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THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES



Conference Program - South West Slopes Regional Visit

8.30am – 9.00am **Event registration**

9.00am – 9.05am **Vice President welcome**
Linda Hansen, Vice President, South West Slopes Law Society

9.05am – 10.35am **How much is enough: Law practice financial sustainability**
Andrew Chen, Senior Partner, Accounting and Business Advisory, Findex

10.35am – 10.55am **Morning tea**

10.55am – 11.55am **Succession and contingency planning**
Valerie Griswold, Director, Legal Regulation, The Law Society of NSW

11.55am – 12.55pm **Preparing for Tranche 2 anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) reforms**
Bobbie Wan, Head of Regulatory Policy and Strategy, The Law Society of NSW

12.55pm – 1.55pm **Lunch**

1.55pm – 2.55pm **Mind over money: The psychology of money and financial planning**
Anna Fischer, Wellbeing Manager, The Law Society of NSW

2.55pm – 3.00pm **Closing remarks**
Linda Hansen, Vice President, South West Slopes Law Society

3.00pm **Event close**



Welcome to the South West Slopes Regional Visit

I am 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



Linda Hansen
Senior Associate, Friedlieb Fox McLeod

Linda was admitted to practice as a solicitor in December 1997 and has been with Friedlieb Fox McLeod since 2006. With over 25 years extensive experience Linda practices primarily in the Family Law Group specialising in property and parenting matters. She is passionate about providing her clients with realistic and pragmatic advice to help them obtain the best possible outcome in a timely, cost effective and empathetic manner and to assist clients with navigating through what can be a complex and stressful period. Her down-to-earth manner is appreciated by most of her clients.

Linda also works in Estate Planning and Administration, providing advice in family provision claims under the Succession Act and preparing Wills, Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardian documents.

Linda is involved with the South West Slopes Law Society and is the current Vice President having also held the office of Treasurer.

Golf has become a pre-occupation of hers and she hopes one day to improve.



Andrew Chen
Senior Partner, Accounting & Business Advisory, Findex

Andrew is a Senior Partner at Findex and leads the firm's Professional Practice Advisory Services. He is a chartered accountant with over 30 years of experience, specialising in advising partners, boutique, and top tier law firms on improving financial outcomes through firm structures, financial frameworks, remuneration models, and tax effective planning for them and their clients' businesses.

Andrew also regularly lectures at the College of Law's Practice Management courses and, over the years, has written and presented on financial matters for the legal sector and has delivered National Financial Benchmarking Studies.



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.



Bobbie Wan
Head of Regulatory Policy and 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.



Anna Fischer
Wellbeing Manager, The Law Society of NSW

Anna joined the Law Society of NSW in April of 2025, taking on the role of Wellbeing Manager.

With a background in trauma-specialised psychology and resilience coaching, she is also the founder of Trauma Sensitive Law where she has worked as an author, training coordinator, and professional consultant in the areas of workplace mental health and trauma-informed legal practise.

Anna will graduate with her Doctor of Law (JD) in 2025 as she continues supporting legal professionals to live and work well.

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