

## NSW YOUNG LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY 2025 SATURDAY 26 JULY 2025

## NSW Young Lawyers Professional Development Day 2025 Program

9:50am - 10:20am	Arrivals and morning tea
10:20am - 10:30am	Welcome and President's address Timothy Roberts, NSW Young Lawyers President
10:30am - 10:50am	<b>NSW Young Lawyers Patron address</b> Lida Kaban, General Counsel, Department of Communities and Justice
10:50am - 11:50am	<ul> <li>Harnessing the power of communication: Building and maintaining strong client relationships</li> <li>Paul Monaghan, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW</li> <li>Heather McKinnon, Partner, Bryant McKinnon Lawyers</li> <li>Katherine Lau, Professional Support Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW</li> <li>Theo Kapodistrias, Senior Legal Counsel, Gentrack (Global), Director, Association of Corporate Counsel Australia, Speaker and Coach</li> <li>Marie Russo, NSW Young Lawyers Secretary and Solicitor, Access Law Group</li> </ul>
11:50am - 12:50pm	<b>Advocacy and preparation: A how to guide for early career lawyers</b> The Honourable Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace AM, Acting Judge, District Court of NSW
12:50pm – 1:40pm	Lunch
1:40pm – 2:40pm	Work smarter, show up stronger: Strengths-based career development for early career lawyers Gemma Mercedes Curcio, Lawyer and Professional Development Coach

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	<ul> <li>Justice meets algorithm: Al's role in modern legal practice</li> <li>Nicholas Mendoza-Jones, Senior Legal Transformation Manager, Gilbert + Tobin</li> </ul>
2:40pm – 3:40pm	<ul> <li>Linden Barnes, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW</li> <li>Anneka Ferguson, Solicitor, Walker Gibbs and King, and Senior Lecturer, UNSW PLT</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Dilan Thampapillai, Dean, School of Law, University of Wollongong</li> <li>Claudia Robinson, Solicitor, Financial Rights Legal Centre and Chair, NSW Young Lawyers Human Rights Sub-Committee</li> </ul>
3:40pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Mental flexibility: Changing your mind in the law</b> Anna Fischer, Wellbeing Manager, The Law Society of NSW
5:00pm - 5:10pm	<b>NSW Young Lawyers President closing remarks</b> Timothy Roberts, NSW Young Lawyers President
5:10pm	Networking drinks
6:30pm	Gala dinner
10:00pm	Gala dinner close