



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

As at 1 August 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)		
0915-1100	Opening Remarks, Welcome to Country and Plenary 1 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)		
	<b>State of the Nation</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP, <i>Attorney-General of Australia</i></li><li>The Hon. Justice Alstergren AO, <i>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)</i></li><li>The Hon. Justice Sutherland, <i>Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, WA</i></li><li>Di Simpson, <i>Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, DDCS Lawyers, ACT</i></li></ul> Chair: Greg McIntyre SC, <i>President of the Law Council of Australia, Michael Kirby Chambers, WA</i>  Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i>		
1100-1130	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)		
1130-1230	<b>Concurrent 1A</b>	<b>Concurrent 1B</b>	<b>Concurrent 1C</b>
	<b>Spousal and De Facto Partner Maintenance: Does the End Justify the Means?</b>  Speaker: Judge O'Shannessy, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Vic</i>  Chair: Stacey Wellings, <i>President of the Family Law Practitioners' Association (WA), Carr &amp; Co, WA</i>  Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i>	<b>Relocation: Evidence and Judicial Considerations Where Vast Empty Space Divides Two Homes</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Hon. Madam Justice Marriott, <i>Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Canada</i></li><li>The Hon. Justice Kari, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), SA</i></li></ul> Chair: Jaquie Palavra, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Legal Aid NT</i>  Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Oakeley, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i>	<b>Order Up! A World Tour of Australian Legal Enforcement Strategies in Financial Matters</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rachael Kelsey, <i>President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, SKO Family Lawyers, Scotland, UK</i></li><li>Inger Blackford, <i>Trinity Chambers, Auckland, NZ</i></li><li>Dr Anita Vimlati, <i>AV Family Law, Hungary</i></li><li>Ms Samantha Lewis, <i>Mdt Family Law Specialists, South Africa</i></li></ul> Chair: Ian Kennedy AM, <i>Kennedy Partners Lawyers, Vic</i>  Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, <i>Leach Legal, WA</i>
1230-1330	Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)		

1330-1430	<b>Concurrent 2A</b> <b>Hadkinson Orders: Enforcement by the Back Door?</b> <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>	<b>Concurrent 2B</b> <b>Child Support: Cutting Through the Complexity</b> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cath Devine, <i>Foley's List - Victorian Bar</i>, Vic</li> <li>Prof Lisa Young, <i>Murdoch University</i>, WA</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Member Rebecca Bunney, <i>State Administrative Tribunal</i>, WA</p> <p>Session Co-ordinator: Melissa Losinski, <i>Calverley Johnston</i>, WA</p>	<b>Concurrent 2C</b> <b>AIFLAM: Child-Inclusive Mediation - Bringing the Voice of the Child to FDR</b> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chanel Hughes, <i>Chanel Hughes Mediation and Consultation</i>, NSW</li> <li>Clare Rowe, <i>Rowe and Associates</i>, NSW</li> <li>Shelby Timmins, <i>Divorce Done Differently</i>, NSW</li> <li>Prof Bruce Smyth, <i>Australian National University</i>, ACT</li> </ul> <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	<b>Session Changeover</b>		
1445-1545	<b>Concurrent 3A</b> <b>Are Arrangements Safe Enough?</b> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge Beckhouse, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)</i>, NSW</li> <li>Alex Wearne, <i>Reid Family Lawyers</i>, NSW</li> </ul> <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>	<b>Concurrent 3B</b> <b>Donor Conceived or Deceived</b> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiona Darroch, <i>The Relationspace</i>, NSW</li> <li>Stephen Page, <i>Page Provan</i>, Qld</li> <li>Rachel Oakeley, <i>John Toohey Chambers</i>, WA</li> </ul> <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>	<b>Concurrent 3C</b> <b>Beyond the Grave: Acting for Deceased Estates in the Family Courts</b> <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	<b>Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)</b>		
1615-1715	<b>Plenary 2 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)</b> <b>An A-Z of Advocacy</b> <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	<b>Happy Hour (Exhibition, Level 2 Foyer, PCEC) - Sponsored by KHQ Lawyers</b>		
1830-2130	<b>Early Career Lawyers' Function (The Reveley, Elizabeth Quay) - Sponsored by Calverley Johnston</b>		

## 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)

<b>1100-1200</b>	<b>Concurrent 4A</b>	<b>Concurrent 4B</b>	<b>Concurrent 4C</b>	<b>Concurrent 4D</b>
	<b>The Art of War: Third Party Financial Relief</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Parker, <i>Lander &amp; Rogers</i>, Vic</li> <li>• Susan Pearson, <i>Pearson Emerson Family Law</i>, NSW</li> </ul> Chair: Mr Jamie Burreket, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Broun Abrahams Burreket</i> , NSW  Session Co-ordinator: Brendan Ashdown, <i>John Toohey Chambers</i> , WA	<b>Specialised Case Management: From Little Things Big Things Grow</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Judicial Registrar Heuer, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</i>, SA</li> <li>• Senior Judicial Registrar McGowan, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</i>, NSW</li> <li>• Senior Judicial Registrar Gray, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</i>, Qld</li> </ul> Chair: Registrar Brinkley, <i>Family Court of Western Australia</i> , WA  Session Co-ordinator: Catherine Leach, <i>Leach Legal</i> , WA	<b>Evidence in Family Law: Is it Just the Vibe?</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge Lioumis, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)</i>, NSW</li> <li>• Helen Dellidis SC, <i>Holmes List - Victorian Bar</i>, Vic</li> </ul> Chair: The Hon. Justice Jones, <i>Family Court of Western Australia</i> , WA  Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia</i> , O'Sullivan Davies, WA	<b>Safety: A Legal or Social Science Concept? Does it Matter? Let's Talk About How We Get There</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon. Justice Altobelli AM, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)</i>, NSW</li> <li>• Dr Lyn Greenberg, <i>Forensic and Clinical Psychologist</i>, USA</li> </ul> Chair: Magistrate Johnson, <i>Family Court of Western Australia</i> , WA  Session Co-ordinator: Rachel Milton, <i>John Toohey Chambers</i> , 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><b>Concurrent 5A</b></p> <p><b>Ethics: Navigating the Legal Labyrinth with Integrity</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trevor McKenna, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Derwent &amp; Tamar Chambers, Tas</i></li> <li>Marlene Ebejer, <i>Ebejer &amp; Associates Lawyers, Vic</i></li> <li>Brett McGrath, <i>President of the Law Society of NSW, Marsdens Law Group, NSW</i></li> </ul> <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><b>Concurrent 5B</b></p> <p><b>Single Expert Witnesses: To Infinity and Beyond!</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hon. Simon Moncrieff SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i></li> <li>The Hon. Robert Benjamin AM SC, <i>Tasmanian Bar, Tas</i></li> <li>Dr Ben Jones, <i>Vincent Papaleo &amp; Associates, Vic</i></li> </ul> <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><b>Concurrent 5C</b></p> <p><b>Mediation in a Court Context: The Beginning, the Middle and the End</b></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><b>Concurrent 5D</b></p> <p><b>Australia's Implementation of the 1980 Hague Convention: Navigating a Changing Legal Landscape</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amanda Lilley, <i>Director of the International Family Law Section at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, ACT</i></li> <li>Kate Ellson, <i>Assistant State Counsel, WA Solicitor's Office, WA</i></li> <li>Michael Nicholls KC, <i>Michael Kirby Chambers, WA</i></li> </ul> <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><b>Apples and Oranges: Unlocking the Secrets of Comparable Cases in Family Law Property Cases</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hon. Justice Forrester, <i>Supreme Court of Western Australia, WA</i></li> <li>Dr Robin Smith, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Holmes List - Victorian Bar, Vic</i></li> </ul> <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
	Termination of BFA's for Fundamental Breach Brought About by Conduct	Cross Examination: Should it be Banned in Parenting Matters?
	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Joshua Thomson SC, <i>Francis Burt Chambers, WA</i></li><li>Assoc Prof Meredith Blake, <i>University of Western Australia, WA</i></li><li>Jacky Campbell, <i>Forte Family Lawyers, Vic</i></li></ul> Chair and Co-ordinator: Andrew Davies, <i>O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Hon. Justice Tree, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Qld</i></li><li>Peter Cummings SC, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Waratah Chambers, NSW</i></li></ul> 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 <sup>st</sup> National Conference Presentation (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)	



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