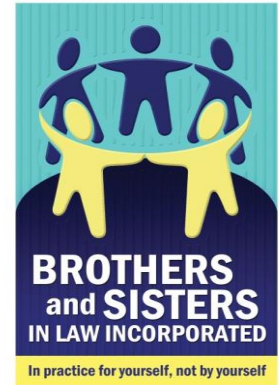




Brothers and Sisters in Law Inc.



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.

NB. ALL CURRENT COVID HEALTH REQUIREMENTS WILL BE OBSERVED

8.00 – 8.30 am	<i>Registration at Room C4.4 - 4th Floor ICC</i>	<i>Coffee & Tea</i>
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 – 9.30 am	<p><u>‘COVID in Property and Equity Issues’</u> Chambers (35 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).</p>	<p>Patricia Lane - Barrister - Level 22</p>
9.30 am - 10.00 am	<p><u>“Key updates relevant to Sole Practitioners”</u></p> <p>Stephen is a humble sole practitioner from Prestons, and a former taxation practitioner (who wrestles on a daily basis with small business instructions). He is a regular presenter and long standing member of the BASIL Committee. (30 minutes- Professional responsibility)</p>	<p>Stephen Doyle - Solicitor – Stephen Doyle & Assoc.</p>
10.00 - 10.20 am	<i>Morning Tea Break</i>	<i>Coffee and Tea</i>
10.20 am - 10.55 am	<p><u>Strata Laws: ‘Latest Updates on Strata Disputes’</u> (35 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>
10.55 am - 11.30 am	<p><u>Electronic Conveyancing : ‘PEXA Update’</u> (35 minutes - Practice Management)</p> <p>Josephine Leone is currently the NSW PEXA Partner managing a Portfolio of certified NSW Members and assisting those members to achieve their e-Conveyancing goals. Josephine is also a Legal Practitioner and Law Society Member having over 16 years of experience as a property lawyer. Josephine continues to work with NSW PEXA Members providing expert guidance on new PEXA products & services and updates on progress (good and bad) along the way.</p>	<p>Josephine Leone – NSW PEXA Partner</p>

TIME TBA Before Conference Streamed online with Zoom meetings To be 1 Hour	Ethics: 'The Ethics required of a Sole Practitioners' Frances Moffitt -Solicitor- The Law Society of NSW (60 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 and ethics topics. She is a regular presenter at BASIL conferences.
11.30am – 11.55am	Practice Management: 'How to be successful in a small firm' Doug Spencer OAM – Solicitor – Miller Noyce (20 Minutes - Practice Management & Business skills) Doug was admitted as a solicitor in 1970 and became a partner of Miller Noyce in 1976. Since that time he has handled matters in most areas of law with a particular focus on business, commercial, property, deceased estates. Doug was in the first group of solicitors in this State to be accepted (in 1993) as an Accredited Specialist. He was awarded an OAM for his services to the community, The Salvation Army and Studio ARTES Northside Inc., Rotary and received the Premier's Community Service Award in 1995 in and recognition for ongoing support to community groups.
11.55 am - 12.30 pm	Building Disputes: 'Cracks in building standards' Jim Doyle – Solicitor – Doyles Construction Lawyers (35 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.
12.30 - 1.15 pm	Lunch <i>Sandwiches, Wraps and Hot Buffet</i>
1.00 pm - 1.15 pm	<i>(The AGM for Brothers and Sisters in Law Inc. will be held at 1pm)</i>
1.15 pm - 1.55 pm	Wills & Estates: –'Latest on Estate & Property Litigation' John Armfield - Barrister - Wentworth Chambers (40 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.
1.55 pm - 2.30 pm	Taxation: 'Important Tax changes for Trusts' Andrew Rider – Barrister – Level 22 Chambers (35 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.
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Criminal Law: 'Advising on Domestic Violence charges in the Local Court' (30 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.
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	IT: 'Cyber Crime and protection of personal data' Malcolm Health – Legal Risk Manager - Lawcover (30 Minutes - Practice Management & Business Skills) Malcolm joined Lawcover in August 2012 and conducts risk management strategies through the 'Lawcover Risk Management Education Program'. These are at law firms, practice management courses of the Law Society of NSW, College of Law, FMRC and Regional seminars. He has a degree in Psychology and prior to joining Lawcover ran his own company for 20 years providing consulting services to companies to reduce professional negligence risks.
3.30pm	Concludes

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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