



**FEDERAL COURT
OF AUSTRALIA**



CPD SEMINAR

CRUISE SHIPS, COVID-19 AND CONSUMERS

The Federal Court of Australia is convening a CPD seminar by Web Conference (Microsoft Teams). Details are as follows:

CHAIR

The Hon. Justice McKerracher

SPEAKERS



Professor Kate Lewins, Murdoch University



Professor Elise Bant, The University of Western Australia

DATE

Tuesday 23 June 2020

TIME

5pm – 6.30pm [EST]

4.30pm – 6pm [CST]

3pm – 4.30 pm [WST]

VENUE

The seminar will be convened by Web Conference using the Microsoft Teams platform

RSVP – BY FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2020

Registration is essential for this event

To register for this event please email Stefanie Car, Associate to the Hon. Justice Sarah Derrington (Associate.SCDerringtonJ@fedcourt.gov.au)

Professor Kate Lewins will address the topic 'COVID19: Claims against Cruise Ships'. Anticipating that passengers may well bring claims against operators in Australia, the paper will canvas some of the likely issues: jurisdiction, forum, complying with guarantee to exercise due care and skill, and damages for disappointment and distress after the High Court of Australia's decision in *Moore v Scenic Tours Pty Ltd* [2020] HCA 17.

Professor Elise Bant will address the topic 'Cruises: Consumers, Culpability and Consequence'. As the title suggests, it will examine the broader consumer law issues raised by the High Court of Australia's recent decision in *Moore v Scenic Tours Pty Ltd* [2020] HCA 17 and recent developments in corporate attribution, as well as civil and pecuniary penalties, that may be engaged in future litigation in this field.

Professor Kate Lewins holds degrees from UWA (B.Juris 1987, LL.B 1988) University of Southampton (LLM) and Murdoch University (PhD). After practising maritime law, she joined the Law School at Murdoch University in July 1997.

Kate has authored numerous publications on a wide range of topics related to insurance, Admiralty and maritime law. She is especially interested in all aspects of the carriage of passengers by sea. Kate is the author of the monograph *International Carriage of Passengers by Sea* (Sweet & Maxwell, London, 2016). She has been the Moot Director of the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot since 2006 and is a former General Editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Maritime Law Journal*. Professor Lewins is an Academic Fellow of the Centre for Maritime Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and teaches into their LLM program. Kate is a Director of the Fremantle Port Authority.

Dr Elise Bant is Professor of Private Law and Commercial Regulation at The University of Western Australia, a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. She is also a general editor of the *Journal of Equity* with Professor Simone Degeling (UNSW) and Professor Matthew Harding (MLS). Her main areas of teaching and research interests lie in the fields of unjust enrichment and restitution law, property, contract and consumer law, civil remedies, equity and trusts. She is currently working on Australian Research Council grant research with Professor Jeannie Paterson, which examines the regulation of misleading conduct at common law, in equity and under statute (DP 180100932). She has also been awarded a Future Fellowship to examine corporate liability for serious civil misconduct, including fraud and predatory trading practices (FT 190100475), which commenced in May 2020.