

QLS open day 2018

Wednesday 16 May 2018 | 1-6.30pm

Law Society House, Brisbane

Overview

We are delighted to invite you to a complimentary half day professional development event at Law Society House. Hear from legal industry experts on a range of important legal and business issues where you will take away practical tips and strategies that will support your professional development as well as develop your practice. Come along with a friend to experience the QLS member benefits.

You will have the opportunity to attend professional development sessions, connect with the legal profession and collect up to 3 CPD points. Registration for each session is essential as places are limited!

3 CPD Points



1pm **Registration and light lunch**

1.30pm **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**

Rolf Moses, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Law Society and Member, Queensland Law Society Wellbeing Working Group

1.40pm **Short break**

1.45pm **Stream 1A: Good Law**

Key legislation in review

Hear a review of this year's topical legislation that has caught the attention of the public. QLS has a leading role in assisting government to draft legislation that is fair and workable. Find out how QLS ensures that the views and experiences of members at the coalface are taken into account when laws are made.

Binari De Saram, Acting Advocacy Manager, Queensland Law Society

Wendy Devine, Acting Principal Policy Solicitor, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Natalie De Campo**, Senior Policy Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



Stream 1B: Good Lawyers

Managing vicarious trauma for the legal and justice sector

This session will provide you with a taster of the tailored vicarious trauma training that Blue Knot conducts for the legal sector. This session will provide you with knowledge, skills and tools to:

- better recognise the early signs of vicarious trauma
- how to accordingly intervene
- support you to develop your own wellness plan.

This session will support you, professionally and personally, to stay safe, healthy and resilient.

Karin El Monir, Trainer, Blue Knot Foundation

Chair: **Giorgia Papi-Morini**, Legal Professional Development Executive and Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



2.30pm **Break and networking**

2.45pm **Stream 2A: Good Law**

Elder Abuse – the essentials

This session will provide you with the fundamentals about elder abuse and will help you to better advise an elderly client or a family member or an executor or guardian about:

- what is elder abuse?
- why is elder abuse not classified as assault?
- what are the different types of elder abuse?
- elder abuse and power of attorneys and advance
- health directives.

Kirsty Mackie, Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Solicitor, Pippa Colman & Associates; Lecturer in Law, University of the Sunshine Coast and Chair, Queensland Law Society Elder Law Committee

Chair: **Vanessa Krulin**, Senior Policy Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



Stream 2B: Good Lawyers

The rise of artificial intelligence in law – should you be worried?

Productivity through technology is growing at an exponential rate. The rise of artificial intelligence and related technologies, such as lawbots (intelligent research systems, intelligent document generation, chatbots), automated online dispute resolution systems and the online delivery of legal services, all have implications for the administration of justice, legal practitioners, regulation of the legal profession, legal education, and community access to justice.

This session examines these claims and their potential for transformative change.

Professor Stephen Colbran, Dean of Law, CQUniversity

Chair: **Dr Rachel Baird**, Manager, Learning & Professional Development, Queensland Law Society



3.30pm **Break and networking**

3.45pm **Stream 3A: Good Law**

Modern day slavery act – what is the impact on Australian businesses?

In August 2017, the Minister for Justice Michael Keenan announced that the Federal Government proposes to introduce legislation to require large businesses to report annually on their actions to address modern slavery. This session will give you an overview and some insights into how this act will impact Australian businesses. This session will cover:

- what is modern slavery?
- how will a Modern Slavery Act affect Australian businesses?
- how to deal with reporting entities and supplying goods and services to them, be that onshore or offshore?
- how will this new Federal legislation interact with the Labour Hire Licensing Act?"
- what will be the direct and 'indirect' impact of the Act?
- what are businesses doing already?
- what can businesses do to prepare?

Greg Vickery AO, Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia

Chair: **Kate Brodnik**, Senior Policy Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



Stream 3B: Good Lawyers

Productivity: It's never been about time management

Productivity is the result of excellence, planning and focus on the effectiveness of your efforts. Hear from a productivity expert about some simple ways you can improve your productivity, including:

- increasing your focus and attention
- prioritising and reviewing
- plan, plan, plan
- managing distractions (email, other technology, phone calls and colleagues)

Sally Foley-Lewis, Speaker, Author, Mentor

Chair: **Dr Rachel Baird**, Manager, Learning & Professional Development, Queensland Law Society



4.30pm **Break and networking**

4.45pm

Stream 4A: Good Law
***Thorne v Kennedy:*
Development of equitable
doctrines**

This panel discussion will explore the practical and cross-jurisdictional implications of the High Court judgment in *Thorne v Kennedy* [2017] HCA 49. Join us for an exploration of:

- how the six factors of the judgment (which were not intended to be exclusive) will be applied in non-family jurisdictions
- whether it will now be possible for a binding financial agreement to withstand an application to set it aside
- what this decision means for lawyers (and their clients) negotiating pre-nuptial agreements where the parties have unequal bargaining power.

Panellists:

James Steel, Principal, Family Law, Barry.Nilsson. Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Family Law) and Member, Queensland Law Society's Family Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee

Stafford Shepherd, Director, QLS Ethics Centre, Queensland Law Society

Chair: **Matt Dunn**, Government Relations Principal Advisor, Queensland Law Society


Stream 4B: Good Lawyers
**Starting your own legal practice
on a shoestring budget**

Want to know how you can set up a legal practice with very little? Hear from a regional practitioner about how they set up their own legal practice on a shoestring budget. Gain practical hints and tips that can help you set up your own firm or further develop your existing firm/practice. This session will include:

- being clear about your point of difference from your competitors in your region
- the important difference between client care and customer care
- establishing an online presence, including blogging
- tapping back into why you did the law in the first place
- having a mindset shift from a lawyer to a business owner
- researching providers to find the most cost effective products and services.

Paul Cate, Solicitor Director, Cate & Co Lawyers and Associates

Chair: **Sarah Kraal**, Legal Professional Development Executive and Solicitor, Queensland Law Society



5.30pm

Networking drinks

6.30pm

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