

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Breakfast

Friday 14 June 2019 | 7-8.40am
Law Society House, Brisbane

Overview

The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day breakfast seminar is one of QLS's key strategies for raising awareness to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older people. Join our esteemed panellists as they engage in discussion focusing on understanding issues surrounding elder abuse and what legal practitioners can do to help elder or vulnerable people maintain their rights and freedom. Registration for this session is essential as places are limited.



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7am **Registration and light breakfast served**

7.30am **Welcome remarks**

Presenter: **Bill Potts**, President, Queensland Law Society; Director, Potts Lawyers, Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Queensland Law Society Senior Counsellor

7.35am **Panel discussion**



This panel discussion will bring together eminent elder law practitioners and leading experts in elder abuse to discuss:

- what is elder abuse and why is it important in the legal role
- the different types of elder abuse - financial and psychological
- how to identify the signs of abuse and an at risk client
- ageism
- what do practitioners need to be aware of - tips on what to do in circumstances where elder abuse is present
- key steps that need to happen from a legal perspective.

Panellists:

Christine Smyth, Consultant, Robbins Watson Solicitors; Former President (2017), Queensland Law Society; Member, Queensland Law Society Succession Law Committee and Accredited Specialist (Succession Law) – Qld

The Honourable Justice Martin Daubney AM, President QCAT and Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland

Brian Herd, Partner, CRH Law and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Elder Law Committee

Chair: **Mary Burgess**, Public Advocate for Queensland

8.35am **Closing remarks**

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