



FLPA in Central Queensland

Saturday 2 September 2023 | 8.30am- 5.30pm | Rydges Mackay Suites

We are thrilled to announce that the Family Law Practitioners Association (FLPA) is coming to Central Queensland for a not-to-be-missed conference. We invite you to join us for a day filled with valuable insights and professional development opportunities. Our line-up of speakers includes distinguished professionals who will share their expertise on various aspects of family law.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge, network with fellow legal professionals, and stay up to date with the latest developments. Register now to secure your spot and take your legal practice to new heights. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting event!

CPD: 7 points

Format: In-person

Cost:

\$500 Member

\$420 for each staff member of the firm (members) after payment of one registration in full

\$600 Non-member

Saturday, 2 September 2023	
8.00AM - 8.30AM	REGISTRATION
8.30AM - 8.45AM	Acknowledgement of Country and opening remarks
8.45AM - 9.45AM	Case Update Find out the latest from the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia in our case update. Presenter: Renaë Stocks, Barrister, Sir George Kneipp Chambers Chair: Peter McLachlan, Partner, Beckey Knight & Elliott Solicitors
9.45AM - 10.45AM	How to run Interim Hearings before a Senior Judicial Registrar Gain valuable insights into effectively managing interim hearings before a Senior Judicial Registrar in the Courts. This session provides practical guidance on the procedures, best practices, and key considerations involved in successfully conducting interim hearings. Presenter: Senior Registrar Clare McCormack Chair: Amy Honan, Director, Honan Family Law
10.45AM - 11.10AM	MORNING TEA
11.10AM - 12.10PM	Value to Owner: What does it mean and is it anything different? Learn what is meant by "value to owner" both by reference to case authority and from a practical perspective.

	<p>Presenter: Joseph Box, Partner - Financial Advisory, Grant Thornton Chair: Katrina Peters, Director and Principal Lawyer, Statewide Family Law</p>
12.10PM - 1.10PM	<p>Substance Issues in Parenting Matters This session focuses on the complex issue of substance abuse in parenting matters. Exploring strategies for assessing, addressing, and advocating for the best interests of children affected by substance abuse, while navigating the legal framework surrounding parenting matters. Presenter: Bruce Dodd, Barrister, Inns of Court and Clare Dart, Barrister, Inns of Court Chair: Madison O'Flynn, Director, Family Post-Separation Services</p>
1.10PM - 1.55PM	LUNCH
1.55PM - 2.55PM	<p>Drug and Alcohol Testing- What tests to ask for? How do you read results? Following on from the previous session, we will explore the various types of tests available and learn how to interpret the results. Gain insights into the specific tests that can be requested, their methodologies, and their suitability for different situations. Presenter: Tony Graham, Australian Workplace Drug Testing Services Chair: James Bailey, Partner, Wallace & Wallace Lawyers</p>
2.55PM - 3.55PM	<p>Proceed with Caution An in depth analysis of "exercise of discretion" in the family law jurisdiction. A consideration of the ethical obligations imposed on practitioners in the context of exercise of discretion. Tips and traps in relation to communication with clients, other practitioners and the bench. Presenter: Greg Shoebridge, Barrister, Inns of Court Chair: Vicki Jackson, Consultant, South Geldard Lawyers</p>
3.55PM - 4.20PM	AFTERNOON TEA
4:20PM - 5.20PM	<p>What makes a good family lawyer? Join her Honour Judge Demack in a thought-provoking discussion on what defines a good family lawyer. Reflect on the essential qualities required in this role and come prepared to share at least one characteristic or trait that you believe contributes to the success of a family lawyer in serving their clients and navigating complex family legal matters. Presenter: Judge Anne Demack, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Chair: Diane Ruhl, Principal, Ruhl Family Law Centre</p>
5.20PM - 5.30PM	<p>Closing remarks Presenter: Rebecca Horsley, President, Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland; Barrister, Inns of Court</p>
5.30PM	CLOSE
5.30PM - 6.30PM	<p>Networking Drinks Proudly Sponsored by:</p>  <p>Michael Maguire Private Mediation</p>