

QLS Symposium 2018 – Personal Injuries Package

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Overview

How do you calculate the true loss of opportunity for a newly self-employed client? What documents can (and should) you disclose when an injury file collides with a family law property settlement? And where will contemporary politics and common law rights take PI practise next? Find out in this accelerated collection of topics that features fresh perspectives and practical sessions lead by the experts in personal injuries.

This package also features every keynote address from QLS Symposium 2018, including presentations by Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs, Professor Gino Dal Pont and highlights from Bernard Salt AM presentation.

5.5 CPD Points



55mins



Upholding the rule of law in a complex post truth era

In a complex world with 24/7 media commentary, populist governments and the erosion of procedural rights, how is the rule of law holding up? In this session, Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs, will discuss the implications of a “post- truth” era on the rule of law for Queensland, and also explore what responsibilities, if any, lawyers have to uphold the rule of law and to hold governments and law makers to account.

Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs, Vice Chancellor’s Fellow, University of Melbourne and former President, Australian Human Rights Commission

Chair: **Ken Taylor**, President, Queensland Law Society; Director, Purcell Taylor; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee

52mins



Professionalism in the 21st Century

With rapid changes happening in the legal marketplace including various models to deliver legal services, widespread use of technology including artificial intelligence and the increase in on-line legal services, how can lawyers mark their point of difference whilst delivering high quality legal services, backed by high ethical standards and appropriate insurance?

Join us to hear from Professor Dal Pont on current challenges that legal practitioners face, and how a commitment to professionalism can add value to legal services. This session will discuss what legal professionalism means in the 21st century, and how this translates:

- selling legal value in a market of ‘off the shelf’ products
- self-policing functions regarding peers’ conduct
- limited scope retainers, and how do you get ‘off retainer’?

Professor Gino Dal Pont, Law School, University of Tasmania

Chair: **Stafford Shepherd**, Director, QLS Ethics Centre, Queensland Law Society

41mins



Contemporary politics and common law rights: What’s next?

Legislative change is a perennial threat to the common law, and hence to clients’ rights. The pace and complexity of legislative change has increased over the last decade. With the notable exception of the Newman workers’ compensation “reforms”, Queensland has been largely untouched by the retrograde outcomes experienced in NSW and elsewhere.

This session will explore present and potential legislative impacts upon personal injuries practices in the contemporary political and policy climate.

Rod Hodgson, Principal and Managing Partner, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers and Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) - Qld and Vic

Chair: **Luke Murphy**, Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Murphy Schmidt Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee

48mins



Disclosure of family court documents in personal injury claims

Claimants in personal injury claims have high duties of disclosure and, in some cases, it may be necessary to disclose family court documents. However, practitioners need to be aware that family court documents cannot be disclosed in personal injury proceedings without the court’s permission. This session will discuss the legal principles involved and outline the steps required to obtain the court’s permission.

Sarah Vallance, Senior Associate, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers and Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld

Chair: **Luke Murphy**, Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Murphy Schmidt Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee

45mins

Key updates: Legislation and case law



This session will reflect on the significant decisions over the past 12 months and provide a glimpse into the significant updates in the personal injuries space.

Join us for updates in liability, employer/CTP/third party and damages.

Keith Howe, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Terry Killian**, Partner, Hall & Wilcox; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries Law) - Qld and Chair, Queensland Law Society Specialist Accreditation Personal Injuries Advisory Committee

43mins

Practical strategies for survival in personal injuries practise



Ensure your practise toolkit is up to date with an engaging and pragmatic look at the top recent practise changes personal injuries practitioners need to be aware of.



Our expert presenters will step you through:

- the issue of claim farming including current MAIC statistics, how QLS has responded to the issue, and the outcomes both MAIC and QLS are hoping to achieve
- vicarious trauma survival.

Michael Garbett, Partner, Moray & Agnew Lawyers and Chair, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee

Kylie Horton, General Manager, Motor Accident Insurance Commission

Tere Vaka, Senior Psychologist, Penny Gordon & Associates

Chair: **Terry Killian**, Partner, Hall & Wilcox; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries Law) - Qld and Chair, Queensland Law Society Specialist Accreditation Personal Injuries Advisory Committee

43mins

Another piece of the PI: Financial complexities for the self-employed



Your client has just started up a business and the earning potential on their tax records does not reflect their future earning potential: How do you go about calculating their true loss of opportunity?

Break down the complexities and gain some practical strategies from the experts in this valuable, step-by-step presentation.

David Cormack, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Jodie Mills, Principal, Small Myers Hughes and Accredited Specialist (Taxation Law)

Chair: **Anna Morgan**, Senior Associate, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers and President, Gold Coast District Law Association

10mins

Highlights: Thriving in the complexity of legal practice



Like many professions, the legal profession is under threat from automation, artificial intelligence and other technological advances. So how do we, as lawyers, thrive in a rapidly changing legal landscape? Join us to hear from Bernard Salt AM about the key trends shaping Australia and in particular Queensland, and how you as a millennial, generation X or baby boomer can ensure your practice thrives.

Bernard Salt AM, Managing Director, The Demographics Group

Chair: **Ken Taylor**, President, Queensland Law Society; Director, Purcell Taylor; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee