



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

As at 15 July 2024

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024

1700-1900 Registration Open (State Reception Centre, Fraser's at Kings Park)

1800-2100 Welcome Reception (State Reception Centre, Fraser's at Kings Park) - Sponsored by Kennedy Partners Lawyers

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024

0700-0800 Swan River Strides (departing from Elizabeth Quay)

0830-1730 Registration Open (Level 2, PCEC)

0930-1100 Opening Remarks, Welcome to Country and Plenary 1 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)

State of the Nation

Speakers:

- The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP, *Attorney-General of Australia*
- 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)*
- The Hon. Justice Sutherland, *Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, WA*
- Di Simpson, *Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, DDCS Lawyers, ACT*

Chair: Greg McIntyre SC, *President of the Law Council of Australia, Michael Kirby Chambers, WA*

Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, *Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA*

1100-1130 Morning Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)

1130-1230 Concurrent 1A

Spousal and De Facto Partner Maintenance: Does the End Justify the Means?

Speaker: Judge O'Shannessy, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Vic*

Chair: Stacey Wellings, *President of the Family Law Practitioners' Association (WA), Carr & Co, WA*

Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, *Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA*

Concurrent 1B

Relocation: Evidence and Judicial Considerations Where Vast Empty Space Divides Two Homes

Speakers:

- The Hon. Madam Justice Marriott, *Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Canada*
- The Hon. Justice Kari, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), SA*

Chair: Jaquie Palavra, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Legal Aid NT*

Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Oakeley, *John Toohey Chambers, WA*

Concurrent 1C

Order Up! A World Tour of Australian Legal Enforcement Strategies in Financial Matters

Speakers:

- Rachael Kelsey, *President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, SKO Family Lawyers, Scotland, UK*
- Inger Blackford, *Trinity Chambers, Auckland, NZ*
- Dr Anita Vimlati, *AV Family Law, Hungary*
- Ms Samantha Lewis, *Mdt Family Law Specialists, South Africa*

Chair: Ian Kennedy AM, *Kennedy Partners Lawyers, Vic*

Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, *Leach Legal, WA*

1230-1330 Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)

1330-1430	Concurrent 2A Hadkinson Orders: Enforcement by the Back Door? <p>Speaker: Judge Dickson, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)</i>, SA</p> <p>Chair: Greg Howe, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member</i>, Howe Jenkin, SA</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Kristie Smith, Meillon and Bright, WA</p>	Concurrent 2B Child Support: Cutting Through the Complexity <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cath Devine, <i>Foley's List - Victorian Bar</i>, Vic Prof Lisa Young, <i>Murdoch University</i>, WA <p>Chair: Member Rebecca Bunney, <i>State Administrative Tribunal</i>, WA</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Melissa Losinski, <i>Calverley Johnston</i>, WA</p>	Concurrent 2C AIFLAM: Child-Inclusive Mediation - Bringing the Voice of the Child to FDR <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chanel Hughes, <i>Chanel Hughes Mediation and Consultation</i>, NSW Clare Rowe, <i>Rowe and Associates</i>, NSW Shelby Timmins, <i>Divorce Done Differently</i>, NSW Prof Bruce Smyth, <i>Australian National University</i>, ACT <p>Chair: Emma Swart, <i>Foley's List - Victorian Bar</i>, Vic</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Andrew Davies, <i>O'Sullivan Davies</i>, WA</p>
1430-1445	Session Changeover		
1445-1545	Concurrent 3A Are Arrangements Safe Enough? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge Beckhouse, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)</i>, NSW Alex Wearne, <i>Reid Family Lawyers</i>, NSW <p>Chair: Pip Davis, <i>Women's Legal Service</i>, NSW</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Alexander Mondia, <i>O'Sullivan Davies</i>, WA</p>	Concurrent 3B Donor Conceived or Deceived <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiona Darroch, <i>The Relationspace</i>, NSW Stephen Page, <i>Page Provan</i>, Qld Rachel Oakeley, <i>John Toohey Chambers</i>, WA <p>Chair: Magistrate Wadsworth, <i>Family Court of Western Australia</i>, WA</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Oakeley, <i>John Toohey Chambers</i>, WA</p>	Concurrent 3C Beyond the Grave: Acting for Deceased Estates in the Family Courts <p>Speaker: Melissa Gillies SC, <i>Culwulla Chambers</i>, NSW</p> <p>Chair: The Hon. Justice Berry, <i>Family Court of Western Australia</i>, WA</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Brendan Ashdown, <i>John Toohey Chambers</i>, WA</p>
1545-1615	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)		
1615-1715	Plenary 2 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC) An A-Z of Advocacy <p>Speaker: The Hon. Mr Justice Russell Coleman KC, <i>High Court</i>, Hong Kong</p> <p>Chair and Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia</i>, <i>O'Sullivan Davies</i>, WA</p>		
1715-1815	Happy Hour (Exhibition, Level 2 Foyer, PCEC) - Sponsored by KHQ Lawyers		
1830-2130	Early Career Lawyers' Function (The Reveley, Elizabeth Quay) - Sponsored by Calverley Johnston		

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

0630-0730 **Swan River Strides** (departing from Elizabeth Quay) - *Sponsored by Lavan*

0800-1715 **Registration Open** (Level 2, PCEC)

0830-0930 **Plenary 3** (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)

A Blurred Line: The Jurisdictional Boundary Between Family Misconduct and Criminal Culpability

Speakers:

- The Hon. Justice Brasch, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)*, NSW
- His Hon. Judge Peter Lodder KC, *Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court*, England, UK

Chair: The Hon. Justice O'Brien, *Family Court of Western Australia*, WA

Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Milton, *John Toohey Chambers*, WA

0930-1030 **Plenary 4** (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)

Parenting Law After 2024: Simplification or Change of Direction?

Speakers:

- Prof Richard Chisholm AM, *Australian National University*, ACT
- Minal Vohra SC, *Holmes List - Victorian Bar*, Vic

Chair and Co-ordinator: Rodney Worth, *John Toohey Chambers*, WA

1030-1100 **Morning Tea and Exhibition** (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)

1100-1200 **Concurrent 4A**

The Art of War: Third Party Financial Relief

Speakers:

- Mark Parker, *Lander & Rogers*, Vic
- Susan Pearson, *Pearson Emerson Family Law*, NSW

Chair: Mr Jamie Burreket, *Family Law Section Executive Member*, *Broun Abrahams Burreket*, NSW

Session Co-ordinator: Brendan Ashdown, *John Toohey Chambers*, WA

Concurrent 4B

Specialised Case Management: From Little Things Big Things Grow

Speakers:

- Senior Judicial Registrar Heuer, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia*, SA
- Senior Judicial Registrar McGowan, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia*, NSW
- Judicial Registrar Gray, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia*, Qld

Chair: Registrar Brinkley, *Family Court of Western Australia*, WA

Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, *Leach Legal*, WA

Concurrent 4C

Evidence in Family Law: Is it Just the Vibe?

Speakers:

- Judge Lioumis, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)*, NSW
- Helen Dellidis SC, *Holmes List - Victorian Bar*, Vic

Chair: The Hon. Justice Jones, *Family Court of Western Australia*, WA

Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, *Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia*, *O'Sullivan Davies*, WA

Concurrent 4D

Safety: A Legal or Social Science Concept? Does it 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

Chair: Magistrate Johnson, *Family Court of Western Australia*, WA

Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Milton, *John Toohey Chambers*, WA

1200-1330	Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)			
1200-1330	The Chair's Lunch (BelleVue Ballroom, Level 3, PCEC) - Sponsored by Nexia Edwards Marshall			
	<p>Speakers: Luc Longley, <i>Australian basketball coach and former basketball player</i>, interviewed by Sam Lane, <i>Award winning sports journalist</i> <i>Luc Longley and Sam Lane appear by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau</i></p>			
1330-1430	<p>Concurrent 5A</p> <p>Ethics: Navigating the Legal Labyrinth with Integrity</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor McKenna, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Derwent & Tamar Chambers, Tas</i> Marlene Ebejer, <i>Ebejer & Associates Lawyers, Vic</i> Brett McGrath, <i>President of the Law Society of NSW, Marsdens Law Group, NSW</i> <p>Chair: Jason Walker, <i>Deputy Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Forté Family Lawyers, Vic</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Ana Christou, <i>Mills Oakley, WA</i></p>	<p>Concurrent 5B</p> <p>Single Expert Witnesses: To Infinity and Beyond!</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hon. Simon Moncrieff SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i> The Hon. Robert Benjamin AM SC, <i>Tasmanian Bar, Tas</i> Dr Ben Jones, <i>Vincent Papaleo & Associates, Vic</i> <p>Chair: The Hon. Justice Cohen, <i>Family Court of Western Australia, WA</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Melissa Losinski, <i>Calverley Johnston, WA</i></p>	<p>Concurrent 5C</p> <p>Mediation in a Court Context: The Beginning, the Middle and the End</p> <p>Speaker: Senior Judicial Registrar Rice, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Qld</i></p> <p>Chair: Registrar Meysner, <i>Family Court of Western Australia, WA</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Alexander Mondia, <i>O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i></p>	<p>Concurrent 5D</p> <p>Australia's Implementation of the 1980 Hague Convention: Navigating a Changing Legal Landscape</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda Lilley, <i>Director of the International Family Law Section at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, ACT</i> Kate Ellson, <i>Assistant State Counsel, WA Solicitor's Office, WA</i> Michael Nicholls KC, <i>Michael Kirby Chambers, WA</i> <p>Chair: Principal Registrar Forrest, <i>Family Court of Western Australia, WA</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Sarah Monahan, <i>Gosnells Community Legal Centre, WA</i></p>
1430-1500	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)			
1500-1600	Plenary 5 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)			
	<p>Apples and Oranges: Unlocking the Secrets of Comparable Cases in Family Law Property Cases</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hon. Justice Forrester, <i>Supreme Court of Western Australia, WA</i> Dr Robin Smith, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Holmes List - Victorian Bar, Vic</i> <p>Chair: Judge Glass, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Vic</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Oakeley, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i></p>			

1600-1700	Plenary 6 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)	
	Tomorrow's Lawyers: The Future of Legal Service and the Impact of AI on the Law	
	Speaker: Prof Richard Susskind OBE FRSE, <i>United Kingdom (presenting virtually)</i>	
	Chair: Paul Doolan, <i>Immediate Past Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Barkus Doolan Winning, NSW</i>	
	Session Co-ordinator: Natalie Kam, <i>Jackson MacDonald, WA</i>	
1700-1800	Happy Hour (Exhibition, Level 2 Foyer, PCEC) - Sponsored by CT Group	
1800-2030	LGBTQIA+ Function (Connections Nightclub, Perth CBD) - Sponsored by Svenson Barristers	
1830-2230	Out Of Towners Function (Print Hall, Perth CBD) - Sponsored by Perth Family Lawyers	
FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024		
0700-0800	Swan River Strides (departing from Elizabeth Quay)	
0830-1545	Registration Open (Level 2, PCEC)	
0900-1000	Plenary 7 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)	
	When One Size Doesn't Fit All: How the System Recognises Indigenous Issues	
	Speaker: Dr Tracy Westerman AM, <i>Indigenous Psychological Services, WA</i>	
	Chair: His Hon. Judge MacLean, <i>District Court of Western Australia, WA</i>	
	Session Co-ordinator: Teresa Farmer SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i>	
1000-1100	Plenary 8 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)	
	Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture: Pre and Post Nuptial Agreements, Vitiating Factors, and the Role of the Trial Judge	
	Speaker: The Hon. Justice Edelman, <i>High Court of Australia</i>	
	Chair: Philip Looney KC, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, 19 Inns Chambers, Qld</i>	
	Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, <i>Leach Legal, WA</i>	
1100-1130	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)	
1130-1230	Parallel Session 6A	Parallel Session 6B
	Binding Financial Agreements: Termination or Setting Aside for Subsequent Events	Cross Examination: Should it be Banned in Parenting Matters?
	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Joshua Thomson SC, <i>Francis Burt Chambers, WA</i>Assoc Prof Meredith Blake, <i>University of Western Australia, WA</i>Jacky Campbell, <i>Forte Family Lawyers, Vic</i> Chair and Co-ordinator: Andrew Davies, <i>O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Hon. Justice Tree, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Qld</i>Peter Cummings SC, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Waratah Chambers, NSW</i> Chair: Kate Mooney SC, <i>Michael Kirby Chambers, Tas</i>
		Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i>
1230-1330	Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)	
1330-1340	21 st National Conference Presentation (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)	

1340-1440	Plenary 9 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC) Compassion and Compartmentalisation: The Psychological Risks of Being a Family Lawyer <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Hon. Judge Barbagallo, <i>District Court of Western Australia, WA</i> • Angela Martinovich, <i>Martinovich Psychological Services, WA</i> • Angie Bain, <i>Head of Wellbeing, Fremantle Dockers Football Club, WA</i> <p>Chair: The Hon. Dr Andrew Lu AM, <i>President of the Mental Health Tribunal WA, WA</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Amy Fels, <i>Kerr Fels, WA</i></p>
1440-1540	Plenary 10 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC) Gladiators: The Great Debate <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Mr Justice Russell Coleman KC, <i>High Court, Hong Kong</i> • His Hon. Judge Peter Lodder KC, <i>Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court, England, UK</i> • Michael Kearney SC, <i>Waratah Chambers, NSW</i> • Teresa Farmer SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i> • Rachael Kelsey, <i>President, International Academy of Family Lawyers, SKO Family Lawyers, Scotland, UK</i> • Rebecca Horsley, <i>Win Paten Chambers, Qld</i> • Inger Blackford, <i>Trinity Chambers, Auckland, NZ</i> • Olivia Grobtuch, <i>Kennedy Partners Lawyers, Vic</i> • James Haddock, <i>Blackburn Chambers, ACT</i> • Greg Howe, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Howe Jenkin, SA</i> <p>Moderator: Sheridan Emerson, <i>Pearson Emerson Family Law, NSW</i></p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i></p>
1900-late	Gala Dinner (Optus Stadium, Burswood) - Sponsored by Culshaw Miller Legal Group