

# Changes to the Legal Profession Act 2007

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## Overview

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The significant amendments to the Legal Profession Act 2007 (Qld) include:

- addressing concerns raised during the parliamentary committee process regarding the 'disclosure threshold amount' under section 300 (Definitions for pt 3.4) of the Legal Profession Act, as amended by the Bill.
- clarification of references to 'client document' under proposed new section 713A (Destruction of client documents) of the Legal Profession Act (Qld) to ensure it operates as intended and addresses all circumstances in which the Queensland Law Society (QLS) may hold client documents.

Presenters: **Andrew Shute**, Carter Newell Lawyers; Chair, Queensland Law Society Litigation Rules Committee; Member, Queensland Law Society Innovation Committee

**Tony Deane**, Special Counsel, Clayton Utz

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

Chair: **Grace van Baarle**, Manager, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre and Solicitor, Queensland Law Society

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## Presenters

### Andrew Shute

Partner, Carter Newell Lawyers;  
Chair, Queensland Law Society  
Litigation Rules Committee;  
Member, Queensland Law  
Society Innovation Committee



Andrew heads Carter Newells' Litigation & Dispute Resolution team and also leads the Cyber Team. He has over 25 years' experience in commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution, and assists a wide variety of public and private sector clients in the conduct and resolution of substantial and complex commercial disputes. He is actively involved in reforms and education relating to the practice of litigation, and has gained particular expertise in developing and utilising technology to deliver more efficient and cost effective outcomes for clients.

Andrew has been recognised in the 2017 to 2024 editions of '*Best Lawyers in Australia*' as an Alternative Dispute Resolution, Competition Law and Litigation Lawyer, and as a Leading Litigation & Dispute Resolution Lawyer in '*Doyle's Guide 2018*'.

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### Tony Deane

Special Counsel, Clayton Utz



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### David Bowles

Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and  
Practice Centre, Queensland Law  
Society



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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**Grace van Baarle**

Manager, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre and Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



Grace is an ethics solicitor and the manager of the QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, which provides legal ethics and practice support guidance and education to the legal profession.

Grace was admitted as a solicitor in 1989 and was in private practice with several firms in Brisbane and the United Kingdom.

Grace joined QLS in 2007 initially as the Dispute Management Centre Manager and Policy Solicitor, and for four years as the Business Development Executive. She has managed the QLS Ethics and Practice Centre and its team since 2016.