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**The Blue Mountains Law Society**

# 2018 SUCCESSION CONFERENCE

A three-day conference organised by the Blue Mountains Law Society  
at the Hydro Majestic, Medlow Bath NSW

**FRIDAY 7, SATURDAY 8 & SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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# DAY ONE – FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2018

1.30-2.00pm

## REGISTRATION

2.00-3.15pm

### Intestacy Workshop

This is a hands on session working through the issues that arise from death to distribution of an intestate estate.

#### **Dr Stephen Janes – Deputy Dean, School of Law, Chair of the School of Law Academic Committee – University of Western Sydney**

Stephen Janes is a member of the Wills and Estates Advisory Committee and responsible for setting the examination paper for that accreditation. The workshop is not associated with specialist accreditation. The workshop is not specifically designed to prepare an attendee for accreditation.

3.15-3.30pm

## AFTERNOON TEA

3.30-5.00pm

### Intestacy Workshop (continued)

# DAY TWO – SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

8.30-9.00am

## REGISTRATION / ARRIVAL TEA & COFFEE

9.00-10.00am

### Opening – Sir Anthony Mason Oration

#### **Justice Julie Ward – Chief Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales**

Justice Ward served as a Judge of Appeal from 2012 to 2017, and from 2007 to 2012 as a trial Judge in the Equity Division of the Court.

10.00-10.15am

## SPONSOR – LAWCOVER

10.15-11.15am

### Reforms to Guardianship Laws

The NSW Law Reform Commissioner's report was delivered to the Attorney-General on 28 May 2018. It recommends far reaching changes to powers of attorney, guardianship and financial management.

#### **Alan Cameron**

Alan Cameron was appointed Chairperson of the NSW Law Reform Commission in late 2015. Alan has occupied a range of senior roles in both the private and public sectors including Chairman of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission from 1993 to 2000, Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman, Principal Solicitor of the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service in the mid 1970s and first national managing partner of Blake Dawson Waldron from 1989 to 1991. Alan serves part time at the Commission and continues as a company director of one listed company and several unlisted companies.

11.15-11.35am

## MORNING TEA

11.35am-12.35pm

### Practical Tips on Large and Small Estates

#### **Jane Needham SC**

Jane Needham specialises in Equity and Succession Law and has lectured at University and spoken at professional development conferences on these topics. Jane was a Judicial Member, then a Deputy President of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal from 2002-2011 and was Divisional Head of the Revenue Division. Jane was President of the Bar Association from 2014-2015 and has served on the Council and its Executive since the early 1990s. Jane was named Lawyers Weekly Senior Barrister of the Year in 2013. Women Lawyers Assoc. "Woman Barrister of the Year" and UTS Faculty of Law Alumni Award for Excellence in 2015. In 2016 Jane achieved a national award, Women in Law's Barrister of the Year. Doyle's Guide has listed Jane in its Wills and Estates Litigation Leading Lawyers list since 2015.

12.35-1.20pm

## LUNCH

1.20-2.20pm

### Key Aspects of Estate Mediation especially family provision disputes – the must and must nots

#### **Steve Lancken – Negocio Resolutions**

Steve Lancken has over 30 years experience in conflict resolution – firstly as a lawyer, and in the last 20 years as mediator, consultant, lecturer and trainer. Steve is a specialist in all aspects of alternative dispute resolution and a leading Sydney mediator. Steve Lancken's knowledge and skill as one of Australia's leading mediators and ADR professionals has led him to teaching and training in mediation, negotiation, communication, conflict management and Conflict in Organisations at Sydney University. Steve has augmented his professional consulting with teaching at Sydney University, Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM), College of Law, Marcus Evans Asia and currently teaches at both the University of Sydney and AGSM.

2.20-3.20pm

## Less Usual Grants — Practical Issues

### Richard Williams

Richard Williams, Barrister specialises in wills, estates, trusts and superannuation. Richard is listed in the Current Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession as a Leading Junior Counsel in wills and estate litigation. Richard has particular expertise in statutory wills and has acted in many statutory will cases in Queensland and in other States. Richard is Chair of the Queensland branch of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and a past Chair of STEP Australia. Richard teaches as an Adjunct Lecturer for the College of Law's LLM program in Wills & Estates and as a sessional academic at Queensland University of Technology.

3.20-3.40pm

### AFTERNOON TEA

3.40-5.20pm

## Panel discussion

Justice Lindsay, Jane Needham S.C., Richard Williams and Jenny McMillan will discuss a range of topical issues including those submitted by attendees at the conference.

6.30pm

### DRINKS OUTSIDE THE BALLROOM FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE DINNER

7.00pm

### CONFERENCE DINNER

# DAY THREE – SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

8.30-9.00am

### ARRIVAL TEA & COFFEE

9.00-10.00am

## A History of the Law of Succession

### Justice Geoff Lindsay

Supreme Court Probate and Protective List Judge, New South Wales Supreme Court. The Judge is known to deeply consider the conceptual, functional and historical foundations of legal principles so that they apply appropriately to a modern Australian society.

10.00-11.00am

## How to Deal with an Equity Suit when your client or opponent is enamored of Dr Google

A light hearted but informative discussion of the inadequacies of the Maxims of Equity, how to point out that there are rules which the Judge must apply which may seem to favour unfairly the other party and how to shut your client up from spouting nonsense.

### Peter Young – Former Chief in Equity and NSW Court of Appeal

Peter Young AO is a retired judge serving as a judge for 27 years. In 2004, Peter Young was appointed an Office in the Order of Australia for service to law and the administration of justice, to legal scholarship and to the community through the Anglican Church of Australia.

11.00-11.15am

### SPONSOR — COLLEGE OF LAW

11.15-11.35am

### MORNING TEA

11.35am-12.35pm

## Elder Abuse and Lawyers' Ethical Responsibilities — Incorporating Screening into Practice

### Nola Ries – Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney

Nola Ries has expertise in health law and policy with a particular focus on law, ageing and health, legal aspects of health system reform, governance of health research, regulation of health practitioners, public health law and health technology regulation. Nola publishes widely in legal, health and policy journals. Before moving to Australia in 2013. Nola was a legal academic and lawyer in Canada. She practiced in human rights litigation and constitutional and administrative law.

12.35-1.35pm

## Superannuation — its part in Estate Planning

### Peter Bobbin

Peter Bobbin is one of Australia's best known speakers on taxation, estate planning, trusts and superannuation. Peter is a former university lecturer, frequent commentator on the law and former accountant. Peter brings a practical and insightful approach to law. Peter advises individuals, corporations and their accountants, financial advisers and lawyers.

1.35-2.30pm

### CONFERENCE CLOSE — LUNCH

# Registration is simple; complete the form below and fax or post your registration to us:

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Phone: (02) 4784 2177 Fax: (02) 4784 2145 Email: [slee@browne-link.com.au](mailto:slee@browne-link.com.au) Enquires: Shani Lee

Please register me for the **2018 Succession Conference** – to be held at the Hydro Majestic, Medlow Bath on **Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September 2018 (with a half day workshop on Friday 7 September 2018)**

- Early Bird Registration for Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September 2018** – for registrations made on or before Friday 17 August 2018 – \$825.00
- Full Price Registration for Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September 2018** – \$935.00
- Current Blue Mountains Law Society Members' Registration** – \$715.00
- Intestacy Workshop on Friday 7 September 2018** – \$250.00
- I cannot attend the conference, but **wish to purchase the conference papers** – \$165.00  
(note: the papers will not be available for dispatch until approx. 2 weeks after the conference has been held)
- Dinner** – \$150.00 per person. (This includes a three-course meal, drinks and entertainment)

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms First Name .....

Last Name .....

Preferred Name for nametag (*if different from above*) .....

Position .....

Firm Name .....

Email .....

Postal Address .....

Phone ..... Fax .....

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**Conference Registration Fee:** The registration fee includes attendance at the conference, conference papers, refreshment breaks and lunch. The registration fees do not include any travel or accommodation.

**The Conference Venue:** The Ballroom, Hydro Majestic Hotel, Great Western Highway, Medlow Bath – a map of the conference venue will be provided with registration confirmation.

**Conference Accommodation:** Delegates are advised to make their own accommodation arrangements directly with the Hydro Majestic. Hotel Reservations: (02) 4782 6885 Email: [reservations@hydromajestic.com.au](mailto:reservations@hydromajestic.com.au)  
Website: [www.hydromajestic.com.au](http://www.hydromajestic.com.au)

**Conference Dress:** Smart casual attire is suitable.