

# QLS Symposium 2018 – Family Package

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2018/2019 CPD year

## Overview

Be immersed in expertly run sessions designed to address the complexities of family law in practise. Join us for lively masterclasses, updates and topical discussions including a focus on property settlements and spousal maintenance for retirees, the tax traps in family law (including a focus on the two million dollar rule) and a sceptics' guide to using non-adversarial practise to your advantage.

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

43mins



## The two million dollar question: Tax traps in family law

Join our presenter for an informative and fast-paced discussion around the common taxation issues encountered in family law matters including the traps in property settlements, SMSFs, trusts, companies and businesses. Also covered, tax implications in arbitration awards, stamp duty exemptions for property, and an overview of the two million dollar rule in the context of withholding tax.

Gain the tools you need to identify a problem and develop timely and effective solutions.

**Scott Hay-Bartlem**, Partner, Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers and SMSF Specialist Advisor™

Chair: **Stephen Page**, Partner, Harrington Family Lawyers; Blogger, ‘The Australian Surrogacy and Adoption Blog’; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) and Member, Queensland Law Society Equity and Diversity Committee

45mins



## Key updates: Legislation and case law

Join us for a snapshot of the latest cases in the last 12 months, and some practical insights from the bench on how they will impact your day-to-day practice. Updates include:

- the new *Cross Examination Bill*
- the impact of *Thorne v Kennedy* (duress in a relationship, binding financial agreements); and
- what to expect during the first review of the family law system since the national Family Court was established in 1976.

**The Honourable Justice Catherine Carew**, Family Court of Australia

Chair: **Stephen Page**, Partner, Harrington Family Lawyers; Blogger, ‘The Australian Surrogacy and Adoption Blog’; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) and Member, Queensland Law Society Equity and Diversity Committee

37mins



## Masterclass: Trusts in s79 property proceedings

This session will provide practical guidance on dealing with both discretionary and unit trusts in s79 proceedings.

**Kate Buckley**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Michele Sheehan**, QLS Senior Counsellor, Queensland Law Society; Principal, enTrust Law; Principal, Sheehan & Co; Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) – Qld; Accredited Specialist (Family Law); Member, Queensland Law Society Specialist Accreditation Succession Law Advisory Committee and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Succession Law Committee

43mins



## Grey divorce: Property settlements and spousal maintenance for retirees

Divorce has escalated in our elder ranks with the Australian Bureau of Statistics data showing the average age of divorcees has increased over the past 25 years.

This session will discuss the legal processes for and the issues relating to property settlements and spousal maintenance matters involving elderly persons and retirees.

**Kay Feeney**, Director, Feeney Family Law and Accredited Specialist (Family Law)

Chair: **Michele Sheehan**, QLS Senior Counsellor, Queensland Law Society; Principal, enTrust Law; Principal, Sheehan & Co; Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) – Qld; Accredited Specialist (Family Law); Member, Queensland Law Society Specialist Accreditation Succession Law Advisory Committee and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Succession Law Committee

59mins



## Panel: A sceptic's guide to non-adversarial practise

Family law practise is a unique mix of adversarial and non-adversarial approaches: However, more often than not we continue to turn to the court to resolve disputes. And it's no wonder: the first iterations of ADR were largely unequipped to handle warring parties.

Has anything changed?

Join our expert panel for an express overview of the current state of arbitration, conciliation, mediation and collaborative practise; and a discussion on how modern non-adversarial techniques have actually played out in the real world.

**Gary Fleetwood**, Barrister, Queensland Bar and Nationally Accredited Mediator

**Ann Sturgess**, Registrar, Family Court of Australia

**Anne-Marie Rice**, Director, Rice Naughton McCarthy; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) and Member, Queensland Law Society Specialist Accreditation Family Law Advisory Committee

Chair: **Bruce Dodd**, Accredited Specialist (Family Law)

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