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FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY



Time: 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Level 1, Owen Dixon Chambers East, 205 William Street, Melbourne

SESSION 1

1.30pm - 1.40pm
(10 minutes)

Introduction

Róisín Annesley QC, President Victorian Bar

1.40pm - 2.40pm
Neil McPhee Room
(60 minutes)

Panel Discussion 1: Building and Developing Your Practice

Chair: John Leung, New Barristers' Committee

Panellists: Cam Truong QC (Commercial), Sarah Fiskin (Family Law), Sandip Mukerjea (Defamation, Sports and Media Law) and Ffiona Livingstone Clark (Crime)

Join a panel of barristers from different practice areas and with different years of call as they share their experience and useful tips on building and developing a practice at the Bar. The panel will explore these key areas:

- building and maintaining relationships with barristers, solicitors and clients;
- progressing in your chosen practice area;
- moving into new practice areas; and
- marketing - your profile, social media, personal websites, publications.

SESSION 2

2.40pm - 3.25pm
Neil McPhee Room
(45 minutes)

Panel Discussion 2: Ensuring Financial Viability

Chair: John Leung, New Barristers' Committee

Panellist: James Strong, Kath McCarthy, Riognach Obst, (Price Waterhouse Coopers) and Naree Brooks, (Price Waterhouse Coopers)

This panel discussion aims to help junior barristers understand what they can do to ensure that their practice at the Bar is financially viable. The panel, comprising a tax barrister, financial professionals from Price Waterhouse Coopers and a business consultant, will provide practical information on how to run a business as a sole trader, including how to manage your cash flow, and undertake basic tax planning.



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SESSION 3

3.25pm - 3.55pm
Neil McPhee Room
(45 minutes)

Presentation: Top 5 things to consider about superannuation

Presenters: James Peters AM QC, Ly Holian and Benjamin Fernandes, legalsuper

This presentation will focus on effective strategies for super planning and structuring for sole traders including:

- Super account consolidations
- Investment considerations
- Default insurance for the self-employed and income protection via Salary Continuance Insurance
- Super contribution options, process and tax deductions
- Personal deductible (super) contribution limits
- What is "Notice of Intent to Claim"

3.55pm - 4.15pm Afternoon Tea

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

4.15pm - 5.20pm
(65 minutes)

(Attendees' choose 1 of these 2 sessions)

Room 1: What do commercial firms and commercial silks look for in junior barristers?

Chair: Chris Brown

Panellists: Wendy Harris QC; Philip Crutchfield QC, Jonathon Moore QC, Matthew Critchley (Corrs Chambers Westgarth), Ariel Borland, (Mills Oakley) and Heather Richardson, (Kalus Kenny Intalex Lawyers)

Aimed at commercial law juniors, this experienced panel will discuss what law firms and silks are looking for in a good commercial junior. Topics for discussion will include managing workflow, communication, client interaction and court work. Gain insight on building good relationships and developing a solid reputation for long term success.

Room 2: Law Firm Referrals

Chair: Heather Anderson

Panellists: Colin Mandy SC, (criminal law), Liz Kofoed, Partner, Lander & Rogers (family law), and Jeremy King, Partner, Robinson Gill (compensation law)

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5.20pm - 5.30pm CLOSING REMARKS

Richard Dalton QC, Chair, CPD Committee and Shane Lethlean, Chair, New Barristers' Committee

5.30pm - 7.00pm POST-CONFERENCE NETWORKING EVENT

The Essoign Club



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John Lai-Mun Leung
Victorian Bar



John has a broad commercial practice with a particular interest in professional negligence matters. John also acts in matters involving contract law, property law (including leasing), insolvency and bankruptcy, the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and incorporated associations.

He is a Nationally Accredited Mediator and accepts briefs to mediate commercial disputes and disputes involving incorporated associations.

Prior to coming to the Bar, John was a lawyer at Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens) where he worked primarily on professional negligence, product liability and Corporations Act matters. He was also Associate to the Honourable Justice Macaulay at the Supreme Court of Victoria and he assisted his Honour in establishing the Professional Liability List in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

John is an author for the Victorian Courts civil procedure commentary published by Thomson Reuters.

Sandip Mukerjea
Victorian Bar



Sandip appears and advises in a range of common law, media, insurance, and administrative law matters.

He has extensive advocacy experience in defamation, breach of confidence, freedom of information and contempt of court matters, as well as in applications for non-publication orders in criminal and civil cases. In recent years he has acted for: Bauer Media in a defamation claim brought by actress, Rebel Wilson; Nationwide News in a defamation claim brought by musician, Daniel Johns; the ABC, The Age and the Daily Mail in defamation claims brought by Mick Gatto; and over 30 media-respondents in a contempt of court prosecution brought by the DPP in relation to publicity which attended the jury verdict (since overturned on appeal) against Cardinal George Pell.

Sandip was one of the counsel assisting the Victorian Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants, where he was briefed to advise and appear on questions concerning suppression orders, public interest immunity and privilege claims.

He also has specific expertise in relation to the Australian sports and racing industries, where he has advised or appeared for and against the Australian Football League and Racing Victoria Ltd in disciplinary matters.

Cam Truong QC
Victorian Bar



Cam is a very experienced commercial barrister practising primarily in the Supreme and Federal Courts. He took silk in November 2018 after 13 years at the Bar and is one of the first Chinese-Australian barristers to be appointed Queens Counsel.

He practises in all areas of commercial law, with particular expertise in trade practices and consumer protection, corporations and securities law including directors' duties and trusts disputes. He has acted for and against regulators such as ASIC and the ACCC. Cam accepts briefs from private law firms, government agencies and directly from in-house lawyers.

Cam is currently acting for ASIC in two civil penalty proceedings in the Federal Court against AMP Group companies.

Cam has been in the last three editions of the "Best Lawyers List for Australia", most recently in the areas of Commercial Law and Real Property Law.

Sarah Fiskin
Victorian Bar



Sarah specialises in Family Law, and has appeared almost exclusively in this field since signing the bar roll in 2011.

Sarah has particular extensive experience in complex property proceedings, and international parenting disputes (including Hague Convention matters).

Sarah has been listed as one of Victoria's Leading Family Law Junior Counsel in Doyles Guide.

Sarah appears regularly in both Division 1 and Division 2 of the Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia. She also undertakes mediation work.

Ffyona Livingstone Clark
Victorian Bar



Ffyona is a member of Crockett Chambers and accepts briefs in all areas of criminal and quasi-criminal law. She has particular expertise in death investigations and prosecutions, professional disciplinary hearings, white collar crime (primarily securities, director's duties, and tax), sex offences, child abuse allegations, and complex offending involving juvenile/youthful offenders.

Since coming to the Bar, Ffyona has appeared in a wide range of matters across every level of the State courts from VCAT through to the Court of Appeal. She has appeared in jury trials (led and unled) in the County Court and the ACT Supreme Court, and in contested hearings in the Children's Court, Coroners Court, Magistrates' Court, and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

She is a Committee Member of the Criminal Bar Association, and a member of VicBar's LGBTI Working Group (a sub-group of the Bar's Equality & Diversity portfolio). She is the co-author (with Felicity Gerry QC) of the 'Children' and 'Sex Work' chapters in Bourke's Criminal Law Victoria. Ffyona is also an "occasional academic", which involves the odd ad hoc role teaching Evidence Law at Deakin University as well as pretending to finish her PhD at La Trobe University. In her spare time (or more likely when procrastinating) she is an avid landscape photographer and secretly loves watching trashy reality TV.



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James Strong
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James has nearly 20 years' experience in corporate, taxation and commercial matters.

He was most recently a partner in the corporate tax practice of PwC - where he advised major Australian and multi-national clients in relation all aspects of their Australian taxation affairs. James' experience includes advising on mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and insolvency, equity and debt raising, cross-border investment and dispute resolution - including extensive dealings with senior officials within the Australian Taxation Office.

He also has particular experience in the Energy and Mining industries, and most recently lead PwC's Global Energy & Mining Taxation practice.

Kath McCarthy
Metis Pathways



Kath McCarthy, is a corporate psychologist who specialises in developing senior leaders and senior leadership teams.

She is an exceptionally skilled executive coach and facilitator with over 14 years of coaching experience at the most senior levels of law, government, education and health and industry.

With her background of 17 years as a solicitor, she has a particular appreciation of the professional service environment and the challenges barristers and solicitors face in maintaining high levels of performance and success.

Riognach Obst
Price Waterhouse Coopers



Riognach has 14 years of experience in the Private Clients practice at PwC advising large privately owned businesses and their owners on a broad range of tax and advisory matters.

Riognach has a strong understanding of accounting, tax compliance, tax planning, superannuation and asset protection issues facing private clients enabling her to provide her clients with tax effective, commercial advice.

Her expertise in dealing with discretionary trust, private company and personal income tax matter is complemented by a broad commercial acumen.

Riognach has assisted her clients with finding solutions to complex tax issues which arise in commercial transactions, tax compliance and providing assistance with dealing with revenue authorities.

Naree Brooks
Price Waterhouse Coopers



Naree has provided general business and tax advisory services to private and family businesses in Australia for the past 33 years. She began her career at MGI Melbourne Pty Ltd (and its predecessor firms) in 1988 and joined PwC in January 2014. As a trusted business advisor, Naree has developed long term relationships with many high net worth individuals and business owners and specialises in advisory services that meet their personal needs. This includes tax structuring advice to maximise personal wealth accumulation, asset protection, family succession planning, estate planning and philanthropic activities.

She also specialises in managing the taxation and other regulatory issues in respect of retirement and superannuation planning for private superannuation funds and for members of APRA regulated funds. Naree was appointed national head of the SMSF division for PwC eight years ago.

James Peters AM QC
Victorian Bar



James has practised in the Supreme and Federal Courts (at both trial and appellate level) and in arbitrations involving complex commercial disputes, banking/insolvency, corporations matters, Trade Practices Act/Australian Consumer Law matters, equity, partnership and property matters joint venture disputes, and various regulatory authority disputes since 1987.

He has acted for many private litigants and public bodies, liquidators, financial institutions and regulators including ASIC, ACCC and APRA. James was appointed on the Board of Directors of legalsuper in June 2021.

Ly Holian
legalsuper



Ly joined legalsuper in March 2020 and is based in the Melbourne office. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce / Business Systems and is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®.

Ly has accumulated more than 17 years of experience in the superannuation and financial services industry. She brought to legalsuper a diversity of roles including as a senior financial planner with several industry super funds and large banks. She was also an advice manager for a fintech company. Ly is passionate about empowering members, making them feel confident with their financial decisions and assisting them to easily understand complex superannuation concepts and information.



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Benjamin Fernandes
legalsuper



Benjamin started at legalsuper in December 2017 and is based in the Melbourne office.

He is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® and an experienced professional having spent more than 17 years in the financial services industry, predominantly within superannuation funds. He is extremely well versed in all aspects of superannuation strategies and legislation.

Benjamin is proactive and focussed on providing excellent customer outcomes to members and employers. He takes great pleasure from people doing well, assisting them to progress and enjoy life.

Christopher Brown
Victorian Bar



Christopher practises in commercial law, particularly insolvency, banking and finance, corporations and securities, and equity. Prior to coming to the Bar, he was a solicitor in the litigation department at Clayton Utz.

He regularly appears in the Doyles Best Barristers Guide in both the 'Litigation & Dispute Resolution' and 'Insolvency & Restructuring' categories (Victoria and Australia). He is also a co-author of Australian Corporation Law Principles and Practice (LexisNexis) and Bankruptcy Law and Practice (LexisNexis).

Wendy Harris QC
Victorian Bar



Wendy is a commercial barrister and Queen's Counsel specialising in complex disputes and transactional advice, particularly in the banking and finance, insurance and securities sectors.

She has a large class action practice, and has acted in numerous securities class actions for ASX-listed entities including NAB, WorleyParsons, BHP, Newcrest, Murray Goulburn, UGL, and UBS. Securities class actions are both a growth area and in a dynamic state of development, and her clients trust her to steer them through this rapidly evolving landscape.

Wendy was also past President of the Victorian Bar and of the Commercial Bar Association.

She also has significant experience in banking and finance, including acting for National Australia Bank in the Financial Services Royal Commission and in the bank bill swap rate litigation brought by ASIC, and in the context of many large-scale insolvencies.

Philip Crutchfield QC
Victorian Bar



Philip holds Commerce and Honours Law Degrees from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and former President of the Commercial Bar Association of Victoria.

Jonathon Moore QC
Victorian Bar



Jonathon practises broadly in commercial law in the superior courts.

Previously, Jonathon was an Associate to the Honourable Mr Justice Hansen of the Supreme Court of Victoria, obtained a doctorate and masters degree from the University of Oxford and completed his articles at Phillips Fox.

Matthew Critchley
Corrs Chambers Westgarth



Matthew is a partner of Corrs Chambers Westgarth and specialises in major commercial litigation, insolvency and restructuring.

He has acted on a range of high profile and complex disputes involving financial services, corporate finance, corporate governance and shareholder issues.

Matthew is an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne Law School where he lectures within the JD program.

Ariel Borland
Mills Oakley



Ariel is a partner in the Melbourne Commercial Disputes, Restructuring & Insolvency team. Ariel's practice encompasses a wide range of litigious and non-litigious insolvency work. Her practice also includes aspects of trade practices, professional negligence, complex contractual disputes, financial services disputes and partnership and shareholders disputes.

Ariel is listed as a Recommended Dispute Resolution: Litigation Lawyer in the 2022 edition of The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, a Recognised Lawyer for both Insolvency & Reorganisation Law and Litigation in the 2022 edition of Best Lawyers in Australia, an Up and Coming Lawyer for Restructuring/Insolvency in the 2022 edition of Chambers Asia-Pacific and a Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyer (Victoria) in the 2021 edition of Doyle's Guide.



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Heather Richardson
Kalus Kenny Intelex
Lawyers



Heather is a highly experienced, commercially focused lawyer who leads our growing employment law practice.

She is a long-term member of the Kalus Kenny Intelex team, Heather's vast experience sees her practicing in many areas of commercial and administrative law, with a particular focus on employment law matters and running complex commercial litigation. Heather's practice has a strong focus on employment law.

Heather also has experience representing clients in contract disputes, intellectual property matters, director and shareholder disputes and shareholder oppression.

Heather Anderson
Victorian Bar



Heather has extensive experience in criminal law in Victoria, and Western Australia, and became an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law with the Law Institute of Victoria in 2018 following an examination process.

She regularly appears in all types of summary and indictable crime hearings including committal hearings, contested hearings, bail applications and pleas in the Magistrates' Court and in sentencing appeals, breach proceedings, pleas, and bail applications in the County Court. Heather appears in all metropolitan and regional courts in Victoria. Heather also accepts briefs in quasi-criminal matters including intervention orders, criminal compensation, and supervision orders under the Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act.

Heather practiced as a Solicitor Advocate at leading criminal law firms Leanne Warren & Associates and David Barrese & Associates from 2016. In these roles, Heather had carriage of a large volume of indictable and summary crime matters including murder, sex offences, armed robbery, assaults, and drugs. Heather also instructed in County Court and Supreme Court trials and assisted counsel with drafting written cases for the Court of Appeal.

Colin Mandy SC
Victorian Bar



Colin was an Accredited Criminal Law Specialist before coming to the Bar. In his first week at the Bar, he appeared as junior to Julian Burnside QC in the High Court of the Solomon Islands, and since then has appeared in all Victorian jurisdictions, and several interstate, including murder trials in Perth and drug trials in Sydney. He has also appeared in the High Court in the case of Strickland v CDP [2018] HCA 53.

Colin practices in a wide range of areas, principally defending in criminal trials in the County and Supreme Courts, including appearing as senior counsel in a number of murder trials. He has appeared often in the Court of Appeal, in many interlocutory appeals, as well as appeals in relation to Conviction and Sentence. He has also appeared in Coronial Inquests and for the Plaintiff in personal injury trials, and has provided advice and appeared in Occupational Health and Safety and administrative law matters.

Colin is a holder of the Victorian Bar's Indictable Crime Certificate. He is on the VLA Preferred Barrister List, and is among the senior barristers in the VLA Trial Counsel Development Program.

Jeremy King
Partner, Robinson Gill



Jeremy is a personal injury lawyer with two discrete areas of expertise - police misconduct and TAC compensation claims. For the latter, he is very experienced at running TAC (motor vehicle accident) compensation claims. Jeremy was one of the four plaintiff lawyers involved in drafting the revised TAC Common Law, Impairment Assessment and No-Fault Dispute Resolution Protocols between 2014 and 2016. This was a long-term project between the Transport Accident Commission, the Law Institute of Victoria and the Australian Lawyers Alliance.

He is also an active member of the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Legal Liaison Group. He also leads the firm's renowned police misconduct team and is responsible for extensive advocacy for reform of police oversight includes making submissions to the IBAC Parliamentary Committee's Inquiry into the External Oversight of Police Corruption and Misconduct in Victoria and giving evidence at the public hearings held by this Committee.

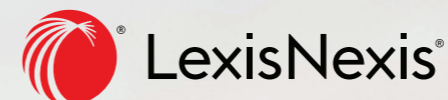
Jeremy is the immediate past president ALA Victoria President.

Liz Kofoed
Partner, Lander & Rogers



Liz is a partner in Lander & Rogers' Family & Relationship Law group, the largest family law practice in Australia. Liz works across a range of areas, including parenting matters, financial agreements and complex property matters.

She advises on property settlements; financial agreements for couples who are in or contemplating a de facto relationship or marriage; parenting arrangements for the care of children; the wrongful removal of children to or from Australia; family violence intervention orders; spousal maintenance and child support; and surrogacy.



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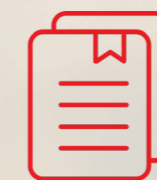
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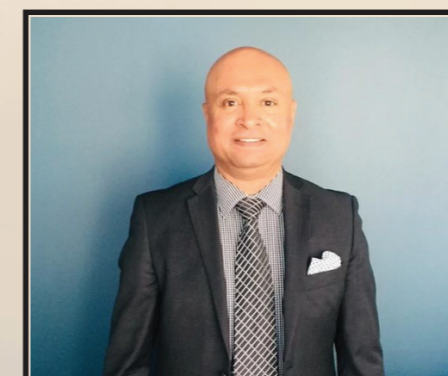


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