

Program highlights

- Explore national developments in family law with a keynote address by Peter Szabo
- Insights from the Bench: Learn what your documents say about you
- Old vs New: A comparison of the Family Violence and Abuse definitions
- Recognise how the 2006 "shared parenting" amendments have operated in practice
- Consider the future of financial agreements and the continuation of Part V111A of the Family Law Act
- Explore the changing face of mediation under the Family Law Act and current national initiatives to increase

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Speakers

- Peter Szabo, Partner, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Moores Legal
- Prof Richard Chisholm, AM, Adjunct Professor, ANU School
- of Law; Former Judge of the Family Court of Australia
- Federal Magistrate Stephen Scarlett
- Graeme Page SC, Barrister, Queensland Bar
- Geoff Wilson, Partner, Accredited Family Law Specialist, HopgoodGanim Lawyers
- Brett Hartley, Director, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Hartley Healy
- Justine Ward, Partner, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Cooper Grace Ward



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9th Annual Family Law Summit

Expert insights and critical developments in family law

Wednesday, 6 June 2012

8:30 Registration

8:50 Chair and keynote Address: State of the nation in family law

Peter Szabo, Principal, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Moores Legal

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FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT PRESENTATION

9:20 Getting it right

- What do your documents say about you?
- Do you really want that order?
- · How not to make a mess of consent orders
- · The Telephone Trap
- · The Wrath of the Bench and how to avoid it

Federal Magistrate Stephen Scarlett

■ 1 CPD/MCLE point in Professional Skills

10:20 Surrogacy – traps for the unwary lawyer: A role play about prospective clients who have decided to go down the road to surrogacy

- Working through the passage of the Surrogacy Act 2010 (QLD)
- · What to do when things go wrong
- Assist clients to obtain a parentage order
- · Comparison with interstate models

Stephen Page, Partner, Harrington Family Lawyers

■ 1 CPD/MCLE point in Professional Skills

11:20 Morning tea

11:35 Family discretionary trusts as matrimonial assets in property settlement matters

- General concepts regarding the Family Court's treatment of assets held in Discretionary Trusts
- A consideration of, and issues arising from, recent case law
- Distinguishing and collating relevant evidence in relation to the categorisation and treatment of assets held in a Discretionary Family Trust
- Taxation considerations

Brett Hartley, *Director*, *Accredited Family Law Specialist*, **Hartley Healy**

■ 1 CPD/MCLE point in Professional Skills

12:35 Case law update: An analysis of recent decisions emerging from the Federal Magistrates Court and Family Court

A snapshot of important decisions during the last 12 months covering issues such as:

- Relocation cases and international jurisdictional issues
- Property division the impact of Stanford v Stanford [2012] FamCAFC 1
- Shared parental responsibility

Justine Woods, Partner, Accredited Family Law Specialist, **Cooper Grace Ward**

■ 0.5 CPD/MCLE point in Professional Skills

1:25 Networking lunch for speakers and delegates

2:25 Financial agreements: Dirty deeds done cheap – is it time to rethink our approach?

- · Background to poor lawyer behaviour
- The Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane lawyers experience and responses
- The professional indemnity insurance response
- · Risk management and critical trigger points
- The overseas experience: NZ, USA & UK

Geoff Wilson, Partner, Accredited Family Law Specialist, **HopgoodGanim Lawyers**

■ 1 CPD/MCLE point in Practical Legal Ethics

3:25 Afternoon tea

3:40 Family violence reforms: Changes to applications for Parenting Orders

- Family Violence & Abuse definitions: Old vs New
- Changes to s60CC weight of primary considerations
- Removal of the "friendly parent" provision
- Impact on the prospects of shared parenting orders

Chris Turnbull, Director, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Family Law Group Solicitors

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4:40 In focus: Interim relocation

- Authorities/Statutory Framework
- Preparation for hearing/evidence
- · Interim hearing appearance
- Consideration of strategy for final hearing

Michael Alexander, Barrister, Queensland Bar

■ 1 CPD/MCLE point in Professional Skills

5:40 Close of Day One



6 & 7 June 2012, Marriott Hotel Brisbane

Thursday, 7 June 2012

8:30 Registration

8:50 Welcome from the Chair

> Peter Szabo, Principal, Accredited Family Law Specialist, **Moores Legal**

9:00 The so-called "shared parenting" amendments of 2006

- Background to the 2006 amendments
- Outline of the legislative provisions
- How have they operated?
- Where next?

Prof Richard Chisholm, AM, Adjunct Professor, ANU School of Law; Former Judge of the Family Court of Australia

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10:30 Morning tea

10:45 Critical analysis: the continuation of Part V111A of the Family Law Act and the future of financial agreements

- · Overview of the legislation
- Recent influential Family Court decisions
- What does all this mean?
- Tips for ensuring the validity of your clients' binding financial agreements

Graeme Page SC, Barrister, Queensland Bar

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DISCUSSION PANEL

11:45 Issues and complexities for family lawyers

- 10 year outlook

- The rising relevance of indemnity costs being awarded by the Federal Magistrates Court and the Family Court
- Elder Law issues
- The status of interveners
- Styles of registered relationships and the implications

Nicholas Tucker, Barrister, Queensland Bar Dr Claudine Umashev, Barrister, Queensland Bar Yulia Chekirova, Barrister, Queensland Bar

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12:45 Networking lunch for speakers and delegates

1:45 The changing face of mediation under the Family Law Act

- Studies about client satisfaction and dissatisfaction at mediation
- A look at various mediation models being used pros, cons and recent US studies
- Interstate comparison a look at what other Australian states are doing / not doing with mediation and the various models being used
- Considering when mediators should step in and evaluate

Peter Sheehy, Principal, Family Law Accredited Specialist, Peter J Sheehy Solicitors

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2:45 Afternoon tea

3:00 Civil partnerships and the legislation

- What the Civil Partnership Act 2011 does do and what it
- The differences between civil partnerships, defacto partners and other relationship structures
- Risk management and drafting compliant civil partnerships and property agreements
- Comparisons between Queensland and other jurisdictions

Warwick Jones, Partner, Family Law Accredited Specialist, Jones Mitchell Lawyers

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4:00 Close of conference

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- Family Law Mediators Social Workers

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