

20th National Family Law Conference 30 October - 1 November

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EARLY CAREER LAWYERS' DAY PROGRAM

As at 3 May 2024

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Early Career Lawyers' Day Session Chairs

The Hon. Justice Tyson, Family Court of Western Australia

The Hon. Justice Christie, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1), NSW

Early Career Lawyers' Day Session Co-ordinator

Teresa Farmer SC, John Toohey Chambers, WA

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024		
0700-0800		
0830-1730	Registration Open (Level 2, PCEC)	
0930-1100	Opening Remarks, Welcome to Country and Plenary 1 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)	
	State of the Nation	
	 Speakers: The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General of Australia The Hon. Justice Alstergren AO, Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) The Hon. Justice Sutherland, Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, WA Di Simpson, Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, DDCS Lawyers, ACT Chair: Greg McIntyre SC, President of the Law Council of Australia, Michael Kirby Chambers, WA Session Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA 	
1100-1130	Morning Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)	
1130-1230	Early Career Lawyers' Day Session One	
	 Back to Basics: Functional Family Law Files as an Aid to Efficient Professional Legal Representation Speakers: Collette McFawn, Lander & Rogers, NSW Kondwani Mwenda, FMD Legal, WA James Naughton, Naughton McCarthy, Qld 	
1230-1330	Lunch and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)	
1330-1430	Early Career Lawyers' Day Session Two	
	So, You're Off to Court: Preparing for an Interim Hearing	
1420 1445	Speakers: Jeff Marhinan, Barkus Doolan Winning, NSW Rachel Milton, John Toohey Chambers, WA 	
1430-1445	Session Changeover	



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1445-1545	Early Career Lawyers' Day Session Three
	The Art of Advocacy
	Speakers:
	• The Hon. Anne Rees SC, NSW
	The Hon. Michael Kent KC, 19 Inns Chambers, Qld
	Michael Kearney SC, Waratah Chambers, NSW
1545-1615	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition (Level 2 Foyer, PCEC)
1615-1715	Plenary 2 (Riverside Theatre, PCEC)
	An A-Z of Advocacy
	Speaker: The Hon. Mr Justice Russell Coleman KC, High Court, Hong Kong
	Chair and Co-ordinator: Nicola Watts, Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, O'Sullivan Davies, WA
1715-1815	Happy Hour (Exhibition, Level 2 Foyers, PCEC) - Sponsored by KHQ Lawyers
1830-2130	Early Career Lawyers' Function (The Reveley, Elizabeth Quay) - Sponsored by Calverley Johnston