



## The Honourable Chief Justice William Alstergren

*Chief Justice, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia*

**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 The Honourable Chief Justice William Alstergren**

The Honourable Chief Justice William Alstergren is the Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia which commenced on 1 September 2021 following the amalgamation of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

His Honour was appointed as Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia on 10 December 2018. His Honour held a dual commission as Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, to which he was appointed on 13 October 2017. His Honour was the administrative head of the Appeal Division of the Family Court of Australia.

After graduating from Melbourne University in Law (and completing an LLM), Chief Justice Alstergren undertook articles in family law with Kenna Croxford & Co. From 1991 he practiced as a barrister in Melbourne and took silk in 2012. His Honour was regularly briefed in large and complex commercial, family, industrial and tax trials and appeals in the Federal Court and state superior courts.

He was a member of the Bar Ethics Committee, the founder of the Bar's Pro Bono Duty Barristers Committee and received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service award by the Victorian Chief Justice in 2008. His Honour is a former Chairman of the Victorian Bar. Immediately prior to coming to the Bench, His Honour was the President of the Australian Bar Association.