

Conveyancing Conference 2016

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Disc 1
58mins

Welcome Remarks

Presenter: **Leone Costigan**, Executive Counsel, Herbert Smith Freehills and Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld



Reviewing the Off the Plan Disclosure Statement

The off the plan market is very busy at the moment, but after good times come bad. When that happens, buyers will ask you about getting out of contracts and you need to be prepared. This session will explain what an off the plan disclosure statement must include, talk through how a developer can change it and what happens if and when that occurs.

Presenter: **Frank Higginson**, Director, Hynes Legal

Chair: **Leone Costigan**, Executive Counsel, Herbert Smith Freehills and Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld

Disc 2
58mins

Ethical Issues in Conveyancing Law

This session will examine a number of problems or dilemmas the QLS Ethics Centre responds to when dealing with queries from solicitors who practice in conveyancing. The presentation will review applicable conduct rules and case authorities to provide a clearer understanding of your responsibilities.



Presenters: **Mark Illidge**, Practice Support Solicitor, QLS Ethics Centre, Queensland Law Society
David Bowles, Senior Solicitor, QLS Ethics Centre, Queensland Law Society
Stafford Shepherd, Director, QLS Ethics Centre, Queensland Law Society

Disc 3
53mins

Complex Land Titles Issues in Conveyancing Transactions

Presented by the Titles Office, this session will give you a clearer understanding of the complex land titles issues that can arise when conveyancing transactions also deal with trusts or estates or caveats.



Questions were submitted prior to the conference and questions were taken from the floor.



Presenters: **Gareth Scott**, Senior Land Officer, Titles Office, Department of Natural Resources and Mines
Peter Jimmieson, Manager Operations, Titles Office, Department of Natural Resources and Mines
Dave Williams, Team Coordinator, Titles Office, Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Chair: **Ralph Praeger**, Principal, M+K Lawyers

Disc 4
55mins

Help! The Survey Plan Just Arrived! What Does it Show?

In this practical session a qualified surveyor, who is also a qualified solicitor, will show you how to decipher and interpret the wealth of information contained in a survey plan. You will gain valuable insight into the world of surveying terminology and identification symbols. You will also learn about:



- the different types of survey plans used in the Registry
- how to present older plans
- how to compare old plans with new plans.

Presenter: **Ian Rosenberger**, Principal, Rosenbergers Surveyors and Solicitors

Chair: **Ralph Praeger**, Principal, M+K Lawyers

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Disc 5
63mins



Foreign Investors: CGT Withholding Tax and Stamp Duty

In light of this year's changes to Federal and State taxes and duties regarding Australian property, this session will help you gain a clearer understanding of the new CGT withholding tax regime as well as the new rules regarding Queensland stamp duty and the impact they will have on your clients. This session will include:

- an overview of the new CGT withholding tax regime and the stamp duty rules
- a spotlight on the corresponding changes to the REIQ contract
- ATO clearance certificates or variation notices.

Presenter: **Sally Newman**, Special Counsel, Minter Ellison
Justen Nixon, Public Groups & International, Australian Taxation Office

Chair: **Adrian Rich**, Partner, Minter Ellison

Disc 6
53mins



Risk Management Issues in Conveyancing Matters

This practical workshop will highlight the most common pitfalls Lexon have identified through claims experience and consultations with practices through the Lexon Workshop and Stress Test program. Using everyday scenarios in residential conveyancing – from client contact to settlement issues – this session will help you identify practical risk management strategies that can reduce exposure. It will also include current case law on relevant points and steps in the Conveyancing Protocol which can help you pick up on these issues.

Presenters: **Robert Mackay**, Legal Risk Solicitor, Lexon Insurance
Professor Sharon Christensen, Queensland University of Technology, Consultant, Gadens and member, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

Disc 7
45mins



Email Contracts and Notices in Conveyancing Transactions

Using emails to create contracts, serve and receive notices is increasing in popularity in conveyancing transactions. While there are cost and efficiency benefits to 'going digital', this session will examine the legal implications and potential traps.

Presenter: **Professor Sharon Christensen**, Queensland University of Technology, Consultant, Gadens and member, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

Chair: **Matthew Raven**, Partner, Gadens and Chair, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

Disc 8
39mins



E-Conveyancing in Practice – 12 months on

With the introduction of E-Conveyancing into Queensland late last year, this interactive panel session will answer your frequently asked questions and inform you of the steps you need to take, the practical issues you may face and the risks you need to consider.

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Panellists: **Elizabeth Dann**, Registrar, Titles Office, Department of Natural Resources and Mines
Amy Gerraty, Senior Legal Counsel, Property Exchange Australia Limited
Judica Swift, Director and Principal Solicitor, Swift Legal

Facilitator: **Matthew Raven**, Partner, Gadens and Chair, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

Closing Remarks

Presenter: **Matthew Raven**, Partner, Gadens and Chair, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

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