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Immigration Law Conference

Challenges in Migration Law
Program

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Immigration Law Conference

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19–21 March 2025 | Canberra

Program

Wednesday, 19 March 2025

5:15 pm



Welcome Drinks

8:15 pm

The Marion, Barrine Drive, Regatta Point, Commonwealth Park,
Parkes ACT 2600

Speaker: Vik Sundar, President, ACT Law Society

Thursday, 20 March 2025

8:30 am

Registration

Hyatt, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla, ACT 2600

9:00 am

Conference Day 1 starts

9:00 am

Welcome and Opening Address

9:30 am

Juliana Warner, President, Law Council of Australia

Carina Ford, Chair – Migration Law Committee, Federal Dispute Resolution
Section, Law Council of Australia

9:30 am

Update from Administrative Review Tribunal

10:15 am

Chair: Joanne Kinslor, Kinslor Prince Lawyers

Speakers:

Deputy President Kate Millar, Administrative Review Tribunal

Deputy President Simone Burford, Administrative Review Tribunal

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10:45 am



Morning Tea

10:45 am
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11:30 am

Session 1 – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

Speaker: His Honour Judge Christopher Kendall AM, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)

11:30 am
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12:30 pm

Room 1: Session 2 – Protection (subclass 866) visa reform

A presentation by the Department of Home Affairs on its measures to reform the Protection visa program.

Speaker:

- Caroline Hatswell, Department of Home Affairs

Room 2: Session 2 – How migration matters are used in criminal sentencing – the different approaches between states and territories

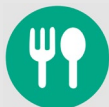
Chair:

Sarah Frankel, Estrin Saul Migration Lawyers

Speaker:

- Louisa Jones, Australian Catholic University (ACU)

12:30 pm
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1:25 pm



Lunch

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1:30 pm
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2:45 pm

Room 1: Session 3 – Students, Impact on 1 July Changes/407 and Skilled Pathways for Students (Substantive Law)

Chair: Lena Hung, Lena Hung and Associates

Speakers:

- Department of Home Affairs
- Matthew Newton, VETASSESS
- Adnan Bashir, VETASSESS
- Madeline Keating, Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers

Room 2: Session 3 (Concurrent) – Right to Disconnect / Managing Risk-Supervision (Practice Management & Business Skills)

Chair: Carina Ford, Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers

Speakers:

- Emma Reilly, Moray & Agnew Lawyers
- Teresa Liu, Fragomen

2:45 pm
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3:15 pm



Afternoon Tea

3:15 pm
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4:30 pm

Room 1: Session 4 – Employer Sponsored/Labour Agreement – The Challenges and Areas of Reform (Substantive Law)

Chair: Chris Spentzaris, Fragomen

Speakers:

- Cherie Wright, Vialto
- Department of Home Affairs

Room 2: Session 4 (Concurrent) – Character Session MD110/Preparing for Character Cases – Professional Skills

Chair: David Prince, Kinslor Prince Lawyers

Speakers:

- Sarah Fisher, Victorian Legal Aid
- Mathew Kennelley, Victorian Bar

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4.30pm – 5.15pm **Legal Innovation: Can AI Technology Change the Way Immigration Lawyers Work, for the Better, and Improve Access to Justice? (Professional Skills)**

Chair: Valerie Periera, Da Gama Pereira and Associates Pty. Ltd

Speakers:

- Joshua Strutt, Immigration Advice and Rights Centre
- Lauri Stewart, Immigration Advice and Rights Centre
- David Turner, Lext

Join lawyers from community legal centre, the Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC), and Australian legal technology start-up, Lext, for an in-depth look at how AI technology is being used to make legislation and complex information about the Australian immigration system more accessible and easier to understand. The digital edition of the Immigration Kit is being launched in 2025 with a new Q&A feature. Immigration law Accredited Specialist Valerie Pereira will lead a candid discussion with the creators of the text and technology about the new online resource, how it will work, and whether AI can be used safely to improve access to legal information and justice.

4:30 pm – **Walking Tour**

5:45 pm Join us for a walking tour led by Migration Law Committee member **Liz Hug** with special guest **Kim Rubenstein**, constitutional and citizenship law professor.

Starting and finishing at the Hyatt Hotel, the walking tour proposes a loop (of approx. 3 km) taking in local sights. The walk will be an exceptional opportunity to unwind, mingle with other delegates and learn insights about places of national significance.

Day 1 Concludes

6:30 pm – **Conference Dinner**

10:00 pm Hyatt Hotel, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla, ACT, 2600

Comedian: Becky Lucas

MC: Andrew Cope

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Friday, 21 March 2025

8:30 am **Registration**
Hyatt, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla, ACT 2600

9:00 am **Conference Day 2 starts**

9:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
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9:10 am James Popple, Chief Executive Officer, Law Council of Australia

9:10 am **Assistant Ministers for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs**
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9:40 am **Chair:** Chris Spentzaris, Deputy Chair, Migration Law Committee Federal Dispute Resolution Section, Law Council of Australia

9:40 am **Federal Court of Australia**
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10:30 am **Chair:** Katherine Hooper, Level 22 Chambers

Speakers:

- The Hon Justice Melissa Perry, Federal Court of Australia
- The Hon Justice Stephen McDonald, Federal Court of Australia
- Simon Haag, National Judicial Registrar, Migration, Federal Court of Australia

10:30 am  **Morning Tea**
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11:00 am Update from Department of Home Affairs

12:00 pm **Chair:** Mitch Simmons, Estrin Saul Lawyers

Speaker:

- Department of Home Affairs

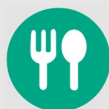
12:05 pm **Session 1 – Latest in Judicial Review**

1:00 pm **Chair:** Katherine Hooper, Level 22 Chambers

Speakers:

- Evelyn Tadros, Victorian Bar
- Max Gao, HWL Ebsworth, Sydney

1:00 pm



Lunch

2:00 pm

2:00 pm **Room 1: Session 2 – Challenges in Refugee Protection**

3:15 pm

Chair: Leah Perkins, Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers

Speakers:

- Jennifer Nugent, Refugee and Immigration Legal Service
- Tim Madigan, Refugee and Immigration Legal Service

Room 2: Session 2 – Family

Chair: Valerie Pereira, Da Gama Pereira and Associates Pty. Ltd

Speakers:

- Department of Home Affairs
- Theresa Baw, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- Liz Hug, Welcome Legal
- Victoria Lenton, Lenton Migration Law

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Afternoon Tea

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Room 1: Session 3 – Compliance, Self-Incrimination and the Migrant Worker (Professional Skills)

Chair: Chris Spentzaris, Law Council of Australia

Speakers:

- Anna Boucher, The University of Sydney
- Sanmati Verma, Human Rights Law Centre

Room 2: Session 3 – Ethics (Ethics and Professional Responsibility)

Chair: Karyn Anderson, Clothier Anderson Lawyers

Speakers:

- Athol Opas, Blackburn Chambers
- Munashe Rusamo, Estrin Saul Migration Lawyers

Day 2 Concludes



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