

FAMILY LAW INTENSIVE MELBOURNE

3 MAY 2025 - PROGRAM

The Intensive program will include discussions on issues such as sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, physical violence, and the impact of such issues on Court users.

If you experience distress or are triggered by anything discussed at the Intensive, you may find assistance through the following services:

- 1800RESPECT
- 13YARN
- Beyond Blue

08.15 – 09.00	REGISTRATION - SOVEREIGN ROOM FOYER, MCEC 1 CONVENTION CENTRE PLACE, SOUTH WHARF
09.00 – 10.30 Sovereign Room	<p>PLENARY 1 Latest & Greatest 1</p> <p>An analysis of the leading family law cases of the last 12 months.</p> <p>Chair: Jason Walker, Chair, FLS Executive, Forté Family Lawyers</p> <p>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</p> <p>Competency Area 4 - Substantive Law, 1.5 CPD Points</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea - Sovereign Room Foyer
11.00 – 12.30 Sovereign Room	<p> ADVANCED SESSION Property - Death and Personal Injury in Family Law</p> <p>There is likely to be 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.</p> <p>Panel Facilitator: Peter Cummings SC, FLS Executive Member, Waratah Chambers</p> <p>Panellists: The Hon Justice Campton, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Carolyn Sparkes KC, Owen Dixon Chambers West Fiona Spencer KC, Castan Chambers Olivia Grobtuch, Kennedy Partners</p> <p>Competency Area 4 - Substantive Law, 1 CPD Points</p>
Eureka Rooms 1 & 2	<p> EARLY CAREER LAWYERS SESSION Preparation of Affidavits and the Presentation of Evidence</p> <p>The panel will give insight into how to effectively draft an affidavit that is both compliant with the relevant rules of court and will effectively present evidence in a manner that is persuasive and useful to your client. The session will cover how to prepare for your first meeting with a client, obtain instructions, assessing relevance, sift out superfluous material, draft concisely, settle, deal with client insistence about the inclusion of certain material, how to choose exhibits and annexures.</p> <p>Panel Facilitator: The Hon Justice Schonell, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)</p> <p>Panellists: Paul Fildes, Taussig Cherrie Fildes Sally Bastick, Owen Dixon Chambers East</p> <p>Competency Area 3 - Professional Skills, 1 CPD Point</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch - Sovereign Room Foyer
13.30 – 15.00 Sovereign Room	<p> PLENARY 2 Parenting - The scourge of family violence and how best to deal with it; A range of perspectives</p> <p>Practitioners often find themselves at the coal face of Australia's epidemic of family violence, appearing for both alleged perpetrators and 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 an array of perspectives; those of a judge, a solicitor and of a clinical psychologist with a vast collective experience between them.</p> <p>Panel Facilitator: Alison James, FLS Executive Member, Mitchell Chambers</p> <p>Panellists: Judge Murdoch, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Dr Catherine Boland, Clinical Psychologist, Relationspace Ben Sayer, Sayer Jones</p> <p>Competency Area 3 - Professional Skills, 1.5 CPD Point</p>
15.00 – 15.15	Afternoon Tea - Sovereign Room Foyer
15.15 – 16.15 Sovereign Room	<p>PLENARY 3 Latest & Greatest 2</p> <p>An analysis of the leading family law cases of the last 12 months.</p> <p>Chair: Jamie Burreket, Deputy Chair, FLS Executive, Broun Abrahams Burreket</p> <p>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</p> <p>Competency Area 1 - Ethics or Professional Responsibility, 1 CPD Points</p>
16.30 – 17.30	Informal Networking Drinks - Sovereign Room Foyer

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