

Essentials: Domestic and family violence workshop

Wednesday 26 June | 8.30am-12pm
Law Society House, Brisbane

Overview

Developments in domestic violence law make this an increasingly important area for practitioners to understand, particularly those in criminal or family law practice. This workshop introduces delegates to Queensland domestic violence laws, how these laws are used and enforced as well as key cases and legal issues. Sessions will also cover the principles of trauma informed practice and perspectives from the bench on effective solicitor advocacy in matters involving domestic and family violence

3 CPD Points



8am **Registration**

8.30am **Welcome remarks**

Presenter: **Katherine Manby**, Principal, VM Family Law

8.35am **Domestic and family violence fundamentals**



This session will review of the framework surrounding domestic violence issues using practical case studies, including:

- refresher/introduction to Queensland domestic violence laws
- how are these laws used and enforced?
- court procedures and processes

tips on taking instructions including listening and empathy skills when dealing with distressed clients

Presenters:

Rebecca Fogerty, Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee and Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

Dianne Mangan, Chair, Red Rose Foundation

Chair: **Katherine Manby**, Principal, VM Family Law

10.05am **Morning tea**

10.30am **Trauma informed practice**



This session will introduce the concept of, and highlight the principles underpinning trauma informed practice when dealing with matters involving Domestic and Family Violence. Delegates will hear about strategies they can adopt and integrate into their work which reflect best practice trauma informed service. Session content will include:

- understanding domestic violence
- trauma and the effect on victims of domestic violence
- validating the victim - Trauma Informed Practice
- interviewing and assessing safety
- practices and procedures – tips for getting the best out of your client, minimising negative impact on clients
- helping your clients to safety plan: holistic legal response

Presenter: **Rachel Neil**, Principal Solicitor, Women's Legal Service Qld

Chair: **Katherine Manby**, Principal, VM Family Law

11.15am

Advocacy in domestic and family violence matters



As an ever-increasing share of advocacy is undertaken by solicitors, clients are looking for legal practitioners with a skill-set that includes the ability to effectively a run matter personally in court. This is especially true in the context of matters involving domestic and family violence. Join specialist domestic violence magistrate, Magistrate Bradford-Morgan for session examining what makes for effective advocacy in this context. Her Honour will share insights and practical instruction on solicitor advocacy from the perspective of the Bench.

Presenter: **Magistrate Linda Bradford-Morgan**, Magistrates Court of Queensland

Chair: **Katherine Manby**, Principle, VM Family Law

12pm

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