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THE FUTURE OF LAW 3:00pm-4:00pm

Future of online and remote hearings post pandemic

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, courts in Australia and around the world rapidly shifted to remote hearings. This session will draw on findings of the judiciary survey as undertaken during COVID-19 by the FLIP Stream at UNSW Law & Justice and reflect on the experience of remote courts and their users. It will examine the COVID-19 experience and provide guidance on a technology-enabled future court, including how technology adoption can impact open justice, procedural fairness and impartiality.

About Anne-Marie Rice

Anne-Marie is a problem solver, peace maker and educator having honed her technical and negotiation skills over the last 20 years and in the most highly charged of legal fields – family law.

Anne-Marie is a highly sought after mediator and trainer and is recognised by her peers as one of the best in her field. She is currently a Senior Judicial Registrar and the Executive Director of Dispute Resolution at the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia where she is responsible for the development of the Court's dispute resolution programs.

Anne-Marie adopts a philosophy that “conflict can be resolved without combat” and her acceptance speech after being named the 2018 WLAQ Leneen Forde AC Woman Lawyer of the Year, in which she spoke of the exhaustion of an aggressive approach to legal practice, became an industry and social media sensation. An Accredited Family Law Specialist, she taught the undergraduate Family Law Subject at the University of Queensland for many years prior to joining the Court and is currently the subject co-ordinator of the post graduate Mediation and Conflict Management Course at that university.

Anne-Marie has been delivering key note addresses, conference papers and workshops for lawyers and non-lawyers for almost 20 years. She brings to her engaging and thought provoking presentations, learnings from psychology, neuroscience and mediation to challenge the traditional legal response to conflict, including in a court context.