



Family Law Section

17TH NATIONAL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE | 18-21 OCTOBER 2016



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016

1500-1800	Registration Open (Melbourne Room Foyer)
1800-1900	Family Law Flotilla - Sponsored by Berger Kordos
1900-2200	Welcome Reception, ZINC - Sponsored by Kennedy Partners

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2016

0730-1830	Registration Open (Melbourne Room Foyer)			
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)			
0845-1030	State of the Nation Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, Commonwealth Attorney-General The Hon Chief Justice Diana Bryant AO, Family Court of Australia Chief Judge John Pascoe AC CVO, Federal Circuit Court of Australia Chair: Wendy Kayler-Thomson, Chair, Family Law Section & Forte Family Lawyers, VIC <i>Sponsored by Barbayannis Lawyers</i>			
1030-1100	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)			
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)			
1100-1200	The way we were: divorce in the 70s Ita Buttrose AO OBE Chair: Jason Walker, Gadens, VIC <i>Sponsored by Barry Nilsson. Lawyers</i>			
1200-1300	Peter Nghy Memorial Lecture: gaps and problems in federal and state responses to family violence - what did the Royal Commission find? The Hon Marcia Neave AO, Chair of the Royal Commission into Family Violence Victoria Chair/Commentator: The Hon Justice Judith Ryan, Family Court Australia <i>Sponsored by Forte Family Lawyers</i>			
1300-1400	Lunch and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)			
	Concurrent Session (Plenary 1)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 203)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 204)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 210)
1400-1500	Interim property: the main game Sydney Williams, New South Wales Bar Meredith Dickson, South Australian Bar Chair: The Hon Justice Sharon Johns, Family Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Kenna Teasdale Lawyers</i>	You sexy thing: new property in the 21st century Jade Lattimore, Greenstone Legal, WA Bryce Menzies, Marshalls + Dent Lawyers, VIC Joe Box, Grant Thornton Australia, QLD Chair: The Hon Justice Robert Benjamin, Family Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Harris Friedman Lawyers</i>	Haters gonna hate: why hate matters in entrenched parenting disputes Dr Bruce Smyth, Australian National University, ACT Chair: Judge Evelyn Bender, Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Estimating costs and avoiding disputes Elizabeth Harris, Harris Cost Lawyers, VIC Chair: Denis Farrar, Farrar Gesini Dunn, ACT <i>Sponsored by Opteon Property Group</i>
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)			
	Concurrent Session (Plenary 1)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 203)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 204)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 210)
1530-1630	Corporations law: the elephant in the [Family Court] room Geoff Dickson QC, Victorian Bar Albert Dinelli, Victorian Bar Facilitator: The Hon Justice David Berman, Family Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Blanchfield Nichols Partners</i>	Parenting disputes of the future? The family law implications of early child-sperm donor contact Dr Fiona Kelly, La Trobe University Law School, VIC Chair: Professor Belinda Fehlberg, University of Melbourne, VIC <i>Sponsored by Berry Family Law</i>	#socialmedia #children #familylaw #issues 💕 Jason Walker, Gadens, VIC Robyn Treyvaud, Cyber Safe Kids, VIC Chair: Judge Alexandra Harland, Federal Circuit Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Howe Jenkin</i>	The querulous client, uncooperative opponent and cranky Judge The Hon Justice Robert Redlich, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Victoria Peter Cummings SC, New South Wales Bar Belle Lane, Victorian Bar Chair: Di Simpson, Dobinson Davey Clifford Simpson, ACT <i>Sponsored by Norman Waterhouse</i>
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)			
1630-1730	Analysing the expert: critiquing family reports Dr Robert Simon, Forensic Psychologist, USA Chair: Olivia Grobtuch, Kennedy Partners, VIC			
1730-1830	Happy Hour (Melbourne Room 1) <i>Sponsored by Farrar Gesini Dunn</i>			
1930	Restaurant Dine Around			



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0730-1830	Registration Open (Melbourne Room Foyer)			
0730-0900	Women in Law Breakfast (Melbourne Room 2) Host: Annabel Crabb The Hon Chief Justice Diana Bryant AO, Family Court of Australia The Hon Chief Justice Marilyn Warren AC, Supreme Court of Victoria Kate Jenkins, Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission			
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)			
0930-1100	Avoiding burnout: the healthy family lawyer Associate Professor Dr Craig Hassed, Faculty of Medicine, Monash University, VIC Chair: Chief Judge John Pascoe AC CVO, Federal Circuit Court of Australia			
1100-1130	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)			
	Dual Plenary (Plenary 1)		Dual Plenary (Melbourne Room 2)	
1130-1300	Behind the scenes: family report fishbowl Di Lojszczyk, Family Consultant, Family Court and Federal Circuit Court, NSW Chair: Judge Peter Cole, Federal Circuit Court of Australia Commentator: Dr Robert Simon, Forensic Psychologist, USA Moderator: Caroline Counsel, Counsel Family Law, VIC <i>Sponsored by Holmes List</i>	It seemed like a good idea at the time: defending or challenging a pre-nuptial agreement Simon Marks QC, Victorian Bar Jamie Burreket, Broun Abrahams Burreket, NSW Moderator: Craig Henderson, Lander & Rogers, VIC <i>Sponsored by Waratah Chambers</i>		
1300-1400	Lunch and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)			
	Concurrent Session (Plenary 1)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 203)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 204)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 210)
1400-1500	When is enough, enough? Drugs and alcohol in parenting matters Judge Kate Hughes, Federal Circuit Court of Australia Reserve Magistrate Gregory Levine OAM, Children's Court of Victoria Paule Eckhaus, Family Consultant, Family Court and Federal Circuit Court, VIC Chair: Judge Grant Riethmuller, Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Taming the dragon: insights into property division in China Allen Liao, Grant Thornton, Beijing Frederick Hui, Zhong Lun Law Firm, Shanghai Chair: Ian Kennedy AM, Kennedy Partners, VIC <i>Sponsored by The International Family Law Group, UK</i>	Senti(mental) assets Patrick O'Shannessy, Victorian Bar Carmel Morfuni, Victorian Bar Chair: Judge Jillian Williams, Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Learning to let go: delegation skills Ben Richards, Aticus, VIC Chair: Trevor O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan Davies, WA
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)			
	Concurrent Session (Plenary 1)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 203)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 204)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 210)
1530-1630	In the mix: different cultural attitudes to parenting Deputy Presiding Judge Chia Wee Kiat, Family Justice Courts, Singapore Ms Nagaletchumi, Senior Court Counsellor, Family Justice Courts, Singapore Dr Jennifer Neoh, Psychologist, VIC Chair: The Hon Justice Victoria Bennett, Family Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Nicholes Family Lawyers</i>	Justice and equity: is there another definition? Dr Richard Ingleby, Victorian Bar Alison Burt, Victorian Bar Chair: The Hon Justice Kirsty Macmillan, Family Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Rice Naughton McCarthy Family Law</i>	Dealing with drugs: toxicology and testing Dr Dimitri Gerostamoulos, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Nicola Watts, Leach Legal, WA Chair: The Hon Justice Shane Gill, Family Court of Australia	Protecting the mental health of family lawyers: best practice for law firms Rhonda Andrews, Barrington Centre, VIC Sarah Rey, Justitia, VIC Chair: Don Leembruggen, Barry Nilsson. Lawyers, QLD <i>Sponsored by Westminster Lawyers</i>
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)			
1630-1745	Thinking allowed: controversies in family law Sarah Ferguson, ABC Journalist, NSW Ian Kennedy AM, Kennedy Partners, VIC Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Adolescent Psychologist, VIC Moderator: Leigh Sales, ABC Journalist and Author			
1745-1845	Happy Hour (Melbourne Room 1) <i>Sponsored by Taussig Cherrie Fildes</i>			



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0800-1630	Registration Open (Melbourne Room Foyer)		
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)		
0845-1030	I married money; I am divorcing a trust Judge Grant Riethmuller, Federal Circuit Court of Australia Minal Vohra, Victorian Bar Paul Doolan, Barkus Doolan Family Lawyers, NSW Sheridan Emerson, Pearson Emerson Meyer, NSW David Hodson OBE, The International Family Law Group, UK Moderator: The Hon Justice Stephen Thackray, Chief Judge, Family Court of Western Australia		
1030-1100	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)		
	Concurrent Session (Plenary 1)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Rooms 203 & 204)	Concurrent Session (Meeting Room 210)
1100-1200	Allegations of child sexual abuse: navigating the jurisdictional maze Dr Jacoba Brasch QC, Queensland Bar Susan Buchanan, Victorian Bar Louise Dorian, Gadens, VIC Vincent Papaleo, Psychologist, VIC Moderator: The Hon Justice Richard O'Brien, Family Court of Western Australia <i>Sponsored by Arthur Phillip Chambers</i>	Revisiting Kennor: financial remedies for family violence Brian Knox SC, New South Wales Bar Alice Carter, Victorian Bar Facilitator: Judge Tom Altobelli, Federal Circuit Court of Australia <i>Sponsored by Schetzer Constantinou Lawyers</i>	Binding child support agreements: everything you need to know John Spender, Kennedy Partners, VIC Briana Kotzapavidis, Mills Oakley, VIC Chair: Greg Howe, Howe Jenkin, SA <i>Sponsored by Blackwood Family Lawyers</i>
1200-1300	Death, divorce and ageing: single problems, multiple jurisdictions The Hon Justice Kate McMillan, Supreme Court of Victoria Andrew Strum QC, Victorian Bar Chair: Stephen Gregory, Kenna Teasdale Lawyers, VIC <i>Sponsored by Clancy & Triado</i>	Neuroscience: the effect of childhood abuse on brain development Prof Max Bennett AO, Sydney Mind and Brain Research Institute, NSW Chair: Judge Michael Baumann AM, Federal Circuit Court of Australia	I'll be watching you: the latest in tracking and listening devices Andrew Atkinson, Acting Inspector Technical Surveillance Unit, Surveillance Services Division, Victoria Police Chair: Judge Joshua Wilson, Federal Circuit Court of Australia
1300-1400	Lunch and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)		
	Plenary Session (Plenary 1)		
1400-1530	Celebrating 40 years of the Family Law Act The Hon Elizabeth Evatt AC The Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC The Hon Chief Justice Diana Bryant AO, Family Court of Australia Chief Judge John Pascoe AC CVO, Federal Circuit Court of Australia The Hon Justice Stephen Thackray, Chief Judge, Family Court of Western Australia Moderator: The Hon Professor Richard Chisholm AM, Australian National University, College of Law, ACT		
1930	Conference Gala Ball (Peninsula) <i>Sponsored by Coote Family Lawyers</i>		

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Michael Kearney SC
Tom Kirk QC
Mark Livesey QC

Philip Looney QC
Ian Mawson QC
Tim North SC
Graeme Page QC

Maurine Pyke QC
Grahame Richardson SC
Andrew Strum QC
Peter Young QC

0800-1630	Registration Open (Melbourne Room Foyer)
	Junior Lawyers' Session (Meeting Room 211)
0845-0900	Welcome The Hon Chief Justice Diana Bryant AO, Family Court of Australia
0900-0930	Case concept What is it? Why do you need one? How do you construct a case? Judge Felicity Hampel, County Court of Victoria
0930-1030	Gathering evidence and drafting an affidavit: how to present your best case Kate Mooney, Tasmanian Bar Belle Lane, Victorian Bar
1030-1100	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Melbourne Room 1)
	Junior Lawyers' Session (Meeting Room 211)
1100-1200	Understanding a business: dissecting financial information and valuations Alex Bell, Grant Thornton Australia, NSW Kellie Badge, Grant Thornton Australia, VIC
1200-1300	Childhood development theory and expert bias in family reports Dr Robert Simon, Forensic Psychologist, USA Vincent Papaleo, Psychologist, VIC
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1530-1600	Refreshments (Foyer Room 211)
	Junior Lawyers' Session (Meeting Room 211)
1600-1730	Why family law? Tips and traps for young players by older heads The Hon Justice Sharon Johns, Family Court of Australia Judge Tom Altobelli, Federal Circuit Court of Australia Michael Kearney SC, New South Wales Bar Sarah Keenan, Farrar Gesini Dunn, VIC Facilitator: Anne-Marie Rice, Rice Naughton McCarthy Family Lawyers, QLD
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