

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are transferable from one person to another, but if more than one member of your firm wishes to attend, please complete a separate registration form (or photocopy) for each registrant. If time remains, an acknowledgement will be sent to you, but a formal receipt will be issued only on request. Registrations must be accompanied by payment.

To register online go to www.collaw.edu.au

CANCELLATIONS

Refunds may be requested in writing up to four working days prior to the seminar. A cancellation fee will apply. No refunds are available after the seminar. The College reserves the right to cancel or re-schedule courses, and to change speakers or revise content.

No refunds can be given for online seminars where a user ID and password have already been issued.

MANDATORY CLE

If these seminars are relevant to your professional development, you may claim one 'Unit' for each hour of attendance. Refreshment breaks are not included.

From 1 April 2009, of the ten (10) MCLE units required, at least one unit must be obtained in each of the following areas:

- ▶ Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- ▶ Practice Management and Business Skills
- ▶ Professional Skills

Programs that satisfy these requirements are identified in this booklet.

TELEPHONE AND FAX

We welcome telephone or fax bookings, but a credit card number must be given and payment authorised.

CLE ONLINE

You can also choose to complete your MCLE training online. Please see www.collaw.edu.au for further details and course topics.

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If you require changes to your registration details or would like to be removed from CPE mailings, contact the CPE Directorate.

The College collects personal information for registration purposes and for distributing information in relation to upcoming seminars and activities and to improve our services to you through research. No information is sold to third parties.

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FEE STRUCTURE

The College of Law CPE Directorate offers a discount on seminar registrations as a benefit for NSW Law Society members.

College graduates are eligible for a further 10% discount valid for two years post admission.

Community Legal Centre staff are eligible for 30% discount off the member price.

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Note: * These seminars comply with either Rule 42.1.6.1, 42.1.6.2 or 42.1.6.3 under the Legal Profession Act 2004.

Evidence Technology Explained

WHEN	Thursday 1 October 2009: 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.2 (Practice Management and Business Skills)*
SEMINAR	09189	

The College of Law, in co-operation with local courtroom technology and e-litigation specialists, is pleased to work with the Center for Legal and Court Technology* to educate practitioners in the appropriate use of evidence acquisition, processing, presentation, storage and retrieval technology in the law and justice sector.

This short practical program aims to:

- ▶ Assist senior professionals to set appropriate expectations regarding use of evidence technology in and out of the courtroom.
- ▶ Demystify and explore how evidence technology is impacting judicial processes and the way people are working in the industry.
- ▶ Provide practical tips and techniques and identify traps and issues associated with the increasing reliance on digital and other electronic media.

Course content draws on a number of central themes including: the evidence value chain; e-litigation systems and tools, telepresence (video conference) and the virtual meeting room, evidence presentation systems, tools and techniques and; how to make the most of the 'new' integrated digital courtroom.

Key benefits of the program include:

- ▶ Practical skills – these courses are not for technology specialists – they are designed to assist practitioners to make the most of their existing tools and skills.
- ▶ Quick and easy access to concise, up to the minute information.
- ▶ The use of touch and feel examples where possible.

These sessions are facilitated by evidence technology specialists drawn from the private and the public sector.

Facilitators include:

Peter Carter Evidence Technology Specialist **Jason Woolridge** Ecourt and Elitigation Specialist
Don Mackintosh Courtroom Technology Specialist **Stuart Herring** Digital Media Management Specialist

* The Center for Legal and Court Technology (formerly the Courtroom 21 Project) is a non-profit entrepreneurial research, education, and consulting public service organization that seeks to improve the administration of justice through the use of appropriate technology. Court-oriented, CLCT is a joint initiative of William & Mary Law School and the National Center for State Courts. CLCT works to assist courts, government agencies, law firms, law schools, judges, lawyers, court reporters, paralegals, legal technologists and other members of the legal professions.

Commercial Negotiation Strategies for Lawyers

WHEN	Wednesday 7 October 2009: 9.00am to 4.30pm		
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney		
COST	LS Member \$399.00	Non-Member \$480.00	Includes lunch and all materials.
MCLE	6 MCLE units		
SEMINAR	09190		

This one-day seminar presented by [Patrick Cavanagh](#) is designed specifically for lawyers who want to improve their skills in bargaining and learn new tactics.

The ability to negotiate a wide range of transactions is a vital element for success in legal practice. This program identifies standard problems and is applicable for all negotiators seeking to achieve superior results for their practice and clients.

The seminar will cover:

- ▶ Negotiation Fundamentals
- ▶ From the Real World - Exercise in Transactional Negotiation
- ▶ Why Negotiations Fail
- ▶ Lawyers as Negotiators - The Good News - The Bad News
- ▶ Multi-Party Commercial Negotiator Exercise
- ▶ Legal Traps for Negotiators

presented by:

Patrick Cavanagh LLB, LLM (Hons)
Adjunct Associate Professor of Law
Commercial Negotiator/Mediator
Co-Director, Bond University Dispute Resolution Centre

[Patrick](#) is Director of the Bond Legal Negotiation Project. This project is the largest international comparative study that examines the negotiation skills of practising lawyers. This study is currently being undertaken in the three Eastern Australian States and then will occur in other international locations in Europe, USA and Asia.

He is also Co-Director, Dispute Resolution Centre at Bond University teaching over 350 programs on negotiation, mediation and arbitration skills in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and India.

As Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at Bond University Patrick teaches Advanced Commercial Negotiation and Mediation at both undergraduate and post graduate level.

Patrick has a long history in the areas of mediation and negotiation, and has been involved as either a mediator/administrator in over 700 mediations, involving commercial disputes throughout Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia.

The Latest on Workers Compensation

WHEN	Tuesday 20 October 2009 9.00am to 12.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09191	

A fresh look at this ever changing, complex area of law, our team of presenters will look at recent developments from a number of different perspectives.

Recommended for all practitioners who handle workers' compensation matters.

chair: **Phil Banister**
Principal, Phil Banister Pty Ltd

speaker: **Steve Harris**
Partner, Moray & Agnew Solicitors
[Practical Tips on Conducting Matters before the Workers Compensation Commission](#)

speaker: **Bruce McManamey**
Sir James Martin Chambers
[Issues in Respect of Claims for Permanent Impairment Benefits](#)

speaker: **Robert Harrington**
William Deane Chambers
[Damages in Actions arising from Work Injuries](#)

"Unfair Contract Terms": The Drive for a National Perspective

WHEN	Tuesday 20 October 2009 5.00pm to 6.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$99.00	Non-Member \$123.30
MCLE	1 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09192	

In May 2009 Commonwealth Treasury issued the discussion paper "The Australian Consumer Law - Consultation on draft provisions on unfair contract terms" proposing the introduction of a prohibition on unfair terms that will apply to **all** standard form contracts. The Commonwealth promised to put legislation before Parliament in June. In this session [Patrick Fair](#) will cover:

- ▶ details of the proposed changes;
- ▶ the implications for contract law and all businesses issuing standard form agreements;
- ▶ the current status of the changes.

Get one step ahead by attending this concise, practical overview.

presented by:

Patrick Fair Partner, Baker & McKenzie

[Patrick Fair](#) is a Partner at Baker & McKenzie. He specialises in e-commerce and biotechnology work dealing with commercial, intellectual property anti-trust and telecommunications issues. Patrick was President of the Law Society of New South Wales in 1997 and is currently a member of the New South Wales Government Information Industry Advisory Board and the Federal Government's Electronic Commerce Expert Group on Consumer Protection.

A Day of Copyright Law

WHEN	Wednesday 21 October 2009: 9.00am to 4.15pm		
WHERE	College of Law City, Level 7, St James Centre 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney		
COST	LS Member \$399.00	Non-Member \$480.00	Includes lunch and all materials
MCLE	6 MCLE units		
SEMINAR	09193		

An excellent opportunity for intellectual property specialists to update their knowledge in a varied and stimulating day of presentations devoted to copyright law.

Topics include:

- ▶ Copyright a twitter: Stemming the torrent of unauthorised use by P2P streaming, youtube and facebook
- ▶ Database rights in Australia post IceTV: Where to from here?
- ▶ How does the position for database protection in Australia post-IceTV compare to the position for database owners in the EU and the US? What scope is there for reform of the Copyright Act?
- ▶ It's not cricket - The application of fair dealing to the reporting of sports news and enforcement of copyright in the new media environment
- ▶ Assessing the value and risk in suing an ISP – An update on ISP liability from two perspectives

The program will be chaired by **Adam Salter** Legal Counsel, Jones Day.

The presenters:

- Phoebe Arcus** 5th Floor Wentworth Chambers
- Cameron Andrews** Lawyer, Gilbert + Tobin
- Chris Williams** Lawyer, Gilbert + Tobin
- Chris Whitelaw** Chalfont Chambers
- Katherine Sainty** Director, Sainty Law
- Nathan Mattock** Partner, Marque Lawyers

Snapshot: Strata Law

WHEN	Wednesday 21 October 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09194	

Designed to provide practitioners with an opportunity to learn valuable and practical lessons, this presentation will also be an ideal introduction to those unfamiliar with the topic of strata law.

presented by:

Phillippa Russell

Principal, Phillippa Russell Lawyers

Phillippa Russell is a practising lawyer with over 30 years experience in property development. Her practice specialises in strata title and community title projects. Before starting her own practice, Phillippa was a partner with Coudert Brothers and before that a partner with Blake Dawson Waldron. In addition to her legal practice, Phillippa has a close relationship with Strata Plus Pty Limited, a strata management business.

Amongst other memberships, she is also a fellow of the Australian College of Community Association Lawyers Inc; a member of the Property Law Committee of the Law Society of New South Wales; and a member of the Institute of Strata Management.

Introduction and Overview of Essential Issues in Contract Law

WHEN	Thursday 22 October 2009 9.00am to 12.30pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3.25 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09195	

Join our expert presenters for a practical and informative morning on contract law. A perfect introduction for recently qualified practitioners, this seminar is also suitable for those wishing to consolidate their knowledge.

The following topics will be addressed:

- ▶ Introduction and Myths and Errors about Contract Law
- ▶ Contract Formation
- ▶ Tendering and Procurement
- ▶ Legislative and Implied Terms
- ▶ Standard Contracts and Boilerplate Terms
- ▶ Damages
- ▶ Reasons for Invalidity of Contracts
- ▶ Contractual Remedies
- ▶ Termination
- ▶ Dispute Resolution

presented by:

- Scott Alden** Partner, DLA Phillips Fox, and
- David Jury** Senior Associate, DLA Phillips Fox

Local Court Practice: Traffic Matters and Licensed Businesses

WHEN	Thursday 22 October 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09068.2	

Do you appear in the Local Court?

Would you value some tips on handling traffic matters or regulating licensed businesses?

If so, join us for a lively and informative evening with two experienced and respected speakers from [13th Floor St James' Hall Chambers](#).

In each session, our speakers will provide an update and some interesting perspectives on Local Court Practice. Time will be allowed for questions and discussion.

▶ [Presenting Traffic Matters in the Local Court](#)

Howard Packer

and

▶ [Regulation of Licensed Businesses through the Local Court](#)

Andrew Scotting

Ethics and Professional Responsibility - The Current Context

WHEN	Tuesday 27 October 2009 9.00am to 11.00am	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$156.00	Non-Member \$190.00
MCLE	2 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09196 Complies with Rule 42.1.6.1 (Ethics and Professional Responsibility)*	

In this seminar, Virginia Shirvington, lecturer in Professional Responsibility at the College of Law, will provide a current overview of persistent ethical issues, combining a practical approach with an examination of the theoretical reasons why good ethical behaviour is still and will always be important together with an examination of the formal and informal consequences of unethical conduct.

Specific areas to be covered include: conflict of interest and duties; communicating with propriety; honouring undertakings; relations with clients (who is the client? where does the balance of power lie?)

presented by:

Virginia Shirvington

Lecturer and Consultant, College of Law

Virginia is responsible for teaching of on-line courses for overseas practitioners seeking admission in New South Wales (Professional Responsibility and Trust and Office Accounting) and also lectures in the areas of Professional Responsibility, Trust and Office Accounting and Ethics in various courses at the College of Law.

She is also a Legal Ethics Education Consultant providing presentations to practitioners, senior officers and administrative staff for firms, in-house legal practices and professional bodies.

Assessment of Economic Loss in Personal Injuries Litigation

WHEN	Tuesday 27 October 2009 3.00pm to 5.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$156.00	Non-Member \$190.00
MCLE	2 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09197	

If you work in the area of personal injury, you will value this practical workshop, which covers:

- ▶ Introduction to financial mathematics and discounting
- ▶ How to read an income tax return
- ▶ Business Structures
- ▶ Analysis of Profit & Loss Statements
- ▶ Loss of Dependency

The program will provide participants with a grasp of the underlying principles of accounting, and take an in-depth look at the relevant issues for personal injury practitioners.

presented by:

Michael Lee

Senior Associate – Forensic, Vincents Chartered Accountants

Michael has almost ten years experience as a forensic accountant. Michael's primary area of expertise is the calculation of economic loss resulting from personal injury and property litigation. He is a regular presenter of seminars providing solicitors and claims officers with an understanding of the fundamentals of economic loss claims in personal injuries litigation and understanding financial statements. Michael is also skilled in assessing damages and valuing business entities in commercial and family law matters. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce.

Snapshot: Motor Accidents Update

WHEN	Tuesday 27 October 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09198	

This seminar will provide an update in this area of personal injury practice following the recent changes. A must for anyone practising in this field, especially litigation lawyers.

Topics to be discussed include:

- ▶ Recent key decisions
- ▶ Legislative developments

presented by:

Daniel Hanna

Partner, Dibbs Abbott Stillman and Accredited Specialist, Advocacy

Daniel Hanna is a Partner in Dibbs Abbott Stillman's Insurance Team. His experience in insurance litigation now totals 16 years. Daniel had conduct of the first Supreme Court case involving the Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999 (NSW).

He is also experienced in CTP insurance, civil liability, contract litigation and dual insurance issues. Working in tandem with the commercial group, Daniel also advises corporate clients and insurers on policy wordings and contractual obligations with regulatory authorities.

Insurance Contracts Act - Recent Developments

WHEN	Wednesday 28 October 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09075	

A look at the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*, focusing on recent legislative and case law developments. This seminar will also provide practitioners with an overview of the scope of the Act.

presented by:

Robert Carey

Special Counsel Wotton + Kearney

Robert has twelve years experience, including four years with Allens Arthur Robinson in Sydney and another four years with Clyde & Co in London. He holds Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics, and Master of Laws degrees.

Robert has extensive experience acting for reinsurers, insurers and large corporates. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW, Supreme Court of England and Wales, and High Court of Australia.

Asset Lending, Mortgage Enforcement and the Contracts Review Act

WHEN	Thursday 29 October 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09199	

The *Contracts Review Act 1980* (NSW) is revolutionary legislation which has particular relevance to institutional lenders in their dealings with retail customers. It provides a broad based jurisdiction to set aside or vary contracts which the Court considers 'unjust', having regard to the circumstances at the time the contract was made.

There has been a recent proliferation of cases in which the Act has been invoked in claims to set aside or vary loan facilities secured by mortgages and guarantees. These cases are often similar factually to cases attracting the intervention of equity to set aside unconscionable bargains, (eg *Commercial Bank v Amadio*). They usually have in common, borrowers (or guarantors) who are poorly educated, have English as a second language and who have been influenced by a third party who is well known to them, to act against their own self-interest.

This seminar will examine the operation of the Act as it relates to the practices of secured lending, with particular emphasis upon the issue of 'pure asset lending', as identified in recent decisions of the Supreme Court of NSW.

presented by:

Jarrold White

Jarrold White is a member of the NSW Bar practising from Seven Wentworth Chambers. His practise includes all aspects of the corporations jurisdiction, incl. corporate receiverships, voluntary administration, liquidations, and oppression/statutory derivative actions; trade practices; general commercial; bankruptcy; equity; and banking & finance.

Grappling with Administrative Law: A Practical, Back to Basics Workshop

WHEN	Thursday 29 October 2009: 9.00am to 12.45pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, Level 7, St James Centre 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$290.00	Non-Member \$335.00
MCLE	3.5 MCLE units	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*
SEMINAR	09200	

The principle of administrative fairness lies at the heart of any review of a decision. Yet this is only one component of the vital area of administrative law. As more and more Tribunals are given the power to review decisions, can you afford not to brush up on your administrative law knowledge?

Back by popular demand, this practical half day workshop aims to:

- ▶ Refresh your knowledge of the basics such as the difference between questions of fact and law and the principles of natural justice;
- ▶ Assist you in navigating the jurisdictional minefield of the Tribunal review process through a series of practical examples;
- ▶ Enable you to apply your knowledge by working through a selection of problems with the guidance of your facilitators.

If you practise in personal injury, taxation, immigration, property law, local government law, commercial litigation or employment law, this program is a must for you.

presented by:

Marion Carpenter

BA LL.M, Barrister - Sixth Floor Windeyer Chambers
Marion is also a LEADR accredited mediator and part time lecturer at the College of Law, St Leonards.
and

Tricia Jackson

MA LL.M Solicitor
Tricia has over 20 years experience in commercial litigation and is a casual lecturer at the College of Law.

Comments from previous course:

- ▶ Very useful – enjoyed the practical workshop focus. The seminar was to an expert audience but went over all the basics too. Best CLE I've been to in ages.
- ▶ Enjoyed the interactive format.
- ▶ Great seminar and very useful. I enjoyed myself.

Tony Cahill on Conveyancing - Formation of Property Contracts *and/or* Searches, Settlements and Enquiries

WHEN	Friday 30 October 2009 9.00am to 10.30am	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09201.1	

WHEN	Friday 30 October 2009 11.00am to 12.30pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09201.2	

ISSUES IN FORMATION OF PROPERTY CONTRACTS

A practical overview of critical issues identified in the formation of contracts for sale of land or business. The presenter will re examine the principles of contract law relating to real estate transactions, and deal in some depth with whether or not a valid contract has been formed.

- ▶ What constitutes a valid contract?
- ▶ General principles of Agreement
- ▶ A look at *Masters v Cameron*
- ▶ Statutory provisions for contracts passing interests in land
- ▶ Formation of contracts for sale of land
- ▶ Formation of contracts for sale of business (and other contracts)
- ▶ Formation of leases
- ▶ Agents and the formation of real estate contracts

presented by:

Tony Cahill

Legal author and commentator

SEARCHES, SETTLEMENTS AND ENQUIRIES

Designed to assist with conveyancing transactions, this seminar will look closely at a potpourri of common issues in searches and settlements:

- ▶ The general law duty of disclosure
- ▶ Statutory intervention – the "anti-gazumping" legislation
- ▶ Range of investigations
- ▶ Timing of investigations by the purchaser
- ▶ Issues regarding section 149 certificates
- ▶ Issues regarding drainage diagrams
- ▶ Building certificates
- ▶ Home warranty insurance
- ▶ Writs, final searches and caveats
- ▶ Contractual prohibitions against caveats
- ▶ Investigations in company title matters

presented by:

Tony Cahill

Legal author and commentator

Coronial Law and Practice

WHEN	Tuesday 3 November 2009 9.00am to 12.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09202	

If you need to advise clients on matters such as:

- ▶ when an inquest may or must be held;
 - ▶ the basis upon which legal representation will be allowed;
 - ▶ the basis upon which a jury will be allowed;
 - ▶ what the possible outcomes may be;
 - ▶ how to protect the interests of a party who may be charged; and
 - ▶ whether relatives may have a civil claim;
- this ever popular seminar is a must.

chair: **Michael Holland**

Lecturer, College of Law

speaker: **Associate Professor Jo Dufrou**

Chief Forensic Pathologist, Dept of Forensic Medicine, Conjoint Associate Professor, UNSW

The Role of the Forensic Pathologist

speaker: **Magistrate Mary Jerram**

State Coroner of New South Wales
The Office of the State Coroner

speaker: **Edson Pike**

Wentworth Chambers
The Role of the Instructing Solicitor and the Solicitor Advocate

MCLE Special Requirement: Legal Profession Regulation 2005

WHEN	Wednesday 4 November 2009 5.00pm to 6.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$99.00	Non-Member \$123.30
MCLE	1 MCLE unit	
SEMINAR	09203	

In order to satisfy requirements of the Legal Profession Regulation 2005 (formerly Clause 142 of the Legal Profession Regulation 2002, now Regulation 176), the following is required of legal practitioners:

participation every three years in a CLE program that includes a component relating to the management of the practice of law that deals predominantly with the following issues:

- ▶ *the principles of equal employment opportunity*
- ▶ *the law relating to discrimination and harassment*
- ▶ *occupational health and safety law*
- ▶ *employment law*
- ▶ *the management of legal practice consistent with the above.*

This program has been designed to satisfy this requirement.

presented by: **Paul Thompson** Special Counsel,
Sparke Helmore Lawyers

Paul Thompson is a Special Counsel in the firm's Workplace Group. Before joining Sparke Helmore Lawyers in 2006, Paul worked for Phillips Fox, Moray & Agnew and the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

Paul advises in relation to occupational health and safety ('OHS') and workplace relations law. He has considerable experience in the conduct of major matters on behalf of regulatory authorities including the WorkCover Authority of NSW and the NSW Food Authority.

Quantifying Damages in Commercial Disputes and Expert Evidence in Commercial Damages Disputes

WHEN	Thursday 5 November 2009 3.45pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09204	

In this seminar, regular College of Law presenters, [Sydney Jacobs](#) and [Troy Peisley](#) present two perspectives of preparing a forensic accountant's report in support of damages.

[Troy](#) will identify and discuss frequent issues that arise when engaging an Expert Accountant in commercial disputes and refer to recent cases which illustrate why an expert's opinion was excluded. This seminar aims to help reduce the risk of this happening to your client. [Troy](#) will also identify and discuss methodologies which might enlarge or limit the quantum of a claim.

[Sydney](#) will discuss the more technical issues in drafting expert's reports in commercial damages claims, including the layout of such reports to make them comply with *Makita v Sprowles* principles; when courts reject evidence by experts; what weight is given to the evidence of a person who is an expert, but nevertheless partisan; when using an accountant may not be enough; when using an accountant may be too much; and how the accountant can be of assistance in applications for discovery, including preliminary discovery.

[Sydney Jacobs](#) is a barrister in Wentworth Chambers, and practises in commercial/equity cases. As such, he is frequently faced with damages issues and is the author of *inter alia* Commercial Damages, a Thomson Reuters loose leaf publication. He read at Cambridge for his Masters at Law.

[Troy Peisley](#) has acted as an Expert Accountant in commercial disputes for the past 15 years. Since 2002, he has been a regular presenter for the College of Law on forensic accounting.

Patents and Trade Marks Re-Examined

WHEN	Tuesday 10 November 2009 9.00am to 12.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09205	

This varied program offers intellectual property practitioners some practical insight into exciting issues developing in the areas of patents and trade marks. Essential for those practising in, or with an interest in, this growth area of law.

chair: **John Lee** Principal, Griffith Hack
speakers:

Derek Baigent Senior Associate, Griffith Hack
[Ownership of patentable inventions - employee inventions and inventions arising out of collaborations](#)

Scott Sloan Partner, DibbsBarker
[Time for a rethink: a review of recent developments and patent decisions on topics as diverse as:](#)

- ▶ the use of Representative Proceedings against multiple respondents in the Federal Court;
- ▶ Interlocutory Injunctions in patent cases;
- ▶ the "hidden" strengths of Innovation Patents;
- ▶ the use of divisional applications; and
- ▶ extensions of the patent term.

Elisabeth White Partner, Baker & McKenzie
[Trade Marks: Use or Non-Use - that is the question: An analysis of *E&J Gallo v Lion Nathan*: a departure from authority or foregone conclusion?](#)

Hot Topics in Criminal Law

WHEN	Wednesday 11 November 2009 9.00am to 12.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09206	

Criminal lawyers, join us for an interesting morning of diverse, practical and up to the minute topics to assist you in your practice.

chair: **Mike Holland** Lecturer, College of Law
speakers:

Richard Bell Wardell Chambers
[The Prosecution and Defence of Financial Crimes](#)

The prosecution and defence of financial crimes can be complex, costly and highly resource intensive for lawyers. This presentation will give an overview of the current issues involved in the prosecution and defence of financial crimes and the management and marshalling of evidence in practical cost effective ways.

Chris Hoy SC
12th Floor Wentworth Selborne Chambers
[The Local Court - Defences that just might work! \(Part III\) - Recent Developments](#)

The 3rd updated version of this popular paper identifies a number of sensible and practical defences to summary prosecutions in the Local Court. It identifies the benefits of embracing what are sometimes denounced as technical legal points including challenges to the authority to prosecute, the validity of the Court Attendance Notice, the identity of the prosecutor, time limits, analysis of the offence as pleaded, service of the Brief and double jeopardy.

Greg Goold Gregory J Goold Solicitors
[Recent Gangs Legislation and the Covert Search Warrants Act](#)

Snapshot: Creditors' Remedies

WHEN	Wednesday 11 November 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09207	

The current credit squeeze has brought the issue of creditors' remedies well and truly to the fore. In these difficult times, your clients will require succinct and practical advice.

Join our expert presenter in exploring some of the essential elements including application for credit, debt recovery procedures, winding up and much more.

presented by:

Sally Nash

Principal, Sally Nash & Co

[Sally](#) is acknowledged as a leading insolvency lawyer. She was admitted to practice in 1977 and has practiced in insolvency, general commercial litigation and debt recovery litigation since that time. Her practice is in all State and Federal Courts involving commercial and insolvency litigation acting for creditors, Trustees, Liquidators and bankrupts. Sally has been involved in many leading edge cases and is very well considered by her clients and fellow practitioners. She also has extensive experience acting for secured creditors in the enforcement of their securities.

Latest Developments in Family Law

WHEN	Thursday 12 November 2009 9.00am to 12.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09208	

Catch up on recent developments in this half day program, dedicated to the changing area of family law practice. Essential for family lawyers, this seminar provides a perfect opportunity to monitor key changes in this challenging area. Timed to ensure that practitioners are well informed before the Christmas break begins, the panel of qualified speakers include:

Neil Jackson Frederick Jordan Chambers
Neil Jackson is an accredited specialist in both family law and personal injury. Currently he practises as a barrister mainly in family law, de facto relationships law and workers compensation at Frederick Jordan Chambers, Sydney.

Keturah Sageman Barkus Doolan Kelly, Senior Associate, Accredited Specialist - Family Law
Presenting on *A review of cases dealing with property division in short marriages*

Russell Sweet Frederick Jordan Chambers
Russell Sweet was called to the Bar in 1987 and practises from Frederick Jordan Chambers. Russell practises in the areas of Family Law, De Facto Relationships Law, Crime and Commercial Litigation.

The seminar will be chaired by **Helen Reed**, Solicitor.

Further details are available at
www.collaw.edu.au

Retail and Commercial Leases - New Developments

WHEN	Monday 16 November 2009 9.00am to 12.30pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3.25 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09209	

The purpose of this practical session is to look at aspects of commercial leases, including a sizeable session on retail leases and new developments.

Once again, Tony Cahill will engage in a lively discussion about the latest developments, focusing on:

- ▶ April 2008 Government discussion paper
- ▶ Recent amendments
- ▶ Variations
- ▶ Options for renewal
- ▶ Assignment
- ▶ Compensation
- ▶ Subleases
- ▶ Termination

It will also consider recent cases, and provide updates on any legislative changes which impact on lease practice. These will also be evaluated in the context of the GST.

presented by:

Tony Cahill
Legal Author and Commentator

Supreme Court: The Essential Guide to Practice and Procedure

WHEN	Tuesday 17 November 2009 9.00am to 4.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$399.00	Non-Member \$480.00
MCLE	6 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09210	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*

This popular intensive program is designed to help practitioners successfully navigate their way around the complex Supreme Court jurisdiction. A must for all who would like practical, down to earth advice as to how to operate effectively in this Court. The program also looks at the operation of the Uniform Civil Procedures where applicable.

- ▶ Proper preparation of court documents
- ▶ Interlocutory procedures
- ▶ Compromises and settlements
- ▶ Operation of court lists
- ▶ Complying with standard directions
- ▶ Preparation for hearing
- ▶ How to appear

... and much more.

Join us for a day of comprehensive, pragmatic learning, including all materials and lunch.

presenter:

Maria Tzannes Consultant Solicitor, former Barrister and Lecturer

Maria was admitted as a legal practitioner in 1976. She holds Bachelor degrees in Law and Arts and a Masters degree in Adult Education. Maria practised law as a solicitor in her own practice for 14 years. In 2000 she went to the Bar and practised very successfully for almost five years. She is now a Consultant Solicitor.

Setting Aside Judgments and Orders

WHEN	Wednesday 18 November 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09211	

This seminar will look closely at the topic of setting aside judgments, and will cover the following areas:

- ▶ Default judgments;
- ▶ Slip rule and re-opening;
- ▶ Consent orders; and
- ▶ Revisiting final orders.

presented by:

Dr Andrew Greinke
13 St James' Hall Chambers

Before practising at the Bar, **Dr Greinke** was previously an academic at the ANU and University of Queensland, with extensive experience in lecturing. He has also presented at a number of seminars. Dr Greinke has a commercial and corporate practice, with particular interest in equitable remedies, property law, contracts, and trade practices.

The ABC of Will Drafting

WHEN	Thursday 19 November 2009: 9.00am to 12.30pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3.25 MCLE units	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*
SEMINAR	090212	

This new program has been specifically designed to assist practitioners with the fundamentals of will drafting.

As always, popular presenter **Maria Tzannes** will provide a helpful, hands-on approach to the steps involved in drafting a straightforward will. There will be plenty of examples and opportunity for questions.

This workshop is highly recommended for those new to practice, or as a useful refresher for anyone who would like to improve their drafting skills.

The program will deal with:

- ▶ Formal requests for a valid will under the *Succession Act*
- ▶ Taking instructions
- ▶ Revocation of previous wills
- ▶ Issue of capacity and extensions of capacity
- ▶ Choice and appointment of executors and trustees
- ▶ Identification of assets and liabilities
- ▶ Specific gifts and gifts to charities
- ▶ Residuary clauses in wills
- ▶ Trusts in wills
- ▶ Powers to executors
- ▶ Funeral arrangements
- ▶ Execution

presented by: **Maria Tzannes** former Barrister and Lecturer, Consultant Solicitor

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Comments from previous course:

- ▶ Being new to this area, the seminar was a great introduction to this area of law.
- ▶ Lots of common sense, experience and advice from a presenter who interacted with the audience. Although an experienced practitioner myself I picked up a number of points which I did not know. Comprehensive.

A Short Introduction to Estate Planning

WHEN	Thursday 19 November 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09213	

Explore the complex area of estate planning in this short seminar presented by one of Australia's leading experts in this field. The term "estate planning" covers a myriad of topics, including taxation issues, lifetime planning, record keeping, and asset protection.

Highly recommended for anyone involved in wills and estate practice, probate, or financial planning.

presented by:

Andrew Frankland

Executive Lawyer, Bartier Perry

Since 1988 **Andrew** has been advising a wide range of clients in relation to their tax affairs. For the last 15 years Andrew's core areas of practice have been tax law, trusts, estate planning, business succession planning and business and personal structuring and restructuring. Andrew is a regular speaker and guest lecturer for various industry bodies including the Taxation Institute of Australia, The CLE Centre Pty Ltd and the College of Law.

Andrew is a fellow of the Taxation Institute of Australia, and has previously served on the NSW Education Committee and NSW Technical Committee for that organisation, and is currently on the Editorial Panel of The Retirement and Estate Planning Bulletin.

Critical Issues in Today's Workplace Law

WHEN	Wednesday 25 November 2009 9.00am to 12.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09214	

Against a backdrop of recent significant change to the landscape in workplace law, this program has been designed to bring practitioners up to date in some key areas, and will allow participants an opportunity for questions and clarification.

chair: **Paul Murphy**
Paul Murphy & Associates

speaker: **Brian Williamson**
Director, Workplace Law
Transfers of Work v Transmission of Business - A Survival Pack

speaker: **Michael Barnes**
Partner, White Barnes
What is a Lawful and Reasonable Direction

speaker: **Peter Punch**
Partner, Carroll & O'Dea
The National Employment Standards: A new concept in Australian workplace relations, with the "devil in the detail"

Drafting Effective Pleadings

WHEN	Tuesday 24 November 2009: 9.00am to 4.15pm		
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney		
COST	LS Member \$399.00	Non-Member \$480.00	Includes lunch and materials.
MCLE	6 MCLE units	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*	
SEMINAR	09215		

The progress of a matter can often depend on the quality of the written pleadings. The importance of a properly formulated and drafted pleading has become more and more apparent as the Courts focus on the quality of documents supporting litigation.

Drafting of such effective and precise Court documents can often be a challenge. This practical program, a new addition to our *Practical Skills* series, has been specifically designed to assist you with improving these skills.

Get an in-depth look at what it takes to draft successful pleadings as expert [Maria Tzannes](#) takes a practical, hands-on approach to drafting such documents, including:

- ▶ Summonses
- ▶ Statements of claim
- ▶ Cross-claims and set-offs
- ▶ Notices of motion
- ▶ Affidavits
- ▶ List of documents for discovery
- ▶ Notices to admit fact and authenticity of documents
- ▶ Request for further and better particulars
- ▶ Interrogatories
- ▶ Subpoenas
- ▶ Offers of compromise
- ▶ Consent orders

A variety of sample documents will be reviewed and discussed and there will be plenty of examples and opportunity for questions.

This workshop is highly recommended for those new to practice, or as a useful refresher for anyone who would like to improve their current skills.

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A Day of Building and Construction

WHEN	Thursday 26 November 2009: 9.00am to 4.15pm		
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney		
COST	LS Member \$399.00	Non-Member \$480.00	Includes lunch and materials
MCLE	6 MCLE units		
SEMINAR	09216		

This informative and comprehensive update of building and construction law by a team of specialists is a must for practitioners in this area. The following topics will be covered:

chair: **Dr David Doyle** Principal, The Builders Lawyer

speaker: **Greg Begaud** Senior Associate, Allens Arthur Robinson
[Consequential Loss Update - A Case Study, *Environmental Systems v Peerless Holdings*](#)

- ▶ History of exclusion clauses and the meaning of consequential loss
- ▶ Environmental Systems v Peerless - Review of the decision of the Victorian Court of Appeal case
- ▶ Implications for drafting exclusion clauses

speaker: **Luke Aiken** Partner, Thomson Playford Cutlers
[Negotiating and amending construction contracts: Identifying and dealing with the key issues](#)

speaker: **Joern Schimmelfeder** Partner, Middletons
[Breaches of specifications and their impact on damages and termination](#)

speaker: **Kerrie Leotta** 8th Floor Garfield Barwick Chambers
[Construction Disputes](#)

- ▶ How to improve case management of construction disputes
- ▶ How much lay evidence required?
- ▶ Whether concurrent expert evidence is appropriate?
- ▶ Whether agreed expert determination can be utilised?
- ▶ How to case manage costs

speaker: **Mark Dempsey SC** 7th Floor Selborne Chambers
[Recent decisions and developments of note in construction law](#)

speaker: **Ross McKeand SC** State Chambers
[Retraining reliance on the *Security of Payment Act*](#)

Termination of Contracts and Settlement Issues

WHEN	Thursday 26 November 2009 5.30pm to 7.00pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$115.00	Non-Member \$140.00
MCLE	1.5 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09217	

In an ideal world, the end of a contract comes about when the parties have discharged their obligations. Unfortunately, this does not always happen. This program takes a practical look at the issues which may arise on termination of a contract and issues to be aware of during the settlement process.

presented by:

Steven Blanch

Partner, Henry Davis York

Steven Blanch is a Partner at Henry Davis York and has over 10 years' experience in construction, engineering and infrastructure law. Steven provides both contentious and non-contentious advice to government agencies, statutory authorities, principals, contractors and consultants.

Steven's experience in non-contentious matters includes the negotiation and documentation of numerous infrastructure contracts, including concession agreements, EPC and design and construct contracts, alliance agreements, joint venture agreements, and operation and maintenance agreements.

Steven's experience in contentious matters includes injunction applications, review of expert determinations, negligence of designer, anton pillar orders, arbitrations, adjudications and mediations. Steven is admitted to practice in NSW, Victoria and England and Wales.

A Guide to Practice and Procedure in the District and Local Court

WHEN	Friday 27 November 2009 9.00am to 4.15pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$399.00	Non-Member \$480.00
MCLE	6 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09218	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*

Designed to assist practitioners operating both in the District and Local Courts, this program takes a practical approach. A must for all who would like sensible, down to earth advice on how to function effectively in these courts.

- ▶ Proper preparation of court documents
- ▶ The mysteries of interlocutory procedures
- ▶ Compromises and settlements
- ▶ Operation of court lists
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Drafting Effective Legal Documents

WHEN	Monday 30 November 2009 9.00am to 12.30pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3.25 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	090219	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*

This workshop will provide a hands-on approach to legal writing and simple drafting. Deeds, agreements and other key documents will be reviewed and discussed.

Each step of the drafting process will be addressed in detail, with plenty of examples and opportunity for questions.

presented by:

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Comments from previous course:

- ▶ The enthusiasm of the presenter helped me keep interest.
- ▶ Thanks. Notes were great and clearly presented and participation was a bonus.
- ▶ The presenter was very knowledgeable, engaging and enthusiastic.

Preparing Effective Affidavits ... or Affidavits without tears

WHEN	Friday 4 December 2009 9.00am to 12.30pm	
WHERE	College of Law City, St James Centre Level 7, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	
COST	LS Member \$245.00	Non-Member \$290.00
MCLE	3.25 MCLE units	
SEMINAR	09220	Complies with Rule 42.1.6.3 (Professional Skills)*

Preparing an effective affidavit is a vital skill for any practitioner and one that is often underestimated. This workshop will provide step-by-step guidance on both the theory and practice of drafting an effective affidavit and will include:

- ▶ Concise and clear information on the formal rules
- ▶ Practical tips to get through the process unscathed
- ▶ Samples of poorly and well prepared affidavits
- ▶ How to avoid common mistakes

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