

# EARLY CAREER LAWYERS' DAY PROGRAM

As at 16 October 2024

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## WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024

**0700-0800** **Swan River Strides** (departing from The Bell Tower, 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

Acknowledgment 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*

#### 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*

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** **Early Career Lawyers' Day Session One** (River View Room 5, Level 2, PCEC)

### Back to Basics: Functional Family Law Files as an Aid to Efficient Professional Legal Representation

#### Speakers:

- Collette McFawn, *Lander & Rogers, NSW*
- Kondwani Mwenda, *FMD Legal, WA*
- James Naughton, *Naughton McCarthy, Qld*

#### Session Chairs:

- The Hon. Justice Tyson, *Family Court of Western Australia*
- The Hon. Justice Christie, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW*

Session Co-ordinator: Philip Looney KC, *Family Law Section Executive Member, 19 Inns Chambers, Qld*

**1230-1330** **Lunch** (In Room; River View Room 5, Level 2)

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| 1330-1430 | <p><b>Early Career Lawyers' Day Session Two (River View Room 5, Level 2, PCEC)</b></p> <p><b>So, You're Off to Court: Preparing for an Interim Hearing</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Marhinan, <i>Barkus Doolan Winning, NSW</i></li> <li>• Rachel Milton, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i></li> </ul> <p>Session Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon. Justice Tyson, Family Court of Western Australia</li> <li>• The Hon. Justice Christie, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW</li> </ul> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Teresa Farmer SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i></p>                  |
| 1430-1445 | <b>Session Changeover</b>   |
| 1445-1545 | <p><b>Early Career Lawyers' Day Session Three (River View Room 5, Level 2, PCEC)</b></p> <p><b>The Art of Advocacy</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon. Anne Rees SC, <i>NSW</i></li> <li>• The Hon. Michael Kent KC, <i>19 Inns Chambers, Qld</i></li> <li>• Michael Kearney SC, <i>Waratah Chambers, NSW</i></li> </ul> <p>Session Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon. Justice Tyson, Family Court of Western Australia</li> <li>• The Hon. Justice Christie, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW</li> </ul> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Teresa Farmer SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i></p> |
| 1545-1615 | <b>Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyers, PCEC)</b>  |
| 1615-1625 | <b>The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Essay Award and the Pro Bono &amp; Not for Profit Scholarship Presentation (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)</b>  |
| 1625-1725 | <p><b>Plenary 2 (Riverside Theatre, Level 2, PCEC)</b></p> <p><b>An A-Z of Advocacy</b></p> <p>Speaker: The Hon. Mr Justice Russell Coleman KC, <i>High Court, Hong Kong</i></p> <p>Session Chair and Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i></p> <p><i>Session sponsored by Leach Legal</i></p>  |
| 1725-1825 | <b>Happy Hour (Exhibition, Level 2 Foyers, PCEC) - Sponsored by KHQ Lawyers</b>   |
| 1830-2130 | <b>Early Career Lawyers' Function (The Reveley, Elizabeth Quay) - Sponsored by Calverley Johnston</b>   |