

WESTERN SYDNEY REGIONAL VISIT

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Conference Program - Western Sydney Regional Visit

8.30am to 9.00am	Event registration
9.00am to 9.05am	Regional President welcome Maria Daniele, President, Inner West Law Society
9.05am to 9.15am	Presidential and Law Society update Jennifer Ball, President, The Law Society of NSW
9.15am to 10.15am	Risk management in legal practice: Cases and claims from the Lawcover files Jennifer McMillan, Manager, Practice Support Services, Lawcover <i>For principals of eligible law practices, this session will count as a Maintenance Event for the purposes of Lawcover's ongoing Risk Management Education Program Premium Discount. For further information, visit Premium Discounts on the Lawcover website.</i>
10.15am to 10.35am	Morning tea
10.35am to 11.35am	Preparing for Tranche 2 anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Prasad, Professional Support Solicitor (AML), The Law Society of NSW Samille Lawrence, Principal Legal Officer, AUSTRAC Bobbie Wan, Head of Regulatory Policy & Strategy, The Law Society of NSW
11.35am to 12.35pm	Compassion fatigue in legal practice: The hidden dangers of empathy Anna Fischer, Wellbeing Manager, The Law Society of NSW
12.35pm to 1:35pm	Lunch
1.35pm to 2.35pm	Peak performance productivity for legal professionals Mario Halouvas, Founder and CEO, MHPP
2.35pm to 3.35pm	Strategic transitions: Legal practice succession and regulatory readiness Valerie Griswold, Director, Legal Regulation, The Law Society of NSW
3.35pm to 3.55pm	Afternoon tea
3.55pm to 4.55pm	What would you do? Real-world ethical dilemmas for solicitors Linden Barnes, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW
4.55pm to 5.00pm	Closing remarks Andrew Lee, President, Liverpool & Fairfield Districts Law Society
5.00pm to 6.00pm	Networking drinks and canapés
6.00pm to 8.30pm	Seated dinner



Welcome to the Western Sydney Regional Visit

The President and I are very excited to be visiting this region, and it is a privilege to have you join us for today's program.

As officers of the Court, continuous learning is vital to staying at the forefront of our field. It is fundamentally important for the legal profession, helping to ensure that clients receive the highest possible standards of service.

This is part of what makes solicitors so trusted in NSW.

It is also why I am proud of this CPD program. It has been designed to provide you with insight from the forefront of legal thinking. To support your understanding of law—and ultimately, your legal practice.

I am confident that the knowledge available here can contribute to your success in your careers, and that of the profession.

Thank you for your dedication to your professional development. You help the profession thrive.

Kenneth Tickle
Chief Executive Officer, The Law Society of NSW



Jennifer Ball
President, The Law Society of NSW

Before commencing her term as the 2025 President of the Law Society of NSW, Jennifer Ball was a senior Partner in the Commercial Litigation practice of Clayton Utz.

With a legal career of more than 30 years acting in complex commercial litigation, Jennifer is recognised in legal directories such as Chambers Asia-Pacific, Who's Who Legal and Doyles Guide for her expertise as a leader in restructuring and insolvency, debt recovery and general commercial litigation matters.

Jennifer was awarded Best Lawyer in Insolvency and Restructuring at the 2014 Euromoney LMG Australasia Women in Business Law Awards and was a finalist in 2012. Jennifer was also voted by peers as one of Australia's Best Lawyers in both Litigation (since 2013); Alternative Dispute Resolution (since 2018) and Insolvency & Reorganisation (since 2015).

Jennifer earned her BSc (Genetics and Biochemistry) and LLB at Macquarie University and was admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW as a legal practitioner in 1989. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Since her election to the Council of the Law Society of NSW in 2019, Jennifer has served as Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee, Chair of the Audit Risk & Finance Committee, and as a member of the Litigation Law & Practice Committee. She has held the offices of Junior Vice President (2023) and Senior Vice President (2024).

Jennifer is a former Chair of Turnaround Management Association Australia, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to corporate renewal and turnaround management and restructuring.

She also serves the legal profession and system of justice through her positions as Director of the Law Council of Australia and the NSW Legal Profession Admission Board.



Maria Daniele
President, Inner West Law Society

With over 40 years of legal experience and a thriving sole practice in the Inner West since 1986, Maria Daniele brings extensive insight into Conveyancing, Wills and Estates, and Criminal Law.

As a Notary Public, she also assists clients with international document authentication, combining precision with a personal touch.

Currently serving as President of the Inner West Law Society, a role she has held for just under two decades, Maria Daniele is a respected leader in Sydney's legal community, known for championing professional standards and client-focused service.

When not in the courtroom or office, Maria Daniele finds balance through hiking, running, and rowing—activities that reflect the same discipline and dedication brought to every legal matter.



Andrew Lee
President, Liverpool & Fairfield Districts Law Society
Principal Solicitor, Andrew Lee Lawyers

Andrew Lee was first admitted to practice in February 1999. With a career spanning over two decades, he has gained extensive experience through his work in both private practice and government legal roles. In 2004, Andrew established his own firm, Andrew Lee Lawyers, which he has successfully managed ever since.

Andrew specialises in litigation across various areas, including family law, estates, and commercial matters. His dedication to delivering exceptional legal services has earned him a reputation for professionalism and expertise in these fields.

Since 2002, Andrew has been actively involved with the Liverpool Fairfield Law Society. Over the years, he has served as an executive member and has held the position of Regional President for many of those years. He is committed to the serving the local region and community.



Linden Barnes

Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of New South Wales

Linden has been an ethics solicitor at the Law Society for 14 years. In her role, she provides guidance to solicitors across NSW on ethical issues such as conflicts of interest, confidentiality and our role as officers of the court.

She regularly presents on ethics to solicitors in the various types and sizes of practices across the state. She commenced her career in insurance litigation and then moved in-house in financial institutions.

She balances her legal work by taking a keen interest in gardening, walking, canoeing and Latin.



Anna Fischer

Wellbeing Manager, Law Society of NSW

Anna joined the Law Society of New South Wales in April 2025, taking on the role of Wellbeing Manager. She is the founder of Trauma Sensitive Law and works as an author, training coordinator, and professional consultant in the areas of workplace mental health, corporate culture management, and trauma-informed legal practice. Her background lies in trauma-specialised psychology and applied attachment theory, and she will graduate with her Doctor of Law (JD) in 2025 as she continues to work towards better equipping legal professionals to live and work well.



Valerie Griswold
Director, Legal Regulation, The Law Society of NSW

Valerie currently holds the position of Director, Legal Regulation Department at the Law Society of NSW.

Her extensive experience includes serving as the Executive Director of Investigations & Enforcement for the NSW Department of Customer Service, overseeing entities such as Safe Work NSW, NSW Fair Trading, and Liquor & Gaming NSW.

With a robust background in legal roles in both Australia and the USA, including as a Senior Deputy District Attorney in California, she brings a wealth of expertise to her current position. Valerie's areas of strength encompass government regulation, a career of public service, corporate governance, community engagement, and policy analysis. She is also recognized for her exceptional leadership skills, underpinned by a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Australia New Zealand School of Government, further supplemented by her membership in the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Mario Halouvas
CEO and Founder, MHPP

Mario is a productivity specialist, technology expert, and the founder and CEO of MHPP. As a keynote speaker and executive coach, he has captivated audiences by addressing the urgent need for productivity in our ever-changing world. As a performance and productivity coach, Mario masterfully declutters and reshapes lives, giving his audience the tools and insights they need to reclaim their time and energy.

Mario engages his audience through compelling programs and coaching sessions that foster growth and efficient management. His expertise in time, energy, AI and technology management, combined with his skills in coaching and communication, ensures that his presentations are both inspiring and practical. His energy and expertise make him a sought-after keynote speaker, known for reigniting teams and sparking a motivation to act.



Samille Lawrence
Principal Legal Officer, AUSTRAC

Samille is a Director and Principal Legal Officer in AUSTRAC's inhouse Legal team, a role she commenced in February 2024 during a period of fast-moving legislative reform. In this capacity, she is responsible for leading a dynamic legal team providing legal and strategic advice to the agency. She brings over 25 years of expertise in Commonwealth government law, having built a career across both operational practice and senior leadership roles.

Before joining AUSTRAC she advised on customs, immigration and maritime related matters for the Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force. She has also spent time as a Director of Enforcement at the ACCC working on high-profile criminal cartel prosecutions and served as a Senior Federal Prosecutor with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions managing complex prosecutions of a range of matters including tax fraud, insider trading and restraint of criminal assets, developing extensive advocacy and litigation experience.



Jennifer McMillan
Manager, Practice Support Services, Lawcover

Jen McMillan is Manager, Practice Support Services with Lawcover. She was admitted to practice in New South Wales in 1989 and in Western Australia in 1992.

She is a Law Society of NSW Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates and has experience in private practice, in-house with a trustee company, as an academic in the College of Law's LLM (Applied Law) program and as a former Senior Member in the Guardianship Division of NCAT.

She is a member of the NSW Law Society's Property Law Committee and the co-chair of its Elder Law Succession & Capacity Committee.



Carol Prasad
Professional Support Solicitor (AML),
Professional Support Unit, The Law Society of NSW

Carol Prasad is an experienced banking and financial services lawyer with experience gained at a number of Australia's premier financial institutions, leading law firms and a Big 4 accounting firm. Her background includes experience in Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF), sanctions, consumer credit, privacy and alternative dispute resolution. She brings with

her nearly 20 years of experience. She is currently working at the Law Society of NSW within the Professional Support Unit, in the area of AML/CTF and regulatory compliance.



Bobbie Wan
Head of Regulatory Policy & Strategy, The Law Society of NSW

In her role, Bobbie Wan is responsible for developing legal policy, research, and advice concerning the Uniform Law and other regulatory issues affecting the NSW profession, including the response of the Law Society of NSW to the Commonwealth Government's recent reforms to its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime. Bobbie is also responsible for the strategic oversight of the delivery of the Professional Support Unit's services to solicitors.

Before joining the Law Society, she was a senior advisor at various government agencies, including the former NSW Department of Planning and Environment, the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. Bobbie was also a Senior Policy Officer, Lawyer and lead writer for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, a solicitor at Allens, and a pro bono solicitor. She has extensive experience in the provision of legal advice, policy development, advocacy, and stakeholder management. Bobbie holds a Juris Doctor and a BA (Media and Communications) from the University of Sydney.

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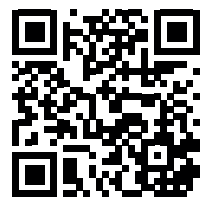
Strengthen your legal practice against money laundering and terrorism financing risks by visiting the Law Society of NSW's **AML/CTF Hub**



Visit the **Practice Support Hub** for practical and diverse resources to support your practice.



Become a member of the Law Society of New South Wales for access to invaluable resources and services to support your career and wellbeing, professional development, and connection to our legal profession.



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