

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

As at 14 September 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 Dwayne Everett-Smith, <i>Tas</i> State of the Nation Presented by: - The Hon. Michelle Rowland MP, <i>Attorney-General of Australia</i> - 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> - The Hon. Justice Sutherland, <i>Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, WA</i> - Commissioner Micaela Cronin, <i>Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission</i> - Nicky Davies, <i>Chief Executive Officer, National Legal Aid, Qld</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Jason Walker, <i>Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Forté Family Lawyers, Vic</i> <i>Session sponsored by Australian Government Attorney-General's Department</i>
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, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i> - Conrad Liveris, <i>Chief Economist, Black Swan Economics & Advisory</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Peter Cummings SC, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Waratah Chambers, NSW</i> <i>Session sponsored by Meillon & Bright Legal</i>	SMSF Splitting: Orders, Implementation and Hidden Risks Presented by: Stephen Bourke, <i>SuperSplitting.com.au, NSW</i> Session Chair: Jane Miller, <i>Elizabeth Evatt Chambers, SA</i> <i>Session sponsored by Tolis & Co Lawyers</i>	Enforcement Made Easy: Master the Process and Succeed in the Application A registrar led session presented by: - Senior Judicial Registrar Malinowsky, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, NSW</i> - Judicial Registrar Mooney, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, NSW</i> Session Chair: Judicial Registrar Gelston, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Tas</i> <i>Session sponsored by Myra Aris & Co</i>
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) - <i>Powered by Patrons of the Early Career Lawyers' Program</i>		
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, <i>President of IAFL and Partner at Withers, London, UK</i> - Isaac Hikaka, <i>Mills Lane Chambers, New Zealand</i> - Derek Ho, <i>Tonys Lawyers, Hong Kong</i> - Rachael Kelsey, <i>SKO Family Lawyers, Scotland, UK</i> - Steven Yoda, <i>Walzer Melcher & Yoda LLP, California, USA</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Justice Campton, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)</i> <i>Session sponsored by Cutcher & Neale Forensic Accounting</i>	No Time, Flipping Residence and Moratoriums in Parenting Cases Presented by: - Eleanor Mallet KC, <i>Svenson Barristers, Vic</i> - Lauren Phelan, <i>Phelan Family Consulting, Vic</i> Session Chair: Sir Andrew McFarlane, <i>Immediate past President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice, London, UK</i> <i>Session sponsored by Culshaw Miller Badenoch Lawyer</i>	Presented by AIFLAM: Family Law Mediation: Where the Challenges Lie and What Needs to Change Presented by: - Emma Swart, <i>Chair of AIFLAM, Foley's List - Victorian Bar, Vic</i> - Fiona Besir, <i>Family Law Mediations South Australia, SA</i> - Dr Darren Moroney, <i>University of Western Australia Mediation Clinic, WA</i> Session Chair: Debra Parker, <i>Parker Coles Curtis, ACT</i> <i>Session sponsored by Butler McIntyre & Butler</i>

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, <i>Safe & Together Institute, USA</i> Session Chair: Magistrate Hartnett, <i>Magistrates Court of Tasmania</i>	Binding the Deal: Financial Agreements Built to Last and Withstand Challenge Presented by: - The Hon. Justice Williams, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Vic</i> - Rebecca Horsley, <i>Inns of Court, Qld</i> - Greg Howe, <i>Howe Jenkin Family Lawyers, SA</i> Session Chair: Lilli Rand, <i>Carew Counsel Solicitors, Vic</i> Session sponsored by Lewis Family Lawyers	Practical Technology for Court: Not AI Presented by: - The Hon. Justice Altobelli, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW</i> - Philip Looney KC, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, French Quarter Chambers, Qld</i> - Kate Greenwood, <i>Innovation and Communication, Lander & Rogers</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Trevor McKenna, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Derwent & Tamar Chambers, Tas</i> Session sponsored by DNALabs Australia	Early Career Lawyers Workshop: Interim Hearings Workshop - From Preparation to Persuasion Presented by: - The Hon. Peter Tree KC, <i>Waratah Chambers, NSW</i> - Teresa Farmer SC, <i>John Toohey Chambers, WA</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Jaquie Palavra, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, NT</i> 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, <i>Joint Head of Chambers, 4PB and Chair (2025), Bar Council of England and Wales</i> Session Chair: Jason Walker, <i>Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, Forté Family Lawyers, Vic</i>			
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, <i>Pearson Emerson Family Law, NSW</i> - Prof Lisa Young, <i>Murdoch University, WA</i> Session Chair: Judge Turnbull, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Tas</i> <i>Session sponsored by Howe Jenkin Family Lawyers</i>			
0930-0945	Session changeover			
0945-1045	Concurrent 4A (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) Post Amendment Financial Relief: What's Changed, What's Unclear and What to Do Presented by: - The Hon. Garry Watts AM, <i>NSW</i> - Paul Doolan, <i>Barkus Doolan Winning, NSW</i> Session Chair: Minal Vohra SC, <i>Holmes List - Victorian Bar, Vic</i> <i>Session sponsored by Blanchfield Nicholls Family & Private Advisory</i>	Concurrent 4B (Grand Ballroom 1&2, Mezzanine Level, HGC) Following the Law Is Not Optional: Child Support in Practice Presented by: - Chris Bishop, <i>Win Paten Chambers, Qld</i> - Briana Kotzapavlidis, <i>Arkadia Family Law, Vic</i> Session Chair: Judge Burt, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), Vic</i> <i>Session sponsored by Hope Earle Lawyers Pty Ltd</i>	Concurrent 4C (Grand Ballroom 3, Mezzanine Level, HGC) 7 Steps to Flipping a Parenting Expert in the Witness Box! Presented by: - The Hon. Justice Brasch, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Qld</i> - Melissa Gillies SC, <i>Culwulla Chambers, NSW</i> Session Chair: Mary Anne Ryan, <i>President of the Tasmanian Bar, Derwent & Tamar Chambers, Tas</i> <i>Session sponsored by Dorter Family Lawyers & Mediators</i>	Concurrent 4D (Harbour View Room 1, Mezzanine Level, HGC) Neurodiversity Matters: Transforming How Family Law Practitioners See, Hear and Respond Presented by: - Senior Judicial Registrar Sudholz, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Vic</i> - Stephanie Lau, <i>Educational & Developmental Psychologist, Vic</i> - Amanda Pearson, <i>Owen Dixon Chambers, Vic</i> - Kathryn Schuck, <i>Inclusive Family Law and Mediation, Vic</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Viv Morkos, <i>Owen Dixon Chambers, Vic</i> <i>Session sponsored by Holmes List Barristers</i>
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: Sir Andrew McFarlane, <i>President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice, London, UK</i> Session Chair: Nicola Watts, <i>Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA</i> Session Coordinator: A/Prof Michelle Fernando, <i>School of Law, Adelaide University, SA</i> 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, <i>Mother, Lawyer and Social Media Reform Advocate, NSW</i>
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, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), ACT</i> • The Hon. Justice Taglieri, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), Tas</i> • A/Prof Dr Zoe Rathus AM, <i>Griffith University, Qld</i> Session Chair: Matthew Verney KC, <i>St Elmo Chambers & Foley's List - Victorian Bar, Tas</i> 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, <i>Collective Intelligence, Vic</i> Session Chair: Mark Parker, <i>Lander & Rogers, Vic</i> <i>Session sponsored by Pilot Partners</i>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families and the Court Presented by: - Commissioner Sue-Anne Hunter, <i>National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People</i> - Judge McGowan, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), NSW</i> - Tyne McConnon, <i>Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service, Tas</i> - Kirsty Maylin, Director - Indigenous Operations, Policy & Support, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</i> Session Chair and Presenter: Judge Flintoff, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2), QLD</i>	From Client Advice to Cross Examination: Challenging Real Property and Enterprise Valuations Presented by: - Denby Kerr, <i>Kerr Fels Divorce & Family Lawyers, WA</i> - Kate Mooney KC, <i>Michael Kirby Chambers, Tas</i> Session Chair: The Hon. Justice O'Brien, <i>Family Court of Western Australia</i> <i>Session sponsored by Douglas Hoskins Legal</i>
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, <i>Industry Professor and Director, Policy and Governance, University of Technology Sydney, NSW</i> Session Chair: Alison James, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Mitchell Chambers, SA</i> <i>Session sponsored by Pickles Advisory & Valuations</i>		
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) - <i>Sponsored by Delbridge Forensic Accounting</i>		
1830-2130	LGBTQIA+ Function (Altar Bar - upstairs) - <i>Sponsored by Svenson Barristers</i>		

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, <i>Consultant Neuropsychologist, London, UK</i> • Belle Lane, <i>Aickin Chambers, Vic</i> • Emma Scott, <i>Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, UK</i> Session Chair: The Hon. Robert Benjamin AM KC, <i>Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor, Tas</i>
1000-1100	Plenary 8 (Federation Concert Hall, Ground and Mezzanine Level, HGC) Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture Presented by: The Hon. Justice Robert Beech-Jones, <i>High Court of Australia, Tas</i> Session Chair: Philip Looney KC, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, French Quarter Chambers, Qld</i> <i>Session sponsored by HopgoodGanim Lawyers</i>
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, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Broun Abrahams Burreket, NSW</i> • Michael Kearney SC, <i>Waratah Chambers, NSW</i> Session Chair: Georgia Hargreaves, <i>Hargreaves Family Law, Vic</i> <i>Session sponsored by Forte Family Lawyers</i>
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, <i>Supreme Court of Tasmania, Tas</i> - Prof Gino Dal Pont, <i>University of Tasmania Dean and Head of School of Law, Tas</i> - Brett McGrath, <i>Marsdens Law Group, NSW</i> Session Chair: Kate Alroe, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Lander & Rogers, Qld</i>	When Technology Enables Harm: Family Violence in the Digital Age Presented by: - The Hon. Justice Riethmuller, <i>Federal Circuit & Family Court Australia (Division 1), NSW</i> - Richard Flemming, <i>General Counsel, Office of the eSafety Commissioner, ACT</i> - Emma Mason, <i>Mason Mia & Associates, NSW</i> Session Chair: Jessica Cruise, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Legal Aid, ACT</i>
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, <i>Family Law Section Executive Member, Holmes List - Victorian Bar, Vic</i> and Justice Parker, <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)</i> together with special guests <i>Session sponsored by Barry Nilsson</i>	
1830-late	Gala Dinner (Princes Wharf 1) - <i>Sponsored by Nicholls Anzani</i>	