

20th National Family Law Conference 30 October – 1 November

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

As at 3 December 2024

TUESDAY	29 OCTOBER 2024
1700-1900	Registration Open (State Reception Centre at Fraser's, at Kings Park)
1800-2100	Welcome Reception (State Reception Centre at Fraser's, Kings Park) - Sponsored by Kennedy Partners Lawyers
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0700-0800	Swan River Strides (departing from Elizabeth Quay) - Sponsored by The Relationspace
0830-1730	Registration Open (Level 2, PCEC)
0830-1815	Exhibition Open (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)
0900-1100	Opening Remarks, Welcome to Country and Plenary 1 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)
	State of the Nation
	Acknowledgement of Country: Aunty Robyn Collard, WA
	Welcome to Perth: Chair: Greg McIntyre SC, President of the Law Council of Australia, Michael Kirby Chambers, WA
	Session Chair: Di Simpson, Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, DDCS Lawyers, ACT
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General of Australia</li> <li>The Hon. Justice Alstergren AO, Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)</li> <li>The Hon. Justice Sutherland, Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, WA</li> </ul>
	Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA
	Session sponsored by John Toohey Chambers
1100-1130	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)







1130-1230	Concurrent 1A	Concurrent 1B	Concurrent 1C
1150 1250	(Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)	(Meeting Rooms 1-3, Level 2,	(River View Room 4, Level 2,
		PCEC)	PCEC)
	Spousal and De Facto	Order Up! A World Tour of	Relocation: Evidence and
	Partner Maintenance: Does	Australian Legal	Judicial Considerations
	the End Justify the Means?	Enforcement Strategies in	Where Vast Empty Space
		Financial Matters	Divides Two Homes
	Speaker: Judge O'Shannessy, Federal Circuit and Family Court		
	of Australia (Division 2), Vic	Speakers:	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>The Hon, Madam Justice</li> </ul>
		Rachael Kelsey, President of the International Academy of	The Hon. Madam Justice     Marriott, Court of Queen's
	Session Chair: Stacey Wellings,	Family Lawyers, SKO Family	Bench of Alberta, Canada
	President of the Family Law	Lawyers, Scotland, UK	• The Hon. Justice Kari,
	Practitioners' Association (WA), Carr & Co, WA	Inger Blackford, Trinity	Federal Circuit and Family
		Chambers, Auckland, NZ	Court of Australia (Division
	Session Co-ordinator: Nicola	Dr Anita Vimlati, AV Family     Law, Hungary	<ul><li>1), SA</li><li>Teresa Farmer SC, John</li></ul>
	Watts, Treasurer of the Family	Ms Samantha Lewis, <i>Mdt</i>	Toohey Chambers, WA
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		Session Chair: Ian Kennedy AM, Kennedy Partners Lawyers, Vic	Session Chair: Jaquie Palavra,
			Family Law Section Executive
		Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, <i>Leach Legal, WA</i>	Member, Legal Aid NT
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			Farmer SC, John Toohey
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	Session sponsored by Holmes List Barristers Victorian Bar	Session sponsored by Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private	Session sponsored by <b>Tolis &amp; Co</b> Lawyers
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1445-1545	Concurrent 3A	Concurrent 3B	Concurrent 3C
	(Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)	(Meeting Rooms 1-3, Level 2,	(River View Room 4, Level 2,
		PCEC)	PCEC)
	Are Arrangements Safe	Beyond the Grave: Acting	Donor Conceived or
	Enough?	for Deceased Estates in	Deceived
		the Family Courts	
	Speakers: • Judge Beckhouse, <i>Federal</i>		Speakers: • Fiona Darroch, <i>The</i>
	Circuit and Family Court of	Speaker: Melissa Gillies SC, Culwulla Chambers, NSW	Relationspace, NSW
	Australia (Division 2), NSW	Cutwatta Chambers, NSW	• Stephen Page, Page Provan,
	• Alex Wearne, <i>Reid Family</i>	Session Chair: The Hon. Justice	Qld
	Lawyers, NSW	Berry, Family Court of Western	Rachel Oakeley, John Toohey
	Session Chair: Pip Davis, Women's	Australia, WA	Chambers, WA
	Legal Service, NSW	Session Co-ordinator: Brendan	Session Chair: Magistrate
		Ashdown, John Toohey Chambers,	Wadsworth, Family Court of
	Session Co-ordinator: Alexander	WA	Western Australia, WA
	Mondia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA		Section Co. andinatory Dashal
			Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Oakeley, John Toohey Chambers,
			WA
		Session sponsored by Pickles	
		Advisory & Valuations	
1545-1615	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Lev	el 2 Fovers, PCFC)	
1615-1625		v Essay Award and the Pro Bono & N	ot for Profit Scholarship
1010 1020	<b>Presentation</b> (Riverside Theatre, Le		
Speaker	Mr Ian Kennedy AM		
1625-1725	Plenary 2 (Riverside Theatre, Level	2, PCEC)	
	An A-Z of Advocacy		
	Speaker: The Hon. Mr Justice Russell Coleman KC, High Court, Hong Kong		
	Session Chair and Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of		
	Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA		
	Session sponsored by Leach Legal		
	session sponsored by Leden Legar		
1725-1825		vers, PCEC) - Sponsored by KHQ Lawy	
1830-2130	Early Career Lawyers' Function (The Reveley, Elizabeth Quay) - Sponsored by Calverley Johnston		
	Y 31 OCTOBER 2024		
0630-0730		The Bell Tower, Elizabeth Quay) - Sp	onsored by Lavan
0800-1715	Registration Open (Level 2, PCEC)		
0800-1800	Exhibition Open (Level 2 Foyers, PC		
0830-0930	Plenary 3 (Riverside Theatre, Level		
		tional Boundary Between Fan	nily Misconduct and Criminal
	Culpability		
	Speakers:		
		al Circuit and Family Court of Austra	lia (Division 1), NSW
	His Hon. Judge Peter Lodder KC	, Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Cour	t, England, UK
	Session Chair: The Hon. Justice O'B	rien, Family Court of Western Austra	lia, WA
	Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Milton,	, John Toohey Chambers, WA	
	Session sponsored by Broun Abrahams Burreket		
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0830-1100	Appellate Advocacy Workshop (offsite: Family Court of Western Australia) Pre-registration required. Applications have now closed.			
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>The Hon. Justice Campton, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW</li> <li>The Hon. Michael Kent KC, 19 Inns Chambers, Qld</li> <li>The Hon. Garry Watts AM, NSW</li> </ul>			
	Session Moderator: Michae	l Kearney SC, Waratah Chan	nbers, NSW	
	Session Co-ordinator: Rach	el Oakeley, John Toohey Ch	ambers, WA	
0930-1030	Plenary 4 (Riverside Theat	re, Level 2, PCEC)		
	Parenting Law After	2024: Simplification o	r Change of Direction?	
		Prof Richard Chisholm AM, Australian National University, ACT		
	Session Chair and Co-ordin	ator: Rodney Worth, John To	oohey Chambers, WA	
	Session sponsored by <b>Black</b>	wood Family Lawyers		
1030-1100	Morning Tea and Exhibitic			
1100-1200	<b>Concurrent 4A</b> (Riverside Theatre, Level	Concurrent 4B (Meeting Rooms 1-3,	Concurrent 4C (River View Room 4,	Concurrent 4D (River View Room 5,
	2, PCEC) The Art of War:	Level 2, PCEC) Safety: A Legal or	Level 2, PCEC)	Level 2, PCEC)
	Third Party	Social Science	Evidence in Family Law: Is it Just the	Specialised Case Management: From
	Financial Relief	Concept? Does it	Vibe?	Little Things Big
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>Mark Parker, Lander &amp; Rogers, Vic</li> <li>Susan Pearson, Pearson Emerson Family Law, NSW</li> <li>Session Chair: Mr Jamie Burreket, Family Law Section Executive Member, Broun Abrahams Burreket, NSW</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Brendan Ashdown, John Toohey Chambers, WA</li> </ul>	Matter? Let's Talk About How We Get There Speakers: • The Hon. Justice Altobelli AM, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW • Dr Lyn Greenberg, Forensic and Clinical Psychologist, USA Session Chair: Magistrate Johnson, Family Court of Western Australia, WA Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Milton, John Toohey Chambers, WA	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>Judge Lioumis, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), NSW</li> <li>Helen Dellidis SC, Holmes List - Victorian Bar</li> <li>Session Chair: The Hon. Justice Jones, Family Court of Western Australia, WA</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Things Grow</li> <li>Speakers: <ul> <li>Senior Judicial Registrar Heuer, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, SA</li> <li>Senior Judicial Registrar McGowan, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, NSW</li> <li>Senior Judicial Registrar Gray, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Qld</li> </ul> </li> <li>Session Chair: Magistrate Brinkley, Family Court of Western Australia, WA</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, Leach Legal, WA</li> </ul>
	Session sponsored by Cutcher & Neale Forensic Accounting	Session sponsored by Dorter Family Lawyers & Mediators	Session sponsored by Pearson Emerson Family Lawyers	





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1200-1330	Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)			
1200-1330	The Chair's Lunch (BelleVue Ballroom, Level 3, PCEC) - Sponsored by Nexia Edwards Marshall			
	winning sports journalist Luc Longley and Sam Lane appear	sketball coach and former b by arrangement with Saxton Speake	pasketball player, interviewe ers Bureau	
1330-1430	<ul> <li>Luc Longley and Sam Lane appear</li> <li>Concurrent 5A </li> <li>(Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)</li> <li>Ethics: Navigating the Legal Labyrinth with Integrity</li> <li>Speakers: <ul> <li>Trevor McKenna, Family Law Section Executive Member, Derwent &amp; Tamar Chambers, Tas</li> <li>Marlene Ebejer, Ebejer &amp; Associates Lawyers, Vic</li> <li>Brett McGrath, President of the Law Society of NSW, Marsdens Law Group, NSW</li> </ul> </li> <li>Session Chair: Jason Walker, Deputy Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Forté Family Lawyers, Vic</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Ana Christou, Mills Oakley, WA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>by arrangement with Saxton Speake</li> <li>Concurrent 5B (Meeting Rooms 1-3, Level 2, PCEC)</li> <li>Single Expert</li> <li>Witnesses: To Infinity and Beyond!</li> <li>Speakers: <ul> <li>The Hon. Simon Moncrieff SC, John Toohey Chambers, WA</li> <li>The Hon. Robert Benjamin AM SC, Tasmanian Bar, Tas</li> <li>Dr Ben Jones, Vincent Papaleo &amp; Associates, Vic</li> </ul> </li> <li>Session Chair: The Hon. Justice Cohen, Family Court of Western Australia, WA</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Melissa Losinski, Calverley Johnston, WA</li> </ul>	Concurrent 5C (River View Room 4, Level 2, PCEC) Australia's Implementation of the 1980 Hague Convention: Navigating a Changing Legal Landscape Speakers: • Amanda Lilley, Director of the International Family Law Section at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, ACT • Kate Ellson, Assistant State Counsel, WA Solicitor's Office, WA • Michael Nicholls KC, Michael Nicholls KC, Michael Kirby Chambers, WA Session Chair: Principal Registrar Forrest, Family Court of Western Australia, WA	Concurrent 5D (River View Room 5, Level 2, PCEC) Mediation in a Court Context: The Beginning, the Middle and the End Speaker: Senior Judicial Registrar Rice, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Qld Session Chair: Registrar Meysner, Family Court of Western Australia, WA Session Co-ordinator: Alexander Mondia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA
	Session sponsored by Gordon & Barry Lawyers	Session sponsored by Douglas Hoskins Legal	Community Legal Centre, WA Session sponsored by Australian Government Attorney-General's Department	Session sponsored by Grant Thornton
1430-1500	Afternoon Tea and Exhibi	tion (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)	1	1



1500-1600	Plenary 5 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)
	Apples and Oranges: Unlocking the Secrets of Comparable Cases in Family Law Property Cases
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>The Hon. Justice Forrester, Supreme Court of Western Australia, WA</li> <li>Dr Robin Smith, Family Law Section Executive Member, Holmes List - Victorian Bar, Vic</li> </ul>
	Session Chair: Judge Glass, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Vic
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	Session sponsored by Howe Jenkin Family Lawyers
1600-1700	Plenary 6 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)
	Tomorrow's Lawyers: The Future of Legal Service and the Impact of AI on the Law
	Speaker: Prof Richard Susskind OBE FRSE, United Kingdom (presenting virtually)
	Session Chair: Paul Doolan, Immediate Past Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Barkus Doolan Winning, NSW
	Session Co-ordinator: Natalie Kam, Jackson MacDonald, WA
	Session sponsored by <b>Barry Nilsson</b>
1700-1800	Happy Hour (Exhibition, Level 2 Foyers, PCEC) - Sponsored by CT Group
1800-2030	LGBTQIA+ Function (Connections Nightclub, Perth CBD) - Sponsored by Svenson Barristers
1830-2130	Degustation Dinner (Samuel's on Mill, Parmelia Hilton) - Sponsored by Ampersand Estates
1830-2230	Out Of Towners Function (Print Hall, Perth CBD) - Sponsored by Perth Family Lawyers
FRIDAY 1	NOVEMBER 2024
0830-1545	
0830-1330	Exhibition Open (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)
0900-1000	Plenary 7 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)
	When One Size Doesn't Fit All: How the System Recognises Indigenous Issues
	Speaker: Dr Tracy Westerman AM, Indigenous Psychological Services, WA
	Session Chair: His Hon. Judge MacLean, District Court of Western Australia, WA
	Session Co-ordinator: Teresa Farmer SC, John Toohey Chambers, WA
	Session sponsored by <b>Balance Sheet +</b>
1000-1100	Plenary 8 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)
	Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture: Pre and Post Nuptial Agreements, Vitiating Factors, and the Role of the Trial Judge
	Speaker: The Hon. Justice Edelman, High Court of Australia
	Session Chair: Philip Looney KC, Family Law Section Executive Member, 19 Inns Chambers, Qld
	Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, Leach Legal, WA
	Session sponsored by Nicholes Family Lawyers



1100-1130	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)		
1130-1230	Parallel Session 6A	Parallel Session 6B	
	(Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)	(River View Rooms 4&5, Level 2, PCEC)	
	Termination of BFAs for Fundamental	Cross Examination: Should it be Banned	
	Breach by Conduct	in Parenting Matters?	
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>Joshua Thomson SC, Francis Burt Chambers, WA</li> <li>Assoc Prof Meredith Blake, University of Western Australia, WA/WA Law Reform Deputy Commissioner</li> <li>Jacky Campbell, Forte Family Lawyers, Vic</li> <li>Session Chair and Co-ordinator: Andrew Davies, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>The Hon. Justice Tree, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Qld</li> <li>Peter Cummings SC, Family Law Section Executive Member, Waratah Chambers, NSW</li> <li>Session Chair: Kate Mooney SC, Michael Kirby Chambers, Tas</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</li> </ul>	
1230-1330	Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)		
1330-1340	21 <sup>st</sup> National Conference Presentation (Riverside The	patre Level 2 PCFC)	
1340-1440	Plenary 9 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)		
1340-1440			
	Compassion and Compartmentalisation: Th Lawyer	e Psychological Risks of Being a Family	
	<ul> <li>Speakers:</li> <li>Her Hon. Judge Barbagallo, District Court of Western Australia, WA</li> <li>Angela Martinovich, Martinovich Psychological Services, WA</li> <li>Angie Bain, Head of Wellbeing, Fremantle Dockers Football Club, WA</li> <li>Session Chair: The Hon. Dr Andrew Lu AM, President of the Mental Health Tribunal WA, WA</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Amy Fels, Kerr Fels, WA</li> </ul>		
1440-1540			
	Gladiators: The Great Debate		
	<ul> <li>Panellists:</li> <li>The Hon. Mr Justice Russell Coleman KC, High Court, Hong Kong</li> <li>His Hon. Judge Peter Lodder KC, Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court, England, UK</li> <li>Michael Kearney SC, Waratah Chambers, NSW</li> <li>Teresa Farmer SC, John Toohey Chambers, WA</li> <li>Rachael Kelsey, President, International Academy of Family Lawyers, SKO Family Lawyers, Scotland, UK</li> <li>Rebecca Horsley, Win Paten Chambers, Qld</li> <li>Inger Blackford, Trinity Chambers, Auckland, NZ</li> <li>Olivia Grobtuch, Kennedy Partners Lawyers, Vic</li> <li>James Haddock, Blackburn Chambers, ACT</li> <li>Greg Howe, Family Law Section Executive Member, Howe Jenkin, SA</li> <li>Session Moderator: Sheridan Emerson, Pearson Emerson Family Law, NSW</li> <li>Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</li> <li>Session sponsored by Farrar Gesini Dunn</li> </ul>		
1820 1-+-	Cala Dinnor (Ontus Stadium, Pursueed) - Spansored b	u Culshaw Millor Logal Croup	
1830-late	Gala Dinner (Optus Stadium, Burswood) - Sponsored b	y Cuisnaw Miller Legal Group	

