

# NEW SOUTH WALES BAR ASSOCIATION<sup>®</sup>

## Newcastle CPD Conference

Saturday, 24 February 2024, **Novotel Newcastle Beach**

Time	Speaker and Topic	
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Conference Welcome</b> Dr Ruth Higgins SC, President, and Andreas Heger, Executive Director	
9:15 – 10:00	<b>Session 1: Recent amendments to the Family Law Act - An overview</b> The Honourable Justice Bruce Smith, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) <b>Barristers' Skills</b>	
10:00 - 10:40	<b>Session 2: Advocacy</b> Pat Griffin SC, Seventh Floor Garfield Barwick Chambers <b>Barristers' Skills</b>	
10:40	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11:00 - 11:40	<b>Session 3: Judicial Bullying – A perspective from the Bar</b> Kate Eastman AM SC, New Chambers <b>Ethics and Professional Responsibility</b>	
11:40 - 12:20	<b>Session 4: Direct Access Briefs – Avoiding the Pitfalls</b> Dr Ruth Higgins SC, President, NSW Bar Association <b>Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Practice Management and Business Skills</b>	
12:20	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:20 - 2:00	<b>Session 5: Criminal Law Update</b> Carl Young, Crown Prosecutors Newcastle - Mark Sherring Chambers <b>Substantive Law, Practice and Procedure, and Evidence</b>	
2:00 - 2:40	<b>Session 6: Coercive Control</b> Michelle England, Acting Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions <b>Substantive Law, Practice and Procedure, and Evidence</b>	
2:40	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
3:00 - 3:40	<b>Session 7: Key Questions for Barristers when appearing at Coronial Inquests and Inquiries</b> His Honour Deputy State Coroner Magistrate Stone, Catherine Wilkinson, National Practice Group Leader, Sparke Helmore Lawyers, and Kate Hamilton, Newcastle Chambers <b>Practice Management and Business Skills</b>	
3:40 - 4:20	<b>Session 8: Advocacy tips from the Bench in Criminal Matters</b> His Honour Judge Peter McGrath SC, District Court of NSW <b>Barristers' Skills</b>	
	<b>End</b>	

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