

# Conveyancing conference

Recorded: 2 August 2018 | 7 hours  
2018/2019 CPD year

## Overview

Returning by popular demand, join the experts and your peers at our conference especially designed for conveyancing practitioners.

This premier professional development event will get you up to date on new developments, and refresh and enhance your knowledge of the essential aspects of conveyancing practice.

Hear the latest issues affecting your practice, catch up with your peers, enhance your legal and practical skills, and earn 7 CPD points.

**7 CPD Points**



60mins

**REIQ contract: Impact of recent case law and statute**

This session covers essential updates, including recent case law and statute that impact on the contract disclosure, as well as issues arising from electronic contracting and notices.



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

60mins

**The new GST withholding regime – navigating the basics and the traps for the unwary**

This session examines the risk issues associated with the new GST withholding regime that starts on 1 July 2018. Be aware of the grey areas that exist including what transactions fall in and out of the GST withholding regime.



Presenter: **Fletch Heinemann**, Partner, Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers

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

60mins

**Terminating a conveyancing retainer**

Generally when engaged by a client to undertake conveyancing services the solicitor is obliged to complete the transaction for which he or she has been retained. Circumstances can arise during the course of the transaction which may cause the solicitor to consider whether the retainer needs to be terminated. A law practice may terminate if there is “just cause” and on “reasonable notice”.

The panel will consider a number of scenarios that will highlight the following issues:

- The difference between the “difficult client” and one where the necessary relationship of trust between the client and solicitor has broken down
- What constitutes “just cause”
- What is “reasonable notice”

Panellists:

**Bill Purcell**, Director, Bennett & Philp Lawyers, QLS Senior Counsellor and Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld

**David Bowles**, Ethics Solicitor, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Roger Patterson**, Legal Professional Development Executive, Queensland Law Society

45mins

**How to avoid conveyancing targeted cyber-crime**

Cybercriminals have succeeded in stealing millions of dollars from Queensland law firms in the past year alone. Conveyancing firms regularly handling large amounts through their trust accounts are prime targets. This session explains how this criminal activity is being carried out, and the steps firms should take to avoid falling victim.



Presenters:

**Robert MacKay**, Senior Risk Solicitor, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

**James Sowry**, Founder and Managing Director, Sentrian

Chair: **David Bowles**, Ethics Solicitor, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society

45mins

### Update from the Titles Registry



Hear the latest developments and guidance for practitioners from the Titles Office Registrar.

Presenter: **Liz Dann**, Registrar of Titles and Registrar of Water Allocations



Chair: **Kim Teague**, Partner, Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

60mins

### Body corporate issues



This session covers important aspects of law and practice arising with respect to Bodies Corporate, including off the plan contracts, disclosure, preparation of contracts, ongoing disclosure, and searches to be undertaken once a plan is registered (before settlement).

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

Chair: **Kim Teague**, Partner, Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

45mins

### Why E-conveyancing matters: A practitioner's perspective



A user of e-Conveyancing shares his experience and views in a combined presentation with PEXA:

- did you know? – the “hidden” benefits of PEXA
- a question of change management – transitioning smoothly without disruption
- the future: the sound attractions of paperless conveyancing



Presenters:

**Simon LaBlack**, Legal Practitioner Director, LABLACK Lawyers Pty Ltd and Accredited Specialist (Property Law) - Qld

**Rukshana Sashankan**, Queensland State Lead, Property Exchange Australia Ltd (PEXA)

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

60mins

### Update on risk management issues in conveyancing matters – how would you do?



This practical workshop will put various conveyancing scenarios to the audience built around the bigger pitfalls Lexon is seeing in current claims. It will help you identify practical risk management strategies that can reduce exposure when acting for buyer or seller in residential matters.

Presenters:

**Robert Mackay**, Senior Risk Solicitor, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

**Emma-Jane McNicol**, Legal Risk Solicitor, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

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