

# Workshop 1: Golden Rules for Commercial Considerations

Thursday 11 July | 9am-12.30pm | Law Society House



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3 CPD points |  

## Program

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8.45am Registration

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9am Workshop commences

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### Session 1 – Scoping your contract

Presenter: **Darren Ho**, Consultant, Construction and Infrastructure, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

Chair: **Jesse Hill**, Senior Legal Professional Development Executive, Queensland Law Society

### Session 2 – General conditions of a contract design and construction of terms

Presenter: **Petrina Macpherson**, Special Counsel, Minter Ellison

Chair: **Jesse Hill**, Senior Legal Professional Development Executive, Queensland Law Society

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### Morning tea

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### Session 3 – Security of payment under the *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017 (Qld)*

Presenters:

**Darren Ho**, Consultant, Construction and Infrastructure, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

**Petrina Macpherson**, Special Counsel, Minter Ellison

**Peter Travers**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

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12.30pm Workshop concludes

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## Presenters

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### **Darren Ho**

Consultant, Construction and Infrastructure, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

Darren Ho is a consultant within McInnes Wilson Lawyers' Construction and Infrastructure team. He has over 25 years of post-admission experience in tailoring legal solutions for the building and construction industry. Darren provides both front and back end legal services to government, developers, building contractors, engineers, architects, building certifiers and (building) industry associations. His clientele currently ranges from ASX listed companies to 'mum-and-dad' contracting businesses.

Darren's construction law expertise covers a broad spectrum, ranging from construction and engineering to restrictive trade practices law. This expertise includes providing advice and document preparation, due diligence, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution services, adjudication services, review of decisions of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission, and litigation in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts.



### **Jesse Hill**

Senior Legal Professional Development Executive, Queensland Law Society

Jesse comes to the QLS from private practice, where he worked exclusively in commercial litigation. Prior to his time in litigation, he worked in the Queensland Public Service in highly pressurised roles.

Jesse is acutely aware of many of the challenges faced by the legal profession both in the private and public sphere. He now seeks to equip legal practitioners with the tools and knowledge they need to thrive in practice.

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## Petrina Macpherson

Special Counsel, MinterEllison; Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Ethics Committee

Petrina is Special Counsel at MinterEllison. Petrina specialises in construction and infrastructure disputes and has extensive experience ranging from security of payment adjudications and sub-contractor's charges through to large complex claims.

Although now specialising in Construction Law, since being admitted to practice in 2002 Petrina has gained a diverse range of experience in all aspects of commercial litigation including contractual, partnership and lease disputes, as well as trade practices actions in both the Supreme and District Courts of Queensland.

Petrina holds a Masters in Construction Law at the University of Melbourne and tutors in Construction Law at the University of Queensland. Petrina is also a member of the QLS Ethics Committee and in amongst all of that, finds time to do stand-up comedy and comedy writing.



## Peter Travers

Barrister, Queensland Bar

Peter has a broad commercial practice with a particular focus on contractual and property disputes, building and construction matters, professional negligence, and corporate and personal insolvency. Peter is also briefed in family law and administrative matters.

Peter appears in all state and federal Courts and specialist tribunals and is also experienced in mediations. Peter has over 10 years of project management experience, including several commercial construction projects, which provides him a unique understanding of the matters in which he is briefed.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Peter practised as a litigation and dispute resolution solicitor in a leading mid-tier firm. Before coming to the law, Peter served as an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force for 15 years and continues to serve in a reserve capacity.