



## Joanne van der Plaat

**President, The Law Society of New South Wales**

**Day 1– Plenary  
Opening Address**  
8.45pm – 9.00am

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*Tell me why I don't like Mondays –  
preparing for the unexpected*  
9.45pm – 10.30am

### **About Joanne van der Plaat**

Joanne van der Plaat is a solicitor with more than 10 years' experience in general practice, acting in workplace relations disputes, property and planning and wills and estates.

Joanne was a long-standing partner of Blaxland Mawson & Rose, in Cooma and lives on a rural property with her husband and two teenage children. She is a prominent advocate for the recruitment and retention of lawyers in rural, regional and remote areas and the importance of business development and succession planning in rural and small firms.

Joanne has been a member of the Law Society since 2009 and actively involved with the Society for more than a decade. She currently serves on the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee, the Disclosure Committee and Rural Issues Committee and has previously chaired or been a member of the Professional Conduct Committee, Employment Law Committee, Property Law Committee and Human Rights Committee.

Joanne holds a Bachelor of Laws from Macquarie University and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a director of Lawcover, and a director of the Law Council of Australia. She has previously held board positions in the aged care, early childhood and education and social justice sectors.

Ms van der Plaat has nominated Sober in the Country as her President's Charity for 2022.



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