

FAMILY AND CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE

Program

7.40am **Registration**

OPENING PLENARY

8.10am **Acknowledgement of Country and opening remarks**

Presenter: **Rebecca Fogerty**, President, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

8.20am **Perspectives from the Bench: coercive control in the FCFCOA**

Her Honour provides her insights into judicial decision-making around coercive control. This session will consider the Court's approach to coercive control, the friction points between legislation and evidence, and how to navigate sensitive and contentious issues. We consider the pivotal role that practitioners place in shaping the lives of families and children whilst adhering to the law.

Presenter: **Her Honour Judge Samantha Murdoch**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)

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



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9.20am Ethics update: new Anti-Money Laundering provisions and client communication

In this session our CEO will speak to the new anti-money laundering provisions that all practitioners should be aware of. Our ethics team will then unpack issues around client communication. You will consider what to do when you suspect your client may be lying and where the exceptions to confidentiality lie when it comes to threats of harm.

Presenters:

Matt Dunn, CEO, Queensland Law Society

Shane Budden, Special Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Queensland Law Society



10.20am Morning tea

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10.45am

Sexual violence case management

This session will take you through Practice Direction No 3 of 2024 and provide detailed practical information about the new Sexual Violence Case Management Pilot and the recommended guideline practices for all sexual violence offence proceedings, which are designed to reduce delay, increase court event certainty and reduce re-traumatisation of complainant witnesses, whilst maintaining the right to a fair trial for the accused.

Presenter: **Julie Sarkozi**, Principal Policy Officer, Sexual Violence Case Reform, Department of Justice and the Attorney-General

Chair: **Emma Higgins**, Legal Director, Robertson O’Gorman; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) Qld



DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE

Criminal Law for family practitioners

Our criminal and family law specialists consider the implications of domestic family violence proceedings in criminal, civil, and family proceedings.

Presenter: **Emily O’Hagan**, Partner, Wallace O’Hagan Lawyers; Member, Queensland Law Society Domestic and Family Violence Committee

Chair: **Allison Caputo**, Head of Dispute Resolution, Michael Lynch Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Family Law)



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Keeping up with financial statements

You’re doing amazing sweetie, but there’s nothing wrong with a refresher! We will consider the key tax and financial terms that could make or break your matters.

We’re here to spill the tea on everything you need to know about your clients’ assets and tax obligations.

Presenter: **Julie O’Reilly**, Partner, Business Advisory, William Buck

Chair: **Wendy Miller**, Special Counsel, Damien Greer Lawyers, Senior Counsellor, Queensland Law Society; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld, Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee

Chaired by Major Partner William Buck



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11.45am

Case update: Criminal Law

We provide a timely update on some of the latest and most relevant authorities for your practice.

Presenters:

Laura Dawson, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Callan Lloyd, Director, Gilshenan & Luton; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

Chair: **Kirstie Smith**, Lawyer, and Lecturer at Law, University of Southern Queensland; Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee



Communication with clients in domestic family violence matters

Being fearless is often a trait prescribed with being a great lawyer. So how do we continue to be fearless when those clients are paying our fees?

Consider the role that you play in a shifting landscape in this interactive session aimed at practitioners who work with perpetrators and victims of domestic family violence.

Presenters:

Rachel Tierney, Senior Associate, Gilshenan & Luton

Dr Linh Cheung, Clinical Director, Medsana Medical Clinic; Senior Lecturer, University of Queensland (Academic Title Holder)

Chair: **Zoe Adams**, Director, Zoe Adams Family Law; Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee



Doing disclosure justice - uncovering hidden mines and increasing the pie

This session explores strategies to employ when acting for a client in a financial matter, including reading and interpreting disclosure, to uncover hidden mines before you step on them, to improve the outcome for your client and to minimise harm to your clients as they engage with the family law system.

Presenters:

Courtney Barton, Legal Practice Director, Barton Family Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

David Young, Director, Azimuth Partners

Chair: **Monica Busine**, Financial Advisor, William Buck

Chaired by Major Partner William Buck



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12.45pm Lunch

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1.35pm

Community safety & youth justice

As the government rolls out changes to the way young people are dealt with by the criminal justice system, we examine our role as practitioners and how we can best support the community.

Presenters:

Damian Bartholomew, Solicitor, Youth Advocacy Centre; Chair, Queensland Law Society Children's Law Committee

Anna Cappellano, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Peta Dent, Principal Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland

Chair: **Danielle Iliffe**, Senior Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland; Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Children's Law Committee



DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE

FCFCOA essentials – your questions answered

We are joined by Senior Judicial Registrar Rice from the FCFCOA, who will consider the difficult parts of the case management pathways and how to effectively navigate through all of the processes and procedures.

Presenter: **Senior Judicial Registrar Anne-Marie Rice**, Executive Director National Registrar Operations and Practice, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

Chair: **Zoe Adams**, Director, Zoe Adams Family Law; Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee



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Case update: Family Law

With plenty of new amendments to the legislation, we take a look at some of the most recent authorities from the FCFCOA.

Presenters:

Trent Waller, Waller Family Law; Accredited Specialist (Family Law)

Kayla Milana, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Kane Anderson**, Head of Client Relationships, LEAP Family Law

Chaired by Major Partner LEAP Family Law



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2.35pm

The good, the bad and the ugly

Collaborative practice can be hard when distinct and contrasting approaches between solicitors and counsel arise, subsequently causing friction. Despite solicitors and counsel having the common goal of achieving the best outcome for the client in the circumstances, we know that issues can arise.

This session brings together different perspectives on the solicitor and counsel relationship and looks at how we can leverage differences to solidify outcomes for clients. You will learn the keys to the success of your good intentions, how to manage the bad challenges, and how to avoid the ugly conflicts that could derail progress for your client.

Presenters:

Andrew Hoare KC, Barrister, Queensland Bar

India Brady, Solicitor, Bamberry Lawyers

Gavin Webber, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Joe Wicking**, Senior Associate, Potts Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee



Controlling information

Knowledge is power and in cases where power dynamics are prevalent, the flow of that information can be crucial in a survivor's safety.

We look at sensitive information in this session and how you can assist your clients in ensuring they have access to what they need for their matters.

Presenter: **Sarah-Jane MacDonald**, Legal Practitioner Director, MacDonald Law; Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld

Chair: **Trent Waller**, Waller Family Law; Accredited Specialist (Family Law)



The art of advocacy in the FCFCOA

The mark of a great advocate is a combination of exceptional legal knowledge, persuasive communication and strategic decision making.

Join us while we incorporate these elements into our practice so that we can truly master the art of advocacy.

Presenter: **Michael Drysdale KC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **The Honourable Justice Jacoba Brasch**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)



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3.35pm Afternoon tea

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3.55pm **Coercive control**

Our accredited specialist addresses the new coercive control offence and the outcomes it may have for clients.

Presenter: **Kristy Bell**, Director, Bell Criminal Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

Chair: **Callan Lloyd**, Director, Gilshenan & Luton; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld



Magistrate matters: advocacy in domestic violence courts

We sit down with our specialist domestic family violence magistrates to address effective advocacy in their courtrooms.

You will hear perspectives from the Court, and ways that you can ensure that you are assisting the Bench in the most efficient way possible.

Presenter: **Magistrate Cameron McKenzie**, Magistrates Court of Queensland

Chair: **Emma Kearney**, Associate, Bell Criminal Lawyers; Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee



Family Law amendments in context

We consider the 6 May 2024 amendments to the Family Law Act, as well as other recent legislative changes that might impact your approach to matters.

We provide context as to why those changes have been legislated and what you could expect in the future.

Presenter: **Matt Hempstead**, Partner, Barry Nilsson; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Family Law Committee

Chair: **Rachael Murray**, Partner, Mills Oakley



5pm **Event concludes**

5pm **Networking drinks**

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