

SPECIALIST ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE 2023



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Program

Day 1 | Thursday, 17 August 2023 | International Convention Centre, Sydney

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8.45am	Welcome to Country	Joan Bell Representative, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Conference opening	Jacqueline Dawson Chair, Specialist Accreditation Board, Law Society of New South Wales
	Presidential address	Cassandra Banks President, Law Society of New South Wales
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9.45am – 10.45am	What's new in employment law	Kate Eastman AM SC Barrister, New Chambers
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Insolvency law update: How solicitors can advise zombie companies in 2023	Ben Sewell Principal, Sewell & Kettle Lawyers
12.00pm – 12.45pm	The role of equity in commercial disputes	Fiona McNeil Barrister, 5 Selborne Chambers
12.45pm – 1.00pm	Forensic accounting in commercial legal disputes: Five quick and practical tips	Nick Gaudion Director, Forensic Accounting, Cutcher & Neale
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Employees vs. Contractors: Reviewing the current tax and legal landscape	Elizabeth Burnheim Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law King Tan Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law

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2.45pm – 3.45pm	Understanding the changes around unfair contract terms	Felicity McMahon Partner, Allens
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Penalties post-Paciocco: Where are we now?	The Honourable Justice James Stevenson Supreme Court of New South Wales
5.00pm – 5.30pm	Day 1 close and networking reception	

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Available from 19 August 2023	Directors' guarantees: The signature seminar	Sydney Jacobs Barrister and Mediator, 13 Wentworth Chambers

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9.45am – 10.30am	The development of a solutions focus in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia	The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
10.30am – 10.45am	ChatGPT: Opportunities and challenges for family lawyers	Stephen Foley Founder and Managing Director, eBrief Ready
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Panel: Preparing for change – again: The Family Law Amendment Bill 2023	Moderator: Jacqueline Dawson Chair, Specialist Accreditation Board, Law Society of New South Wales and Principal, Sexton Family Law The Honourable Colin Forrest SC Barrister, Family Law Chambers Dr Henry Kha Senior Lecturer, Macquarie University Susan Warda Partner, Mills Oakley
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Financial Agreements 3 ways: Drafting, advising and litigating	Melinda Winning Partner, Barkus Doolan Winning

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1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Best practice for Court based Dispute Resolution: Make the deal, don't break the deal	Senior Judicial Registrar Brett McGrath Director, National Registrar Operations (Dispute Resolution), Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Joyce Snedden Court Child Expert, Court Children's Service, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Dealing with risk issues, in light of <i>Isles & Nelissen</i>	Sarah Bevan Principal, Sarah Bevan Family Lawyers
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	The Kennon Principle: Family violence and its nexus to property settlements in family law	Neil Jackson Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
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8.30am – 9.30am	Applying specialist accreditation in Alternate Dispute Resolution	Peter Batey Barrister, Waratah Chambers
9.35am – 10.35am	Complex property settlements	Cathie Blanchfield Principal, Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private Advisory
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	The treatment of inheritances in family law	Malcolm Gittos-Caesar Consultant, Lander & Rogers
11.55am – 12.55pm	Blurred lines: The convergence of family law and child protection	Elanor Canning Senior Solicitor, Legal Aid New South Wales

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Conference close

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Director, Newnham Solicitors

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9.45am – 10.45am	CTP: Developments in court and commission decisions	Peter Hunt Principal, McCabes
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Developments in medical negligence litigation	Jenica Lim-Young Senior Associate, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Complexities in product liability claims	Kyu-Won Kim Lawyer, Clayton Utz Colin Loveday Partner, Clayton Utz
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	The pendulum of institutional abuse law	Maithri Panagoda AM Partner, Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers Alessandra Pettit Associate, Stacks Goudkamp

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3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Panel: Opportunities for improving the CTP scheme	Moderator: Ian Jones Partner, Sparke Helmore Lawyers Leigh Davidson Principal Solicitor, Advantage Legal His Honour Judge Gerard Phillips President, Personal Injury Commission Sarah Warren Barrister, 9 Windeyer Chambers
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9.35am – 10.35am	Public Liability: Liability of public and other authorities	Joan Williams Special Counsel, Moray & Agnew Lawyers
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Sticks and stones may break my bones: What constitutes serious harm in defamation?	Stewart O'Connell Senior Associate, O'Brien Criminal & Civil Solicitors
11.55am – 12.55pm	The <i>Mental Health Act 2007</i> (NSW) and use of restrictive practices in New South Wales	Dr Yega Muthu Principal, YM Lawyers and Adjunct Associate Professor, Thomas More School, Australian Catholic University
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11.00am – 12.00pm	Update on retail and commercial leasing cases and related law reform	Gary Newton Partner, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Duty on surrenders and terminations of lease: The change in beneficial ownership provisions	Catherine Hallgath Partner, Mills Oakley
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Drafting GST provisions for property transactions	Andrew Sommer Partner, Clayton Utz
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Strata law: Tricks, traps and opportunities missed in the 2015 legislation	Michael Allen Partner, Bugden Allen Graham Lawyers

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9.45am – 10.45am	Practice and procedure in NCAT's Guardianship Division: Practising in a protective jurisdiction	Anne Britton Deputy President and Head of Guardianship Division, NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal
10.45am – 11.00am	Morning tea break	
11.00am – 12.00pm	Managing risk in a will drafting practice	Jennifer McMillan Manager, Practice Support Services, Lawcover
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Taxing times for non-resident beneficiaries in the estate plan: A thorn in the side?	Paul Evans Partner, Makinson d'Apice Lawyers
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch break	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Complex trust issues	Margaret Pringle Barrister, Chalfont Chambers
2.45pm – 3.45pm	The cognitive mechanics of elder abuse	Dr Jane Lonie Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea break	

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4.00pm – 5.00pm	Probate and Family Provision claims: Do's and don'ts	The Honourable Philip Hallen Former Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
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8.30am – 9.30am	Financial elder abuse in the context of succession law	Richard McCullagh Legal practitioner, author and teacher
9.35am – 10.35am	Informal and interim wills	Anthea Kennedy Partner, Bridges Lawyers
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Considerations when entering into aged care contracts	Rodney Lewis Senior Solicitor, ElderLaw Legal Services
11.55am – 12.55pm	Special administration – practice and procedure	Louise Brown Senior Solicitor and Manager, Genealogy NSW Trustee & Guardian
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	Adeline Schiralli Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law

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