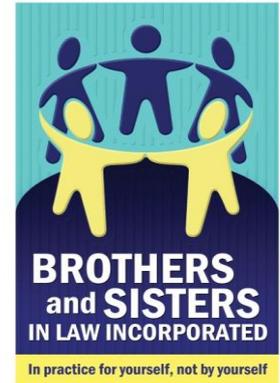




Brothers and Sisters in Law Inc.



Annual Law Conference 24th October, 2020 at the ICC Darling Harbour

8 CPD Points covering: Ethics & Professional Responsibility, Practice Management & Business Skills, Professional Skills and Substantive Law.

8.00 – 8.30 am	Registration at Room C4.4 - 4th Floor ICC	Coffee & Tea
8.30 am - 8.55 am	<p><u>Introduction & Welcome</u></p> <p><u>Opening of the Conference:</u> 'Reflections on life at the Bar' (25 Minutes – Professional Skills)</p> <p>Nigel has been in practice as a Barrister since 1981 and has recently retired. His experience includes being Assistant Commissioner ICAC, re Grains Board Enquiry, representing regulators and has regulated commercial administrative tribunals. His primary areas of practice have included commercial litigation, both civil and criminal (prosecution and defence), IT and convergent technologies. He has been an occasional lecturer on technology in practice to interested lawyers, including the economics of trade practices regulation.</p>	<p>Charles Amos – CEO BASIL</p> <p>Nigel Cotman SC</p>
8.55 am – 9.35 am	<p><u>'Property and Equity Update'</u> (40 minutes –Substantive law)</p> <p>Patricia was formerly Senior Deputy Registrar, Federal Court of Australia. Since commencing practice at the Bar, Patricia has appeared in many property and equity cases in the Supreme Court of NSW. She is a senior lecturer in law at Sydney University teaching Contracts, Real Property, and Legal Interpretation (2008 – present) and is a co-author of 'Sale of Land in NSW: Commentary and Materials' 5th edition,(Thomson Reuters 2010). Among the cases she has appeared in or studied are elder law cases involving so called 'Granny flats' and the legal woes they can bring to families.</p>	<p>Patricia Lane - Barrister - Level 22 Chambers</p>
9.35 am - 10.15 am	<p><u>"Key updates relevant to Sole Practitioners"</u> (40 minutes- Professional responsibility)</p> <p>Ian was a Barrister from 1975 to 1991, Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission from 1993 to 2002, Judge Advocate of the Australian Defence Force from 1992 to 1997 and Judge of the Appeal Division of the Family Court of Australia from 1999 till 2013. Appointed Senior Counsel in 2014, he has returned to the Bench at Culwulla Chambers and is a regular presenter at BASIL conferences.</p>	<p>Hon. Ian Coleman SC - Barrister - Culwulla Chambers</p> <p>Stephen Doyle - Solicitor – Stephen Doyle & Assoc.</p>
10.15 - 10.30 am	Morning Tea Break	Coffee and Tea
10.30 am - 11.10 am	<p><u>Strata Laws: 'Latest Updates on Strata Disputes'</u> (40 Minutes – Substantive law)</p> <p>Allison is a Director of Kerin Benson Lawyers who specialize in Strata and Building defects law. Allison has been involved with Strata and Community title law since 2008. She has concentrated on advising and acting for owner's corporations, community associations and lot owners in respect of both Strata and Community association disputes and building and construction disputes. She has been involved in Home Building Act claims and levy recovery claims ranging from the CTTT (now the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal) through to the NSW Court of Appeal. She writes a blog on Strata Law and is a regular columnist on Strata and Community title law in the 'Australian Property Investor' magazine.</p>	<p>Allison Benson – Solicitor – Kerin Benson Lawyers</p>
11.10 am - 11.50 am	<p><u>Electronic Conveyancing : 'PEXA Update'</u> (40 minutes - Practice Management)</p> <p>David McDowell has been the e-Conveyancing Industry Specialist for PEXA since July 2019. Prior to this he was the e-Conveyancing Legal Consultant for the Office of the Registrar General and the e-Conveyancing Lawyer at Land Registry Services, formerly LPI. He has been involved in e-Conveyancing since 2010. David will provide and update on the progress of PEXA including all the developments (good and bad) along the way.</p>	<p>David McDowell - Conveyancing Specialist - PEXA</p>

11.50 am - 12.30 pm	<p>Ethics: 'The Ethics of succession planning for Sole Practitioners' Frances Moffitt -Solicitor- Law Society NSW (40 Minutes – Ethics & Professional Responsibility) Fran Moffitt is a Solicitor in the Professional Standards Department at The Law Society of NSW. Fran's professional experience includes insolvency, criminal law, administrative law, taxation law and statutory investigations. She is a regular speaker for The Law Society on practice management; trust accounting and ethics topics. She is a regular presenter at BASIL conferences.</p>
12.30 - 1.15 pm	<p>Lunch Sandwiches, Wraps and Hot Buffet</p>
1.15 pm - 2.00 pm	<p><i>(The AGM for Brothers and Sisters in Law Inc. will be held at 1pm)</i> Practice Management: 'How to be successful in a small firm' Doug Spencer OAM – Solicitor – Miller Noyce (45 Minutes - Practice Management & Business skills) Doug was admitted as a solicitor in 1970. He joined Miller Noyce & Doust in November 1973 and became a partner in 1976. Since that time he has handled matters in most areas of law with a particular focus on business, commercial, property, deceased estates and estate planning matters. Doug was in the first group of solicitors in this State to be accepted (in 1993) as an Accredited Specialist in Business Law. He was awarded an OAM for his services to the community, in particular, The Salvation Army and Studio ARTES Northside Inc., Rotary and received the Premier's Community Service Award in 1995 in appreciation and recognition for ongoing support to community groups.</p>
2.00 pm - 2.50 pm	<p>Wills & Estates: –'Latest on Estate & Property Litigation' John Armfield - Barrister - Wentworth Chambers (50 Minutes – Substantive law) John is a Barrister practicing primarily in the fields of estate and property litigation. He was admitted to the bar in 1983 and since that time has appeared in probate, family provision, will construction, vendor and purchaser disputes in the equity division of the Supreme Court. He also regularly represents clients at mediations concerning these disputes. He has presented many papers at conferences and seminars, including those conducted by the University of New South Wales. He is from Wentworth Chambers and is a regular presenter at BASIL conferences.</p>
2.50 pm - 3.30 pm	<p>Taxation: 'Important Tax changes for Trusts' Andrew Rider – Barrister – Level 22 Chambers (40 minutes – Professional Skills) Andrew is recognised in Doyle's Guide as a leading Australian tax Barrister specialising in tax litigation and dispute resolution. He advises on Australia-wide taxes, including stamp duties, land tax and payroll tax. Prior to coming to the Bar, Andrew was a solicitor and Associate to Justice Michael Kirby. He lectures in taxation law at the University of Sydney Law School and at UTS, He edits the leading stamp duty publication "Australian Stamp Duties Law" and authors the national stamp duty section of the leading online service "Practical Guidance - Property Law". He is a Chartered Tax Adviser and examiner with The Tax Institute and member of The Tax Institute/Office of State Revenue Liaison Committee.</p>
3.30pm – 3.45	<p>Afternoon Tea Break Coffee and Tea</p>
3.45 pm - 4.30 pm	<p>Criminal Law: 'Advising on Domestic Violence charges in the Local Court' (45 Minutes – Professional Skills) Michal Mantaj – Solicitor - Conditis & Assoc. Michal Mantaj is accredited in criminal law and is in private practice with Conditis & Associates based in Gosford. Domestic violence charges have become ubiquitous in the Local Court and defending them presents unique issues. Michal will present a practical guide for practitioners on what to look for in assessing whether there is a viable defence, the important aspects of criminal procedure applying to domestic violence cases and how to properly prepare a defence.</p>
4.30 pm – 5.10 pm	<p>Building Disputes: 'Cracks in building standards ' Jim Doyle – Solicitor – Doyles Construction Lawyers (40 Minutes Substantive law) Jim is qualified and experienced as an engineer, economist and lawyer and is a Director of Doyle's Construction Lawyers, which has offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. Mr. Doyle has represented parties in the State and Federal courts and in arbitration and mediation and has acted in some of the largest and most complex disputes under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment legislation. His particular interests are in the role of proactive contract management to reduce disputes and increase revenue and profit to all participants. Jim is the author of numerous papers. He is a committee member of BASIL.</p>
5.10 pm - 5.45 pm	<p>IT: 'Cyber Crime and protection of personal data' Alex Hutchens – McCullough Robertson Cybersecurity (35 Minutes - Practice Management & Business Skills) Alex Hutchens heads McCullough Robertson's Technology, Media and Teleco Industry Group. His key practice areas are data protection and privacy, IT and telecommunications. He has written and published extensively in the Australian Chapter in the Chambers Global Practice Guide 2019 on Data Protection & Cybersecurity. He is a member of IAPP, the Aust. Information Security Association (AISA), the Aust. Internet Industry Assoc., (AIIA), and the NSW Society for Computers and the Law.</p>
5.45pm	<p>Concludes</p>

Transport: Trains and Buses to the CBD - leave a 5 to 8 minute walk to the ICC at Darling Harbour from Town Hall. Ferries from Circular Quay stop at King Street Wharf with an 8 minute walk to the ICC.

Parking: Wilsons have Car Parks in Sussex Street and the Harbour Side Car Park in Murray Street with reasonable 'all day' rates. The ICC Carpark under the building has an 'all day' rate of \$49.

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