

Legal Studies State Conference 2025



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Rydge's World Square, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney

Day One
20 March 2025

8.00 - 8.30		Registration and Coffee
8.35	Pre Session	NSW Parliament Education & Engagement Information Session
8.50		Welcome and Official Opening Keith Thomas - LSA President
9.00 - 10.00	Session 1	Gary Jubelin – <i>Crime in NSW</i> Former Detective NSW Police
10.00 - 11.00	Session 2	Lorraine Finlay, Australian Human Rights Commission Commissioner
11.00 - 11.25	Morning Tea	
11.30 - 12.30	Session 3	Wayne Gleeson - <i>Crime Update</i>
12.30 - 1.30	Session 4 <i>Choose One (sessions repeated in Session 5)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Strategies to Support Students with Lower Literacy and Differentiation</i> - Ros Murton 2. <i>Case studies and the Rule of Law in the Preliminary Course using R v White [2024] NSWSC</i> - Justine Hanks, Rule of Law Education Centre 3. <i>Marking Simulation</i> - Nick Fernandez and Lisa Smith 4. <i>Using Case Studies and Themes and Challenges to Teach the Content</i> - Keith Thomas and Genya Sugowdz 5. <i>Beyond Kahoot: Thinking Activities and Games to Promote Learning and Reduce Content overwhelm in Legal Studies</i> - Katie Heath
1.30-2.20	Lunch	
2.25 - 3.25	Session 5 <i>Choose One (sessions repeated from Session 4)</i>	Session 4 repeated
3.30	End of Day 1	
6.00 - 6.30	Pre-Dinner Drinks and Canapes	
6.30 - 10.00	Session 6 Conference Dinner	DCM Magistrate Theo Tsavdaridis

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Day Two
21 March 2025

8.00 - 8.30		Registration and Coffee
8.35	Pre Session	Legal Profession Admission Board Information Session
8.50		Welcome to Day Two Keith Thomas - LSA President
9.00 - 10.00	Session 7	Judge Stuart Austin, Family Court <i>The Evolution of Family Law</i>
10.00 - 11.00	Session 8	Anne Twomey University of Sydney <i>The Importance to our Democracy of Teaching About the Constitution</i>
11.00 - 11.25	Morning Tea	
11.30 - 12.30	Session 9	Professor Lyria Bennett Moses - <i>Technology and the Law</i>
12.30 - 1.30	Session 10	Dr Hugh McDermott, Assistant NSW Attorney General
1.30 - 2.20	Lunch	
2.25 - 3.15	Session 11 <i>Choose One (sessions repeated in Session 12)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Teaching the Preliminary Course for the First Time</i> - Natasha Isbel and Natalie Tan 2. <i>Family Law Updates and Strategies</i> - Lisa Smith and Hannah Hudson 3. <i>Consumer Law Updates and Strategies</i> - Diego Larissa and Pamela Rahmi 4. <i>World Order Updates and Strategies</i> - Teresa O'Dwyer 5. <i>Workplace Law Updates and Case Studies</i> - Jennifer Venhuizen 6. <i>Indigenous Peoples Updates and Strategies</i> - Nick Fernandez and Ros Murton 7. <i>Shelter: Teaching the Contemporary Issues</i> - Tony Stone 8. <i>Global Environmental Protection – Deconstructing Questions and Using Case Studies</i>
3.20 - 4.05	Session 12 <i>Choose One (sessions repeated from Session 11)</i>	Session 11 repeated
4.10	End of Day 2	End of Conference