

QLS Symposium 2021

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2020/2021 or 2021/2022 CPD year

Overview

Amid a global crisis of uncertainty and disruption, QLS held their flagship event, a Symposium like never before.

Enjoy a dynamic and responsive conference experience with opportunities to learn in sessions across family, succession, criminal, property, personal injuries, commercial, tax and core. Packed full of the critical updates you need right now in your multi-disciplinary practice.

It's all delivered by the profession's leading minds and influencers, and all designed to shape your legal mind. It's QLS Symposium 2021.

13 CPD Points



25mins

Opening session

QLS President's welcome remarks

Presenter: **Elizabeth Shearer**, President, Queensland Law Society; Legal Practitioner Director, Shearer Doyle and Chair, Queensland Law Society Access to Justice Pro Bono Law Committee

Chief Justice's address

Presenter: **The Honourable C E Holmes AC**, Chief Justice of Queensland

58mins



Core | Shaping the client journey

Join Stafford Shepherd and Queensland Law Society Ethics Committee member Kiri Parr, for a discussion of the ethical obligations that solicitors have when shaping the client journey.

This is sometimes referred to as the "six C's":

1. clearly identifying the client;
2. competence;
3. client's best interests;
4. communications;
5. confidentiality; and
6. client conflict resolution.

In this interactive session you will explore the following:

- how to identify the nature and scope of the client retainer;
- 10 client attributes you need to watch out for;
- what you need to consider before terminating a retainer;
- the importance of professional independence; and
- how to shape the retainer to account for your client

Presenter: **Stafford Shepherd**, Principal Ethics and Practice Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre, Legal Practitioner Director, QLS Solicitor Support Pty Ltd, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Kiri Parr**, Director Kiri Parr Pty Ltd and Member, Queensland Law Society Ethics Committee

68mins



Core | Business continuity in uncertain times: choosing and using cloud services*

Whether it is a full cloud-hosted practice management system, Office 365, accounting, video conferencing or email at some point client data is likely to end up on a remote network. There is nothing inherently less secure about cloud data providers but it cannot simply be assumed that a provider will adequately respect or protect your client's confidentiality. This session will give you practical guidance on how to choose a service provider, how to self-assess security and balance other commercial considerations.

Presenter: **David Bowles**, Special Counsel - Ethics, Queensland Law Society

****This session was filmed on 18 February 2021 within the Core 3-in-1 Legal Practice in a Changing World event and is replacing the QLS Symposium 2021 Practice Management and Business Skills core area session, "Shaping the legal mind" within this recording package due to presenter permissions.***

58mins



Core | Shaping the culture: Sexual harassment

We are all aware that there have been numerous surveys, high profile incidents and, of course, significant media attention across Australia that relate to bullying, sexual harassment and discrimination in the legal profession.

Join Queensland Law Society CEO Rolf Moses as he sheds light on the cultural traits that can lead to poor workplace behaviours and offers practical guidance on being an active bystander, building a culture that embeds model behaviour, and responding to a complaint.

Presenter: **Rolf Moses**, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Sandra Pepper**, Head of Education, Queensland Law Society

56mins



Core | First Nations storytelling

Join our panel as they candidly share their life and work experiences as First Nations lawyers through the art and inclusive tradition of storytelling.

Presenters:

Lyndell O'Connor, Lawyer and Founding Director, O'Connor Patterson Smith Lawyers

Terry Stedman, Solicitor, Country to Coast Lawyers and Chair, Queensland Law Society Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

Facilitator: **Keryn Ruska**, Solicitor, Human Rights and Civil Law Practice, Caxton Legal Centre

53mins



Property law update | Property law reform: Body corporate regulations

This session will explore what has – and hasn't – changed as a result of recent reforms to body corporate legislation, as well as how matters are litigated in an often technical (sometimes mysterious) area of property law.

Presenters:

Frank Higginson, Partner, Hynes Legal

Chris Irons, Partner, Hynes Legal

1hr 6mins



Personal injuries law update | Hot topics in personal injuries

Hear from a multi-perspective panel on the most recent updates and topical issues in the personal injuries space.

Panellists:

Daniel Lavercombe, Principal – Insurance, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

Luke Murphy, Immediate Past President, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Murphy Schmidt Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee

Cameron Seymour, Partner, Mullins Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Personal Injuries) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee

Chair: **Michael Garbett**, Partner, Moray & Agnew Lawyers and Chair, Queensland Law Society Accident Compensation/Tort Law Committee,

59mins



Early career lawyer session | An essential guide to the *Human Rights Act* for your everyday practice

With emerging cases across multiple areas of practice utilising the new *Human Rights Act*, it is vital for all practitioners to understand (and know how to use) this legislation to best advise your clients.

Hear from distinguished presenters who will use case studies to illustrate and explore some of the major features of the Act; and gain the essentials on applying it to a broad array of cases in your day-to-day practise.

Presenters:

Scott McDougall, Queensland Human Rights Commissioner

Dan Rogers, Principal, Robertson O’Gorman Solicitors; President, Caxton Community Legal Centre; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Chair, Queensland Law Society Human Rights and Public Law Committee

58mins



Succession and elder law update | Have you seen the new EPoA and AHD forms?

On 30 November 2020—and for the first time in almost 20 years—new enduring power of attorney & advanced health directive forms were introduced that not only look very different, but also leave room for the possibility of some very contentious estate litigation down the track.

Join our expert presenters for a step-through of the new forms; as well as some tips and tricks for protecting your clients (and their beneficiaries) against the potential for future estate disputes.

Presenters:

Chris Herral TEP, Partner, Mullins Lawyers and Chair, STEP Qld

Kathryn Williams, Official Solicitor, Public Trustee of Queensland

1hr 4mins



Criminal law update | Pitfalls of criminal law practice

Our panel of criminal law experts will lead an informative discussion on the pitfalls in criminal law practise, and offer practical solutions on how to successfully navigate through these common challenges.

Panellists:

Dominic Brunello, Senior Associate, Robertson O’Gorman Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

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

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

Chair: **Kristy Bell**, Partner, Howden Sagggers Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

1hr 9mins



Tax law update | Tax hotshots

No matter what type of law you practise, tax issues will invariably arise from time to time.

This panel session has been designed to equip you with an update across multiple perspectives including:

- the abolition of duty for small business restructures;
- guidelines for ex-gratia relief from the land tax foreign surcharge;
- land holder duty traps; and
- corporate trustee duty

Panellists:

Dominic Moon, Principal Lawyer, Macpherson Kelley

Caitlin Murdock, Senior Associate, Holding Redlich

Jodie Robinson, Special Counsel, Commercial-Private Client team, Cooper Grace Ward

Chair: **Duncan Bedford**, Partner, McCullough Robertson

1hr 6mins



Commercial law update | What's happening now? The impact and legacy of COVID-19 on commercial law

If you practise in any aspect of business or commercial law, then this is the session for you!

Receive a practical, real-world overview from experts across corporate law, industrial relations, property and insolvency—and ensure your commercial advices are up to date and relevant in an ongoing COVID market.

Panellists:

Suzanne Brown, Director and Principal Solicitor, McKays Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Business Law) – Qld

Tony Scoglio, Principal, Scoglio Law

Rob Stevenson, Principal, Australian Workplace Lawyers and Accredited Specialist (Workplace Relations)

Chair: **Joe Kafrouni**, Director, Kafrouni Lawyers and Accredited Specialist (Business Law) – Qld

60mins



Family law update | State of the Union address: Family Court and Federal Circuit Court 2021

This session has been designed to inform practitioners of the most important things you need to be aware of in the family law jurisdiction in 2021; as well as some tips and tricks for getting it right when appearing in court.

Presenter: **The Honourable Justice William Alstergren**, Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia and Chief Judge, Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Facilitator: **Dr Jacoba Brasch QC**, President, Law Council of Australia

57mins



Twilight session | Shaping the legal mind – A new way of thinking

As the world faces continued destabilisation and disruption (and problems become increasingly complex as a result), how do you build the capacity to make wise decisions and achieve the best outcomes for your clients, your team and yourself?

Join the multi-award winning Josie Thomson for a fascinating tour into the neuroscience behind legal thinking, and learn how you can use the 'long-range' approach of strategic leadership to calmly solve challenging problems – no matter what areas of law you practise or your type of organisation..

Presenter: **Josie Thomson**, NeuroLeadership, Resilience, Mindset and Change Expert and CEO, Wise Advocate Enterprises

Chair: **Rolf Moses**, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Law Society
