

# Annual Gold Coast Legal Conference - Core Topics Package

2025 | 3 hours | 3 CPD points

## Practical Legal Ethics



### Ethics – Refresher & Update

*This session will discuss and analyse the fundamental duties that solicitors have to the courts and their clients and discuss and analyse cases and scenarios which touch on key aspects of the ASCR such as confidentiality and legal professional privilege.*

Presenter:

**Shane Budden**, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society

## Practice Management & Business Skills



### Cybersecurity: minimum standards for law practices

*This session provides an overview of the minimum cybersecurity measures law firms should be taking to protect themselves and the client information and trust funds in their possession.*

Presenter:

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

## Professional Skills



### Expert witness evidence: A practical guide

*This session will discuss expert evidence, its essential elements, the nature of and need for expert evidence, the foundations of an admissible and compelling opinion and will further discuss the interplay between medicine and the law.*

Presenters:

**Clare Eves**, Barrister, Darrow Chambers

**Ryan Natrass**, Barrister, Callinan Chambers

## Presenters

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### Shane Budden

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

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.



### 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.



### Clare Eves

**Barrister, Darrow Chambers**

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.



## Ryan Natrass

### Barrister, Callinan Chambers

Ryan predominantly practises in commercial litigation, insurance, and administrative and public law. Ryan maintains a broad practice but has particular experience in matters relating to judicial and merits review, professional liability (including civil claims, regulatory proceedings, and insurance coverage), and health (including inquests and inquiries, and matters involving the parens patriae jurisdiction).

Prior to coming to the Bar, Ryan practised as a solicitor in national firms in Australia and the United Kingdom, and also as a financial lines claims manager for one of the world's largest insurance intermediaries. Ryan has a collaborative and pragmatic approach to litigation.

In addition to private work, Ryan is a member of LawRight and the Caxton Legal Centre. Ryan is also a sessional academic at the QUT Law School.