

Government lawyers conference

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Overview

The Government lawyers conference is the key professional development conference in the Queensland calendar for legal professionals in the government, policy and administrative spheres. This full day recording is relevant to everyone in federal, state or local jurisdictions, or in-house with government owned corporations and universities. Hear from leading experts on a variety of topics including:

- important developments and impacts of the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld);
- the latest in workplace law – from discrimination and sexual harassment to employment issues relating to the pandemic;
- a review of significant decisions relevant to commonwealth, state and local government jurisdictions;
- independence and ethical issues; and
- insights into the new world of working remotely and flexibly.

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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

4mins

Opening address

Presenter: **Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP**, Member for Waterford, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Ministerial Champion for the Torres Strait.

58mins



Keynote plenary: the Queensland Human Rights Act

Join esteemed presenter, the Queensland Human Rights Commissioner, for guidance on important developments and impacts since enactment of the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld).

Presenter: **Scott McDougall**, Queensland Human Rights Commissioner

Chair: **Andrew Harris**, Executive Director, Business and Corporate Services, Office of Industrial Relations

57mins



Hot topics in workplace law

Join our expert panel as they discuss the latest in:

- discrimination and sexual harassment;
- bullying and general protections; and
- employment issues relating to the pandemic.

Panellists:

Nick Le Mare, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Martin Osborne, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright

Vince Rogers, Partner, Lander & Rogers

Chair: **Peta Willoughby**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

58mins



What's new in administrative law?

Hear from our expert presenter regarding significant decisions relevant to commonwealth, state and local government jurisdictions, with a focus on their impact on your day-to-day-practice.

Presenter: **Barry Dunphy**, Partner, Clayton Utz

Chair: **Andrew Harris**, Executive Director, Business and Corporate Services, Office of Industrial Relations

54mins



Independence and ethical issues for government lawyers

In an increasingly litigious society in which the decisions of government entities are regularly challenged, many organisations are falling back on legal teams and officers for confirmation and comfort regarding their operations, a situation only exacerbated by COVID. Recent decisions both in Australia and overseas reveal that this trend can compromise independence and raise issues around governance, privilege and the use of experts. This session will examine these trends and provide strategies to preserve independence and maintain the integrity of the solicitor – client relationship.

Presenter: **Shane Budden**, Special Counsel, Ethics, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Paula Freeleagus**, Assistant Crown Solicitor, Crown Law, Commercial Dispute Resolution Team and Member, Queensland Law Society Government Lawyers Committee

49mins



Keeping connected whilst apart – some insights into the new world of working remotely and flexibly

During this session you will gain valuable practical insight on:

- communicating within and across teams and how to successfully manage difficult conversations;
- as leaders, what are the red flags that we should be looking for? And
- communication tips and traps for leaders in this hybrid working world.

Presenter:

Lydia Daly, Partner, McCullough Robertson

Louise Ferris, Chief People Officer, McCullough Robertson

Chair: **Lauren Phelps**, Legal Workplace and Culture Consultant, Queensland Law Society

55mins



Working faster not harder using Microsoft products

As our days get busier, managing those everyday tasks can feel overwhelming. This session will provide you with a few takeaways in:

- getting the most out of Outlook;
- Quick Access Toolbars and templates in Word; and
- what MS Teams really can do

Presenter: **Xanthe Cushing**, Professional Development Manager, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Jessica Lambert**, A/Coronial Registrar, Coroners Court of Queensland, Department of Justice and Attorney-General

46mins



Refresher and update - Overseas disclosure of Personal Information under the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) (IPA) and digital reform

In this session, our expert presenter will discuss:

- guidance on requirements for overseas disclosure under section 33 of the IPA;
- practical application - tips and tricks to make it work;
- working towards a 'white-list' of certified jurisdictions; and
- reform - data use in the race to digital - where to from here?

Presenter: **Bill Singleton**, Partner, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

Chair: **Chris Maxwell**, Assistant Crown Solicitor | Commercial & Property Team, Commercial, Property, Insurance and Risk Branch, Crown Law

2mins

Closing remarks

Presenters:

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