



SUCCESSION LAW

CONFERENCE

13 MARCH 2021

LOCATION:

**Spicers Guesthouse Pokolbin
57 Ekerts Road, Pokolbin Hunter Valley NSW**

TIME: 9.00am to 5.30pm

COST: \$350 + GST

6 MCLE/CLE POINTS

**THE HON. JUSTICE PHILLIP HALLEN | JOHN ARMFIELD
GREG SMITH | LINDA CLARKE | ANDREW STEVENS
LUKE HAMMOND | CRAIG BIRTLES**

SPEAKERS

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE PHILLIP HALLEN

His Honour was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1976. On 15 September 1978 he was called to the Bar and practiced as a barrister taking silk in November 1997. On 5 July 2010 he was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court before being appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 12 November 2012. His Honour sits in the Equity Division and is the Succession List Judge.

JOHN ARMFIELD

Recognised in the Doyles Guides as a preeminent practitioner in the area of Wills & Estate litigation and a NMAS Mediator. John is widely recognised for his experience in and knowledge of Succession Law and has presented many papers on the subject at conferences. With his trademark humour and frank dialogue John always delivers a memorable, practical and engaging paper.

GREG SMITH

Greg commenced his career at the Public Trustee, where he worked as a Legal Officer and wrote their Probate Manual. After being recruited by a private trustee company in 1996, Greg moved into private practice as a solicitor in 1998. He became an Accredited Specialist (Wills & Estates) in 2002, and practised as an advocate solicitor before going to the Bar in 2011. During the last 10 years, Greg has practised almost exclusively in probate, family provision, equity and property litigation. He was the lecturer in Family Provision in the College of Law Masters' Program from 2012 to 2014.

LINDA CLARKE

Linda is a barrister and NMAS Mediator practising in the area of Succession, Wills & Estates, Family Provision and Equity. She appears regularly in both Probate and Family Provision jurisdictions, representing clients at mediations and hearings involving will disputes. Linda has a particular interest in Elder Law and abuse of Power of Attorney claims.

ANDREW STEVENS

Andrew practices exclusively in the area of Succession, Wills & Estates and Family Provision. He regularly appears in both Probate and Family Provision jurisdictions. Andrew holds a Masters of Law majoring in Wills & Estates. He recently successfully defended an estate in the matter of *Nielsen v Kongspark* [2019] NSWSC 1821.

LUKE HAMMOND

Luke Hammond is a barrister practising primarily in Equity specialising in Succession. Prior to being called to the Bar Luke worked as a solicitor for more than 8 years with the last half of that time as Principal of his own firm. Luke is currently a lecturer for the College of Law Masters Program in Family Provision and has also been a lecturer in Probate.

CRAIG BIRTLES

Craig was called to the Bar in 2017 and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in Wills & Estates. Craig is a member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) and a co-author of C Birtles and R Neal, *Hutley's Australian Wills Precedents* (LexisNexis Butterworths) 8th Edition (2013), 9th Edition (2016) and 10th Edition (2020).

CONVENOR - CHRISTIAN VINDIN

Christian was called to the Bar in 1982. He practices extensively in succession litigation, including family provision matters. In recent years he has been involved in several large, multi-party matters involving complex issues of capacity and knowledge and approval. He has delivered numerous seminars on family provision and will-related topics.

Practice in other areas has included property, general equity, insurance, criminal, coronial, commercial, construction and professional disciplinary matters.

Last year Christian obtained national accreditation as a mediator. He is keen to do more in that role, so he is happy to mediate outside the CBD, especially in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE: \$350 + GST.

The registration fee includes attendance at the conference, conference papers, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and all day tea and coffee

For those unable to attend due to concerns about COVID-19, the conference will be provided live streamed. Guests will be able to interact with questions and a hard copy of the presenters' papers will be provided following the conference.

PARKING: Parking is available at Spicers Guesthouse.



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