensuring the suitability of legal practitioners in Queensland and supporting the Society's AML/CTF policy work. Looking to the future, Amy is eager to witness the maturation of the AML/CTF regime in Australia, in line with leading foreign jurisdictions.

Amy holds a Bachelor of Laws (QUT), a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, and an International Diploma in Governance, Risk and Compliance (ICA).



## Jesse Hill

Jesse joined the QLS in 2022, prior to this he worked in commercial litigation. Jesse enjoyed his time in litigation and prior to legal practice, he worked in the Queensland Public Service in highly pressurised roles.

Jesse facilitates workshops, seminars and conferences across the Sunshine State. He thoroughly enjoys program design and building education experiences that are relevant and enjoyable to his diverse audiences.

Jesse's focus centres around the practical realities of working within the law, both within the public and private sphere. He uses his industry knowledge to equip practitioners within the tools that they require to maintain the high standard of professionalism expected of them.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **The Honourable Justice Paul Howard**

The Honourable Justice Paul Howard was appointed as a Judge of the Family Court of Australia in April 2021. That Court is now known as the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia – Division 1.

Justice Howard practiced as a Barrister from his Chambers at the Inns of Court in Brisbane from October 1990. Between 2007 and 2021 His Honour served as a Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

Justice Howard was educated in Brisbane at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. He studied law at QIT and completed his Bachelor of Laws in 1985. Prior to being called to the Bar, His Honour worked as a solicitor in Brisbane.

Justice Howard is currently a member of LAWASIA and has served in many different roles in that organisation over the past 20 years.

In 2017, His Honour was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and attended the Federal Judicial Center in Washington DC as a Visiting Foreign Judicial Fellow.



## **Stephen Hughes**

Stephen holds a LLB from UQ & LLM from QUT. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1991, & has >35 years' experience working across employment, health & safety and compensation law. Stephen is also admitted in the High Court of Australia.

In the employment law sphere, Stephen acts for select clients across a full range of workplace relations, industrial relations and employment law matters ranging from front end enterprise bargaining strategizing to back end unfair dismissal and adverse action litigation, HR policy and procedure drafting to anti-bullying and harassment matters, and work health and safety compliance to Notifiable Incident notifications and prosecution defences.

Stephen has been a committee member of the LAWASIA employment group for over 11 yrs.

Stephen is a QLS Accredited Specialist (personal injuries) of over 25 years' standing.

Stephen is a regular presenter at CPD events on personal injuries & employment law in Australia and overseas.



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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.



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## **Mathai Joshi**

Mathai Joshi is a Senior Associate at Connolly Suthers Lawyers based in Townsville, North Queensland, where he practices in criminal defence, domestic and family violence law, and regulatory law.

Mathai is actively involved within the legal profession and is the current President of the QLS Future Leaders Committee and a member of the Access to Justice and Pro-Bono Committee.

Mathai was raised in regional Queensland, and is passionate about regional practice and strengthening legal services in rural and regional communities

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# SYMPOSIUM



## **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.



## **Professor Ryan Ko**

Professor Ryan Ko is Chair Professor of Cyber Security and founding Centre Director of the UQ Cyber Research Centre at The University of Queensland. A Fellow of both the Australian Computer Society and the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences, he has co-authored international standards, drafted New Zealand's national cyber security curriculum, and established its first cyber security lab and national competition. He brings governance and advisory experience with INTERPOL, ORCID, and the governments of Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, and Tonga. Widely published with over 170 works, Professor Ko is internationally recognised for advancing cyber resilience, crime prevention, and cloud security.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **Arabella Kullack**

Arabella is Special Counsel at The Will & All, a boutique inheritance law practice, and previously led a State wide estate litigation practice at a national law firm. Arabella completed her Bachelor of Laws at James Cook University and she is a QLS Accredited Specialist in Succession Law. Arabella holds a Masters of Applied Law majoring in Wills and Estates and is a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, a global community of lawyers specialising in the area of Succession Law. Arabella lectures for Central Queensland University and sits on the Cairns Community Legal Centre board.

## **Cassie Lang**



## **Dylan Maclou**

Dylan Maclou is a Special Projects lead at LEAP Legal Software. Dylan is currently focused on coordinating LEAP's response to the AML/CTF Tranche 2 reforms, including scoping changes to LEAP's core product, overseeing product development, and supporting product rollout and enablement. He also delivers internal training to ensure LEAP teams are prepared to support firms through their Tranche 2 obligations. Dylan has a legal background, with over six years' experience working in law firms in both private practice and in-house roles. He is passionate about helping firms adopt practical technology solutions that reduce inefficiency and improve workflow.



## **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.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **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.



## **The Honourable Justice Patrick McCafferty KC**



# SYMPOSIUM



## **Jessica McClymont KC**

Prior to commencing practice as a barrister, Jessica practised as a solicitor and was a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist in personal injuries law.

She has practised almost exclusively in that area, over the course of her legal career spanning more than 30 years.

Jessica's practice is spread across all aspects of personal injuries law.

She is a panel member of most major insurers and defendants within the Queensland jurisdiction and represents both plaintiffs and defendants.



## **Katie Miller**

Katie Miller is the DCEO, Regulation, AUSTRAC. Katie is responsible for AUSTRAC's regulatory, legal and policy functions. AUSTRAC's regulatory function employs a range of tools, including non-coercive tools such as communication, relationships with reporting entities, guidance, education and feedback following compliance assessments, as well as coercive tools, such as powers to appoint external auditors, issue infringement notices and remedial directions, accept enforceable undertakings and apply to the court for civil penalties. Katie is a lawyer by background and training.



## **Bryan Mitchell**

Bryan Mitchell TEP FTI (BCom LLB LLM LLM (Wills & Estates)) is the managing director of Mitchells Solicitors. He is an Accredited Specialist in Succession Law. Bryan & his firm are recognised leaders in Estate Planning and Estate Litigation in Australia. His practice works exclusively in the areas of Wills, Estates, Trusts & Elder Law. Bryan is a regular presenter throughout Australia and internationally. He is Australasian representative on the worldwide council for STEP; past Chair of STEP Australia; former Chair of STEP Queensland; Deputy Chair for the Queensland Law Society ("QLS") Succession Law Policy Committee; Chair of the QLS Succession Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee and member of the University of Queensland Law School Advisory Board.



# SYMPOSIUM



## **Erin Mitchell**

Erin Mitchell is a Director and senior criminal lawyer at Potts Lawyers, working exclusively in criminal defence and domestic violence law. Erin enjoys assisting clients through the criminal justice system, ensuring they understand their options and are supported throughout the process.

She is the Vice President of the Gold Coast District Law Association and has been a committee member since 2016, where she has assisted with mentoring members of the profession through the GLAD program as well as organising an array of GCDLA events – as she feels passionately about continuing the collegiality of her local legal profession.



## **Anna Morgan**

Anna Morgan is the Director of Take Control Legal. She has practiced for 25 years experience on the Gold Coast and has experience acting for injured people and as insurers or defendants to claim. Anna also founded Expert Witness Coach, an online course guiding professionals on how to become an effective expert witness.



## **Marian Morgan-Bindon**

With a background in the library, information and in the cultural sector here and overseas, Marian brings a strategic and entrepreneurial management style to the role of Supreme Court Librarian and CEO. She has experience working at multiple levels of governments and in the private sector and has held several complementary positions in national and international library committees and associations.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Jason Murakami

Jason Murakami is a partner of Behlau Murakami Grant ILP. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Griffith University, founder of the Griffith University Innocence Project, a Board Member of Griffith University Governing Council and member of the Queensland Law Society's Domestic Violence Committee. In 2025 Jason was a finalist in the Queensland Law Society's Excellence in Law Awards.

Jason completed his legal training at internationally renowned Minter Ellison Lawyers in the late 1990's and is the founding partner of Behlau Murakami Grant ILP.

Jason is considered one of Queensland's leading DNA Lawyers having written many published joint-articles and joint-submissions to the Queensland Government on the topic and litigated DNA issues before the various levels of Courts. Accordingly, he has extensive experience in cross examination of expert witnesses so as to determine relevance, admissibility and or discretion applicability pertaining to expert evidence.



## Peter Nugent

Peter has over 30 years of experience in all aspects of commercial property practice, including residential and commercial property sales and purchases, drafting contracts for and managing bulk conveyancing for property developers, complicated property projects and major mixed-use developments.

Peter also has considerable experience with development and joint venture agreements, financing structures and planning advice.



## Evan O'Hanlon-Rose

Evan is a Senior Associate at Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors where he first began his legal training in 2012.

He returned to the firm after spending 10 years as a prosecutor including as a Senior Crown Prosecutor at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and Principal Prosecutor at the Office of the Work Health & Safety Prosecutor (OWHSP).



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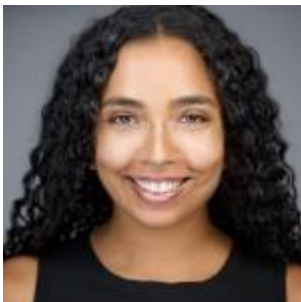
## Andrew O'Brien KC

Andrew advises and appears in cases across the full spectrum of commercial issues with the core of his practice relating to commercial disputes affecting reputation, either between parties or involving regulators. His broad and versatile practice is reflected by his work across all areas of law, except for cases about assessment of Federal taxes and custody of children.

Drawing on a formative background in criminal law, Andrew is frequently briefed in regulatory and disciplinary proceedings, civil penalty cases, inquiries, AML/CTF and to defend the civil confiscation of criminal profits. Andrew is a leading barrister in cases involving corruption and foreign bribery. He has acted in sensitive and high stakes matters for judicial officers, public figures, senior executives, board members and fellow practitioners. He is experienced in working collaboratively with international teams to manage multijurisdictional disputes, extradition cases and INTERPOL related issues.

Before coming to the Bar in 2011, Andrew worked as a Judge's Associate in the Queensland Court of Appeal and practised as a solicitor in criminal, administrative and defamation law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Queensland.

Andrew is a member of the Bar Association's Business and Consumer Law and Professional Indemnity/Professional Standards Committees. He also has an extensive pro bono practice.



## Stephanie Parkin

In early 2022, Stephanie Parkin (Quandamooka) co-founded Parallax Legal to advise in the areas of native title, cultural heritage, governance, intellectual property, Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property, and engagement and protocols. Parallax Legal focuses on bringing perspectives together by working with and advising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and businesses and those who want to work with them. The work of the firm is geared towards establishing best practice standards in any arrangement or project that includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, or use of their knowledge or cultural materials.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Despina Priala

Despina Priala has been practising property law in Queensland for over 31 years. She graduated from Bond University in 1989 and in 1994 Despina was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court in Qld. She is also admitted to the High Court of Australia.

Despina began her career as a lawyer at the Gold Coast's largest law firm in the early 90s, where she worked with leading Qld property players of that era; she then progressed to the position of in-house counsel for the Sunland Group in the early 2000s, during their golden era when they developed Palazzo Versace and Q1 on the Gold Coast.

In 2007 Despina established Priala Legal, a boutique property law firm on the Gold Coast.

In 2021 Despina was recognised as reaching the milestone achievement of 25 years of membership with the QLD Law Society.

In 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2021 Despina became a finalist in the National Lawyers Weekly Annual Awards for Sole Practitioner of the Year.

In 2022 Despina was invited to join the Qld Law Society's Property and Development Law Committee, an honorary role advising on law reform in Qld which she proudly still holds today.

Despina is also a member of the Southport Chamber of Commerce and the Gold Coast District Law Association.

Despina is a regular presenter at various law events and functions.



## Louise Prychidczuk

Louise Prychidczuk is a practicing solicitor with extensive experience delivering legal services in regional and remote Queensland. Arguably one of the most remote practicing solicitors in Queensland Louise has resided and practiced in Weipa for the last 15 years. Over the course of her 20 plus year career, she has advised clients across a broad spectrum of practice areas, including criminal, family, commercial, and property law, often as the sole or principal solicitor within the community. Louise Prychidczuk has served on a number of boards and advisory bodies, contributing to policy development, governance, and initiatives aimed at improving access to justice in rural and remote contexts. Her practice has been defined by a commitment to culturally safe and community-centred service delivery, particularly in regions with significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. Drawing on deep firsthand experience, Louise brings a practitioner's perspective to the complexities, responsibilities, and opportunities inherent in delivering legal services beyond metropolitan centres.



# SYMPOSIUM



## 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.



## Dan Rogers

Dan is an accredited specialist in criminal law and was named as a leading criminal lawyer in Queensland and Australia by Doyle's Leading Lawyers List for the past five years. Dan also represents legal and health professionals facing disciplinary allegations, as well as individuals and companies facing workplace health and safety investigations.

Dan has been published in law journals and has contributed to legal texts on criminal law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters of Law (both with Honours). He has practised across Australia but has also worked at the International Criminal Court (The Hague, Netherlands).

Dan is the former President of Caxton Legal; Queensland's largest community legal centre. He is a member of the ethics committee and the human rights committee of the Queensland Law Society. He is a member of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council, advising the Attorney-General on sentencing matters.

As a solicitor advocate, Dan regularly argues his own cases in the higher courts instead of briefing counsel.



## Andrew Ross

Andrew Ross is a Partner in the Longton Blackwell Employment and Work Health and Safety practice. Andrew is a former Assistant Crown Solicitor with 20 years experience in employment law and work health and safety.

Stephen Hughes is a Partner in Longton Blackwell's Employment Practice with vast experience preparing Enterprise Agreements and litigating employment disputes. Stephen also has deep personal injury law experience.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Millie Russell

Millie Russell is the Managing Partner of Russells and a recognised Queensland dispute resolution specialist. Her practice spans commercial litigation, arbitration, construction and property disputes, corporate insolvency, and directors' and officers' matters. Millie is consistently acknowledged by Doyles Guide, including recognition as a Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Lawyer (2023 - 2025) and Recommended Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyer (2025).

She holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Queensland and the High Court of Australia in 2009. Millie contributes to the profession through her roles with the Queensland Law Society, including on the Ethics Advisory Committee and the AI in Legal Practice Committee.



## Jessica Smith

Jessica is a senior risk and compliance professional with over 15 years of AML/CTF experience spanning a variety of institutions including banks, investment funds, international payments companies, money remitters, corporate bookmakers and cryptocurrency exchanges.

Jessica is an innovative and trusted risk professional who is passionate about helping businesses navigate complex regulatory changes. She possesses deep knowledge and experience in risk, legal, governance and compliance across the full spectrum of financial services.

As a qualified lawyer and compliance professional, Jessica combines her personable nature with her extensive financial services background to provide innovative, strategic, commercial and pragmatic solutions for clients.

Jessica regularly contributes to regulatory reform. Most recently, she drafted submissions, attended roundtables with Treasury and regulators as well as engaged with industry bodies on changes to the Australian AML/CTF regime and payments reforms.



## Kathryn Smith

Kathryn is the Senior Supervising Solicitor for Migration at Women's Legal Service Queensland. An accredited specialist in immigration law, she has practised as an immigration solicitor in Queensland for nearly thirteen years.

She currently works within the Women's Legal Service Queensland's Temporary Visa Program, which provides migration, family law, and domestic violence legal assistance to women on temporary visas who are experiencing family violence.



# SYMPOSIUM



## Amy Soong

Amy Soong is the Legal Practice Director of Ashworth Lawyers, a criminal defence firm she founded in 2014 focusing on defending serious and complex Queensland and Commonwealth crimes. With more than 17 years of experience exclusively in criminal defence, she has acted in a wide range of complex matters including large-scale drug operations, transnational organised crime, sexual violence, and major fraud.

Amy holds a Master of Laws, has completed the Bar Practice Course, and is a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries. She is an active member of the Queensland Law Society Wellbeing Working Group. Amy's contributions have been recognised through multiple honours, including being named a finalist for the 2023 Entrepreneur of the Year Lord Mayor's Business Award, finalist for the 2024 Executive of the Year Women in Law Award, and 2025 Trailblazer of the Year at Law Biz Con.



## Hollie Thompson

Hollie is a registered psychologist with over ten years of professional experience working with children, young people, and families. She holds postgraduate qualifications in psychology and education and adopts a family systems approach to promote outcomes that align with the best interests of children. Hollie practices primarily within the family law jurisdiction and is regularly engaged to prepare Single Expert Witness Court Reports, including Family Reports and Child Impact Reports. She also provides specialist support in child-inclusive mediation, family therapy, and reunification therapy.

Drawing on her combined expertise as a psychologist and former teacher, Hollie is highly skilled in assessing and resolving complex family dynamics, particularly in matters involving children with complex or additional needs. Her work is informed by a strong understanding of child development, family systems, and evidence-based practice.

Hollie is a member of the Australian Psychological Society and is a registered teacher with the Queensland College of Teachers.



## The Honourable Justice Rebecca Treston

Justice Treston was admitted as a solicitor in 1991 and was called to the Queensland Bar in 1996. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013, and as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2024.

Her Honour had a diverse commercial practice at the Bar, predominantly in estate and trust litigation, but also in general commercial litigation, statutory scheme litigation, public liability and medical negligence litigation.

Her Honour was the first female President of the Bar Association of Qld between 2018 and 2020.



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## Jennifer Veitch

Jennifer is a Forensic Accountant and Partner at Pilot Partners, working closely with lawyers and their clients to solve complex financial issues in legal proceedings. With a background in commercial services and over a decade of experience, she specialises in business valuations, tracing exercises, personal injury quantification, and commercial litigation support. Her clear, practical communication style helps legal practitioners navigate complex accounting evidence and uncover value leakage or mismanagement in high-stakes disputes.



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## Professor Tamara Walsh

Tamara Walsh is Professor of Law at the University of Queensland and Director of the UQ Pro Bono Centre. She has degrees in both Law and Social Work, and her interest is in social welfare law and human rights. Tamara established the UQ Pro Bono Centre in 2008. The Centre facilitates student and staff participation in pro bono legal activities, particularly public interest research and law reform. Tamara's research examines the impact of the law on vulnerable people including children and young people, people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities and people who are criminalised.



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## 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.

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## **Jon Wiedman**

Jon is a director at Hede Byrne and Hall in Toowoomba on the Darling Downs. Jon joined the firm as an article clerk in 1992, becoming a director in 2000. Jon now practices almost exclusively in succession law and related areas including drafting wills and powers of attorney, estate administration, trusts and related litigation. Jon is currently the Secretary of the Downs and South West Queensland Law Association and sits on the QLS Succession Law Committee. Outside of law, Jon has qualifications in sports medicine and sports massage and is active as a trainer with the Coolaroo Australian Football Club in Toowoomba.