



CPD TOPICS AND POINT ALLOCATIONS

Introduction

Across Australia, to comply with the CPD Rules in each state and territory, practitioners generally must complete 10 CPD units or points in each CPD year including at least one unit or point in each of the following categories:

- Practice management and business skills
- Professional skills (or Barrister skills)
- Ethics and professional responsibility
- Substantive law (including practice and procedure, and evidence for barristers)

As a general rule, one CPD point is equal to one, one-hour CPD session.

Additional requirements for Tasmanian and some barristers

A holder of a Tasmanian Practising Certificate as well as barristers who must comply with the Legal Profession Uniform Law¹ must accumulate one point annually for a fifth CPD category: Equality and Wellbeing.

Western Australia

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¹ See: *Legal Profession Uniform Continuing Professional Development (Barristers) Amendment (Mandatory CPD) Rule 2025*

21st National Family Law Conference CPD Topics and Point Allocation

Note: The following is intended as a guide only and is subject to change.

Time	Session	Ethics and Professional Responsibility	Practice Management and Business Skill	Professional skills	Substantive law	Equality and Wellbeing
Wednesday, 21 October 2026						
0845 -1100	Plenary 1: State of the Nation					
1130 -1230	Concurrent 1A: Counting the Cost: The Economics of Family and Domestic Violence					
1130 -1230	Concurrent 1B: SMSF Splitting: Orders, Implementation and Hidden Risks					
1130 -1230	Concurrent 1C: Enforcement Made Easy: Master the Process and Succeed in the Application					
1230 -1330	Career Bites: Building Reputation, Skills and Impact					
1330 -1430	Concurrent 2A: Presented by IAFL: Global Assets, Local Problems: Cross-Border Disputes					
1330 -1430	Concurrent 2B: No Time, Flipping Residence and Moratoriums in Parenting Cases					
1330 -1430	Concurrent 2C: Presented by AIFLAM: Family Law Mediation: Where the Challenges Lie and What Needs to Change					
1445 -1545	Concurrent 3A: Binding the Deal: Financial Agreements Built to Last and Withstand Challenge					
1445 -1545	Concurrent 3B: Safe & Together Workshop					
1445 -1545	Concurrent 3C: Early Career Lawyers Workshop: Interim Hearings Workshop - From Preparation to Persuasion					
1615 -1715	Plenary 2: Wellbeing: A Pillar of Practice					

Thursday, 22 October 2026

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0945 -1045	Plenary 3: Kennon and Family Violence in Property Settlements: A Post-Reform Analysis					
0945 -1045	Concurrent 4A: Post Amendment Financial Relief: What's Changed, What's Unclear and What to Do					
0945 -1045	Concurrent 4B: Following the Law Is Not Optional: Child Support in Practice					
1115 -1215	Concurrent 4C: 7 Steps to Flipping a Parenting Expert in the Witness Box!					
1215 -1345	Concurrent 4D: Neurodiversity Matters: Transforming How Family Law Practitioners See, Hear and Respond					
1345 -1445	Plenary 4: The Road Ahead: The Journey So Far - An International Perspective					
1515 -1615	The Chair's Lunch: Beyond the Courtroom: From the Family Court to the United Nations and the Communities We Shape - Why the role of Lawyers in Communities Matters More Than Ever					
1515 -1615	Plenary 5: Children's Cases and Legislative Change: Are the Old Cases New Again?					
1515 -1615	Concurrent 5A: "Doing Good Work Isn't Enough" – The Human Side of Business Development and What It Really Takes to Build & Maintain a Referral Practice					
1515 -1615	Concurrent 5B: From Client Advice to Cross Examination: Challenging Real Property and Enterprise Valuations					

1630 -1730	Concurrent 5C : Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families and the Court					
0945 -1045	Concurrent 5D : Practical Technology for Court: Not AI					
0945 -1045	Plenary 6 : AI in Family Law: Friend or Foe?					
Friday, 23 October 2026						
Time	Session	Ethics and Professional Responsibility	Practice Management and Business Skill	Professional skills	Substantive law	Equality and Wellbeing
0900 -1000	Plenary 7 : Neuroscience, Children's Brains and Decision Making					
1000 -1100	Plenary 8 : Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture					
1130 -1230	Plenary 9 : Intergenerational Trusts: Are They Property, Have We Got Spry Right?					
1330 -1430	Parallel Session A : Professional Responsibilities in Family Law: Ethics Hypotheticals					
1330 -1430	Parallel Session B : When Technology Enables Harm: Family Violence in the Digital Age					
1455 -1555	Plenary 10 : Competing Claims, Crypto and Chaos: Just Another Day in the Major Complex Financial Proceedings List					