CONFERENCE PROGRAM

As at 21 October 2026

**HGC denotes Hotel Grand Chancellor*

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026	
1745-1900	**Registration Open** (MAC02)
1800-2100	**Welcome Reception** (MAC02) - *Sponsored by Kennedy Partners Lawyers*

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026	
0800-1815	**Registration Open** (Ground Floor, HGC)
0800-1815	**Exhibition Open** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
0845-1100	**Welcome to Country, Opening Remarks and Plenary 1** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	Welcome to Country Dewayne Everettsmith, *Tas*
	State of the Nation **Presented by:** • The Hon. Michelle Rowland 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 O'Brien, *Family Court of Western Australia* • Commissioner Micaela Cronin, *Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission* • Nicky Davies, *Chair of the Family Law, Dispute Resolution and Child Support working groups of National Legal Aid* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Jason Walker, *Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Forté Family Lawyers, Vic* *Session sponsored by **Australian Government Attorney-General's Department***
1100-1130	**Morning Tea and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)

1130-1230	**Concurrent 1A** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 1B** (Grand Ballroom 1&2, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 1C** (Grand Ballroom 3, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	Counting the Cost of Family Violence: Economic Causation and Cross-Examination **Presented by:** • Hayley Dodson, *John Toohey Chambers, WA* • Conrad Liveris, *Chief Economist, Black Swan Economics & Advisory* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Peter Cummings SC, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Waratah Chambers, NSW* *Session sponsored by* ***Meillon & Bright Legal***	**SMSF Splitting: Orders, Implementation and Hidden Risks** **Presented by:** Stephen Bourke, *SuperSplitting.com.au, NSW* **Session Chair:** Jane Miller, *Elizabeth Evatt Chambers, SA* ***Session sponsored by Tolis & Co Lawyers***	**Enforcement Made Easy: Master the Process and Succeed in the Application** **A registrar led session presented by:** • Senior Judicial Registrar Malinowsky, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, NSW* • Judicial Registrar Mooney, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, NSW* **Session Chair:** Judicial Registrar Gelston, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Tas* ***Session sponsored by Myra Aris & Co***
1230-1330	**Lunch and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)		
1230-1330	**Career Bites: Building Reputation, Skills and Impact** (Harbour View Room 1, Mezzanine Level, HGC)		
	Presented by: • Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) • Kate Mooney KC, *Michael Kirby Chambers, Tas* • Matthew Verney KC, *St Elmo Chambers & Foley's List – Victorian Bar, Tas* • Framy Anne Browne, *Lavan, WA* • Peter Cummings SC, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Waratah Chambers, NSW* **Session Chair:** Judge McKenna, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Tas* *Powered by* ***Patrons of the Early Career Lawyers' Program***		

1330-1430	**Concurrent 2A** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 2B** (Grand Ballroom 1&2, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 2C** (Grand Ballroom 3, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	Presented by IAFL: Global Assets, Local Problems: Cross-Border Disputes **Presented by:** • Suzanne Todd, *President of IAFL and Partner at Withers, London, UK* • Isaac Hikaka, *Mills Lane Chambers, New Zealand* • Derek Ho, *Tonys Lawyers, Hong Kong* • Shu Mei Hoon, *Drew & Napier, Singapore* • Steven Yoda, *Walzer Melcher & Yoda LLP, California, USA* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Justice Campton, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)* ***Session sponsored by Cutcher & Neale Forensic Accounting***	**No Time, Flipping Residence and Moratoriums in Parenting Cases** **Presented by:** • Eleanor Mallet KC, *Svenson Barristers, Vic* • Lauren Phelan, *Phelan Family Consulting, Vic* **Session Chair:** The Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane, *Past President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice, London, UK* ***Session sponsored by Culshaw Miller Badenoch Lawyer***	**Presented by AIFLAM: Family Law Mediation: Where the Challenges Lie and What Needs to Change** **Presented by:** • Emma Swart, *Chair of AIFLAM, Foley's List - Victorian Bar, Vic* • Fiona Besir, *Family Law Mediations South Australia, SA* • Dr Darren Moroney, *University of Western Australia Mediation Clinic, WA* **Session Chair:** Debra Parker, *Parker Coles Curtis, ACT* ***Session sponsored by Butler McIntyre & Butler***
1430-1445	***Session changeover***		

1445-1545	**Concurrent 3A** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 3B** (Grand Ballroom 1&2, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 3C** (Grand Ballroom 3, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 3D** (Harbour View Room 1, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	Safe & Together Workshop **Presented by:** David Mandel, *Safe & Together Institute, USA* **Session Chair:** Magistrate Hartnett, *Magistrates Court of Tasmania* *Session sponsored by* ***Novera Solutions / Anne-Marie Rice Mediations***	**Binding the Deal: Financial Agreements Built to Last and Withstand Challenge** **Presented by:** • The Hon. Justice Williams, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Vic* • Rebecca Horsley, *Inns of Court, Qld* • Greg Howe, *Howe Jenkin Family Lawyers, SA* **Session Chair:** Lilli Rand, *Carew Counsel Solicitors, Vic* *Session sponsored by* ***Lewis Family Lawyers***	**Practical Technology for Court: Not AI** **Presented by:** • The Hon. Justice Altobelli, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW* • Philip Looney KC, *Family Law Section Executive Member, French Quarter Chambers, Qld* • Kate Greenwood, *Innovation and Communication, Lander & Rogers* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Judge McKenna, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Tas* *Session sponsored by* ***DNALabs Australia***	**Early Career Lawyers Workshop: Interim Hearings Workshop – From Preparation to Persuasion** **Presented by:** • The Hon. Peter Tree KC, *Waratah Chambers, NSW* • Teresa Farmer SC, *John Toohey Chambers, WA* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Jaquie Palavra, *Family Law Section Executive Member, NT* *Session sponsored by* ***Patrons of the Early Career Lawyers' Program***
1545-1610	**Afternoon Tea and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)			
1610-1615	**The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Essay Award Presentation** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)			
1615-1715	**Plenary 2** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **Wellbeing: A Pillar of Practice** **Presented by:** Baroness Mills of Greenwich KC, *Joint Head of Chambers, 4PB and Chair (2025), Bar Council of England and Wales* **Session Chair:** Jason Walker, *Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Forté Family Lawyers, Vic* *Session sponsored by* ***Family Law Section***			
1715-1815	**Happy Hour** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC) – *Sponsored by Farrar Gesini Dunn*			
1830-2130	**Early Career Lawyers' Function** (Telegraph Hotel) – *Sponsored by Forensic Solutions Litigation Support*			

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026				
0800-1830	**Registration Open** (Ground Floor, HGC)			
0800-1830	**Exhibition Open** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)			
0830-0930	**Plenary 3** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **Kennon and Family Violence in Property Settlements: A Post-Reform Analysis** **Presented by:** • Sheridan Emerson, *Pearson Emerson Family Law, NSW* • Prof Lisa Young, *Murdoch University, WA* **Session Chair:** Judge Turnbull, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Tas* *Session sponsored by* ***Howe Jenkin Family Lawyers***			
0930-0945	***Session changeover***			
0945-1045	**Concurrent 4A** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 4B** (Grand Ballroom 1&2, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 4C** (Grand Ballroom 3, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 4D** (Harbour View Room 1, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	Post Amendment Financial Relief: What's Changed, What's Unclear and What to Do **Presented by:** • The Hon. Garry Watts AM, *NSW* • Paul Doolan, *Barkus Doolan Winning, NSW* **Session Chair:** Minal Vohra SC, *Holmes List - Victorian Bar, Vic* ***Session sponsored by Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private Advisory***	**Following the Law Is Not Optional: Child Support in Practice** **Presented by:** • Chris Bishop, *Win Paten Chambers, Qld* • Briana Kotzapavlidis, *Arkadia Family Law, Vic* **Session Chair:** Judge Burt, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Vic* *Session sponsored by* ***Hope Earle Lawyers Pty Ltd***	**7 Steps to Flipping a Parenting Expert in the Witness Box!** **Presented by:** • The Hon. Justice Brasch, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Qld* • Melissa Gillies SC, *Culwulla Chambers, NSW* **Session Chair:** Mary Anne Ryan, *President of the Tasmanian Bar, Derwent & Tamar Chambers, Tas* *Session sponsored by* ***Dorter Family Lawyers & Mediators***	**Neurodiversity Matters: Transforming How Family Law Practitioners See, Hear and Respond** **Presented by:** • Senior Judicial Registrar Sudholz, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Vic* • Stephanie Lau, *Educational & Developmental Psychologist, Vic* • Amanda Pearson, *Owen Dixon Chambers, Vic* • Kathryn Schuck, *Inclusive Family Law and Mediation, Vic* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Viv Morkos, Owen Dixon Chambers, *Vic* *Session sponsored by* ***Holmes List Barristers***
1045-1115	**Morning Tea and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)			

1115-1215	**Plenary 4** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **The Road Ahead: The Journey So Far – An International Perspective** **Presented by:** The Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane, *Past President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice, London, UK* **Session Chair:** Nicola Watts, *Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA* **Session Coordinator:** A/Prof Michelle Fernando, *School of Law, Adelaide University, SA* *Session sponsored by* ***Lander & Rogers***
1215-1345	**Lunch and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
1215-1345	**The Chair's Lunch** (Grand Ballroom, Mezzanine Level, HGC) – *Sponsored by Nexia Edwards Marshall* **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** **Presented by:** Emma Mason, *Mother, Lawyer and Social Media Reform Advocate, NSW*
1345-1445	**Plenary 5** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **Children's Cases and Legislative Change: Are the Old Cases New Again?** **Presented by:** • The Hon. Justice Gill, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), ACT* • The Hon. Justice Taglieri, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Tas* • A/Prof Dr Zoe Rathus AM, *Griffith University, Qld* **Session Chair:** Matthew Verney KC, *St Elmo Chambers & Foley's List – Victorian Bar, Tas* *Session sponsored by* ***Blackwood Family Lawyers***
1445-1515	**Afternoon Tea and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)

1515-1615	**Concurrent 5A** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 5B** (Grand Ballroom 1&2, Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Concurrent 5C** (Grand Ballroom 3, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	"Doing Good Work Isn't Enough" — The Human Side of Business Development and What it Really Takes to Build & Maintain a Referral Practice **Presented by:** Michael Schiffner, *Collective Intelligence, Vic* **Session Chair:** Mark Parker, *Lander & Rogers, Vic* *Session sponsored by* ***Pilot Partners***	**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families and the Court** **Presented by:** • Judge McGowan, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), NSW* • Senior Judicial Registrar Julieann Marshall, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, NSW* • Tyne McConnon, *Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service, Tas* **Session Chair and Presenter:** Judge Flintoff, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), QLD* *Session sponsored by* ***Cargill Family Law***	**From Client Advice to Cross Examination: Challenging Real Property and Enterprise Valuations** **Presented by:** • Denby Kerr, *Kerr Fels Divorce & Family Lawyers, WA* • Kate Mooney KC, *Michael Kirby Chambers, Tas* **Session Chair:** The Hon. Justice O'Brien, *Family Court of Western Australia* *Session sponsored by* ***Douglas Hoskins Legal***
1615-1630	***Session changeover***		
1630-1730	**Plenary 6** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **AI in Family Law: Friend or Foe?** **Presented by:** Prof Edward Santow, *Industry Professor and Director, Policy and Governance, University of Technology Sydney, NSW* **Session Chair:** Alison James, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Mitchell Chambers, SA* *Session sponsored by* ***Pickles Advisory & Valuations***		
1730-1830	**Happy Hour** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)		
1830-2130	**Out of Towners' Function** (MR2 - departing from Brooke Street Pier) – *Sponsored by Delbridge Forensic Accounting*		
1830-2130	**LGBTQIA+ Function** (Altar Bar – upstairs) – *Sponsored by Svenson Barristers*		

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026	
0830-1555	**Registration Open** (Ground Floor, HGC)
0830-1330	**Exhibition Open** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
0900-1000	**Plenary 7** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **Neuroscience, Children's Brains and Decision Making** **Presented by:** • Prof Sallie Baxendale, *Consultant Neuropsychologist, London, UK* • Belle Lane, *Aickin Chambers, Vic* • Emma Scott, *Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, UK* **Session Chair:** The Hon. Robert Benjamin AM KC, *Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor, Tas* *Session sponsored by* ***Designstreet***
1000-1100	**Plenary 8** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture** **Presented by:** The Hon. Justice Robert Beech-Jones, *High Court of Australia, Tas* **Session Chair:** Philip Looney KC, *Family Law Section Executive Member, French Quarter Chambers, Qld* *Session sponsored by* ***HopgoodGanim Lawyers***
1100-1130	**Morning Tea and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
1130-1230	**Plenary 9** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) **Intergenerational Trusts: Are They Property, Have We Got Spry Right?** **Presented by:** • Jamie Burreket, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Broun Abrahams Burreket, NSW* • Michael Kearney SC, *Waratah Chambers, NSW* **Session Chair:** Georgia Hargreaves, *Hargreaves Family Law, Vic* *Session sponsored by* ***Forte Family Lawyers***
1230-1330	**Lunch and Exhibition** (Foyer Marketplace and Federation Ballroom Marketplace, Mezzanine Level, HGC)

1330-1430	**Parallel Session A** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	**Parallel Session B** (Grand Ballroom, Mezzanine Level, HGC)
	Professional Responsibilities in Family Law: Ethics Hypotheticals **Presented by:** • The Hon. Justice Cuthbertson, *Supreme Court of Tasmania, Tas* • Prof Gino Dal Pont, *University of Tasmania Dean and Head of School of Law, Tas* • Brett McGrath, *Marsdens Law Group, NSW* **Session Chair:** Kate Alroe, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Lander & Rogers, Qld*	**When Technology Enables Harm: Family Violence in the Digital Age** **Presented by:** • The Hon. Justice Riethmuller, *Federal Circuit & Family Court Australia (Division 1), NSW* • Richard Fleming, *General Counsel, Office of the eSafety Commissioner, ACT* • Emma Mason, *Mason Mia & Associates, NSW* **Session Chair:** Jessica Cruise, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Legal Aid, ACT*
1430-1445	***Session changeover***	
1445-1455	**22nd National Family Law Conference Presentation** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	
1455-1555	**Plenary 10** (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC)	
	Competing Claims, Crypto and Chaos: Just Another Day in the Major Complex Financial Proceedings List **Presented by:** Dr Robin Colesmith, *Family Law Section Executive Member, Holmes List – Victorian Bar, Vic* and Justice Parker, *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)* together with special guests *Session sponsored by* ***Barry Nilsson***	
1830-late	**Gala Dinner** (Princes Wharf 1) – *Sponsored by Nicholls Anzani*	