

FAMILY LAW INTENSIVE SYDNEY

8 FEBRUARY 2025 - PROGRAM

08.15 – 09.00	REGISTRATION - GRAND BALLROOM FOYER, LEVEL TWO, SHERATON GRAND SYDNEY HYDE PARK, 161 ELIZABETH STREET
09.00 – 10.30 Grand Ballroom	PLENARY 1 Latest & Greatest 1 An analysis of the leading family law cases of the last 12 months. Chair: Jason Walker, Chair, Family Law Section Speakers: The Hon Justice Altobelli AM, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) The Hon Justice O'Brien, Family Court of Western Australia Competency Area 4 - Substantive Law, 1.5 CPD Points
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea - Grand Ballroom Foyer
11.00 – 12.30 Grand Ballroom	 ADVANCED SESSION Property - Death and Personal Injury in Family Law We can expect an increased focus on the role that family violence plays in property cases. An experienced panel looks at the potential interplay between remedies at Common Law for damages for personal injury and orders under the Succession Act and Property cases in our Courts. Panel Facilitator: Peter Cummings SC, FLS Executive Member, Waratah Chambers Panellists: The Hon Justice Christie, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Anthony Cheshire SC, Eight Wentworth Chambers Andrew Stone SC, Sir Anthony Mason Chambers Suzanne Pigdon, Pigdon Norgate Family Lawyers Competency Area 4 - Substantive Law, 1 CPD Points
Hyde Park Room	 EARLY CAREER LAWYERS SESSION Preparation of Affidavits and the Presentation of Evidence How to effectively draft an Affidavit from scratch which is both compliant with the relevant rules of court and effective in presenting evidence in a manner which is persuasive and useful to your client. The session will cover preparation before your first meeting with a client, obtaining instructions, assessing relevance, sifting out superfluous material, drafting concisely, settling, dealing with client insistence about the inclusion of certain material, choosing exhibits and annexures.. Panel Facilitator: The Hon Justice Schonell, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Panellists: Janai Tabbernor, Waratah Chambers Jeff Marhinin, Barkus Doolan Winning Family Lawyers Competency Area 2 - Professional Skills, 1 CPD Point
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch - Grand Ballroom Foyer
13.30 – 15.00 Grand Ballroom	 PLENARY 2 Parenting - The scourge of family violence and how best to deal with it; A range of perspectives Practitioners often find themselves at the coal face of Australia's epidemic of family violence, appearing for both the alleged perpetrators and the alleged victims in the Family Law system. How do we best deal with it? How can we improve the outcomes for the families involved? What should we be doing differently? During this free-flowing panel session we will hear from an array of perspectives; those of a judge, a senior counsel, of a solicitor and of a clinical psychologist with a cast collective experience between them. Panel Facilitator: Esther Lawson, Waratah Chambers Panellists: Judge Neville, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Chris Othen SC, Waratah Chambers Dr Catherine Boland, Clinical Psychologist, Relationspace Malcolm Gittos-Caesar, Lander & Rogers Competency Area 2 - Professional Skills, 1.5 CPD Point
15.00 – 15.30	Afternoon Tea - Grand Ballroom Foyer
15.30 – 16.30 Grand Ballroom	PLENARY 3 Latest & Greatest 2 An analysis of the leading family law cases of the last 12 months. Chair: Jamie Burreket, Deputy Chair, Family Law Section Speakers: The Hon Justice Altobelli AM, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) The Hon Justice O'Brien, Family Court of Western Australia Competency Area 3 - Ethics or Professional Responsibility, 1 CPD Points
16.30 – 17.30	Informal Networking Drinks - Grand Ballroom Foyer

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