




Program

7.40am	Registration	
8.10am	Welcome to Country	
8.20am	QLS President's remarks	
	<p>Presenter: Rebecca Fogerty, President, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld)</p> <p>Chair: Cliff Kroesen, President, Gold Coast District Law Association; Partner, Kroesen & Co Lawyers</p>	
8.30am	Opening address	
8.45am	Trending issues in ethics	
	<p> Ethical issues arise on a daily basis, and practitioners need to be able to identify and resolve them effectively and efficiently. In this session we will consider some common ethical dilemmas and examine how best to deal with them. Trending issues that will be addressed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients with questionable capacity • Referral fees • Conflicts of Interest • Release of safe custody/files • AI use <p>Presenter: Shane Budden, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society</p> <p>Chair: Cliff Kroesen, President, Gold Coast District Law Association; Partner, Kroesen & Co Lawyers</p>	
9.45am	Morning tea	
10.10am	<p>TRACK 1A</p> <p>Disclosure and warrants in criminal cases</p> <p>This session is a masterclass on applications to exclude evidence on the basis of invalid search and telephone warrant intercepts. Discussion will include the value of disclosure and directions hearings as part of the process.</p>	<p>TRACK 1B</p> <p>Getting it right –Tax implications in estate administration</p> <p>Increase your understanding of the tax treatments in estate administration as our expert presenter considers some of the key issues that may arise, including the treatment of SMSFs.</p>



Presenter: **Alastair McDougall**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Erin Mitchell**, Director, Potts Lawyers; Vice President, Gold Coast District Law Association



Presenter: **Scott Hay-Bartlem**, Partner and SMSF Specialist Advisor, Cooper Grace Ward

Chair: **Natasha Milne**, Managing Director, Forensic & Litigation Consulting, FTI Consulting

Chaired by Major Partner FTI Consulting



11.10am

TRACK 2A

Personal Injuries deadlines and limitations

This session will analyse frameworks and decision trees to help you assess critical deadlines and limitations that apply to injured clients, including what they are, how to protect them, when to explore alternative paths, and how to extend them.

Presenters:

Anna Morgan, Principal, Take Control Legal; Member, Gold Coast District Law Association
Helen Ashton, Director, East Coast Injury Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries Law) – Qld

Chair: **Samuel Layani**, Associate, OMB Solicitors; Member, Gold Coast District Law Association



TRACK 2B

Navigating the new Property Law landscape

Our experienced presenters will discuss recent legislative updates and other important developments impacting property transactions, so you can stay informed, be aware of current changes in place right now, and prepare for the upcoming sweeping changes affecting the Property Law landscape.

Presenters:

Simon Bennett, Managing Partner, OMB Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld
Simon LaBlack, Legal Practitioner Director, LaBlack Lawyers Pty Ltd; Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld

Chair: **Rukshana Sashankan**, General Manager – Practitioners, Property Exchange Australia Ltd (PEXA)

Chaired by Major Partner PEXA



12.10pm

Lunch



1pm

TRACK 3A

Immigration law – key issue spotting for your practice

With an estimated 7.7 million people of the overall Australian population having been born overseas, immigration issues have a far reach into many areas of practice and your client base that can easily catch out unsuspecting practitioners.

In this session we will highlight some red flags when dealing with clients, provide key information to interpret risk to your clients and review some of the common scenarios you may encounter.

Presenters:

Lauren Blud, Partner, Ramsden Lawyers
Nick Poynder, Barrister, NSW and Victorian Bar

Chair: Ailsa Day, Partner, Ramsden Lawyers; Member, Gold Coast District Law Association



TRACK 3B

Unfair Contract Terms – the practical implications for your contracts

The amendments introduced in November 2023 to the Unfair Contract Terms (UCT) legislation have implications for a wide range of contracts, from leases and franchise agreements to credit applications and costs agreements. Whatever the nature of your standard form contracts, get up to speed on what you need to know including what's changed, and potential risks for clients.

Presenter: Christopher Johnstone, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: Daniel Samuel, Director, Paddingtons Lawyers and Attorneys; Secretary, Gold Coast District Law Association



2pm

TRACK 4A

Family Law Act 1975 – What the changes mean for you

In this session we review the amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) and focus on what will change in practice, particularly how the Court will apply the amended legislation in considering parenting matters.

Presenters:

Senior Judicial Registrar Bruce Thiele, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
Greg Shoebridge, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: Guy Neilson, Solicitor, Evans Brandon Family Lawyers; Treasurer, Gold Coast District Law Association; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld



TRACK 4B

Planning & environment applications – Top tips

Hear a cross-section of views as our presenters share their tips and guidance on how you can optimally manage your client's P&E applications including the newly introduced Practice Directions.

Presenters:

His Honour Judge Michael Williamson KC, District Court of Queensland

Luke Walker, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Natalie Rayment, Co-Chair and Executive Director, Wolter Consulting Group

Chair: Adam Rodwell, Client Renewal Manager, LEAP Legal Software

Chaired by Major Partner LEAP





3pm **Afternoon tea**

3.25pm **Where fraud and risk lurk**



Get equipped with the skills and knowledge you need to identify some of the frauds and risk lurking around the corners in legal practice. This session will address the new Anti-Money Laundering (Tranche 2) requirements along with some common client-related risk factors.

Presenters:

Matt Dunn, CEO, Queensland Law Society

Tracy Skellern, Deputy Risk Counsel, Lexon Pte Ltd

Leyton Cronk, Senior Risk Solicitor, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

Chair: **Lynette Barlow**, General Manager of Sales, InfoTrack AU

Chaired by Major Partner InfoTrack



4.25pm **AI in legal practice – the challenges, opportunities and everything in between!**



The world changed on 30 November 2022 with the global launch of ChatGPT. The impact on the legal profession has been unexpected, pervasive, and unrelenting but, what does that REALLY, PRACTICALLY mean for your practice? We'll *chat* all about that in this session.

Presenter: **Terri Mottershead**, Executive Director, Centre for Legal Innovation (Australia, New Zealand and Asia-Pacific); Chair, Queensland Law Society GenAI in Legal Practice Working Group

Chair: **Joelene Nel**, Associate Director, McLaughlins Lawyers; Member, Gold Coast District Law Association

5.25pm **Closing remarks**

Presenters:

Cliff Kroesen, President, Gold Coast District Law Association; Partner, Kroesen & Co Lawyers

Mitchell Burge, National Sales Manager, triSearch

5.30pm **Close**

5.30pm **triSearch networking drinks | Royal Benowa Foyer**





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