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About

The Judges' Series provides legal practitioners with unique and valuable insights from current Supreme Court of NSW and Federal Court of Australia Judges. The 2018 Judges' Series consists of five sessions held over five evenings, with each evening addressing a key topic of interest to legal practitioners of all levels of experience.

CPD units	7.5 units (all 5 sessions) 1.5 units (per session)
Code	CN180227_LIT1
Location (all 5 sessions)	Banco Court, Supreme Court of NSW, Queens Square, Sydney
Time (all 5 sessions)	5.15pm – 6.45pm
Type	Face-to-face
Cost	All 5 sessions Alumni/members: \$648 incl. GST Full-price: \$720 incl. GST Per session Alumni/members: \$162 incl. GST Full-price: \$180 incl. GST
Mandatory areas covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethics and professional responsibility• Practice management and business skills• Professional skills

Presented by:

- The Hon. Justice Francois Kunc, Supreme Court NSW
- The Hon. Justice Geoff Lindsay, Supreme Court NSW
- The Hon. Justice James William John Stevenson, Supreme Court NSW
- The Hon. Justice Julie Kathryn Ward, Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court NSW
- The Hon. Justice Lindsay Graeme Foster, Federal Court of Australia
- The Hon. Justice John Edward Griffiths, Federal Court of Australia
- The Hon. Justice Michael Bryan Joshua Lee, Federal Court of Australia
- The Hon. Justice Alan Robertson, Federal Court of Australia



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Seminars

1. Lawyer-client privilege in litigation

Wednesday 21 February 2018 / 1.5 CPD units

Presented by: The Hon. Justice James William John Stevenson, Supreme Court NSW, and The Hon. Justice Lindsay Graeme Foster, Federal Court of Australia

As recognised by the courts, legal professional privilege is a substantive right of a fundamental kind upon which the administration of justice as a whole rests.

This topic will provide a detailed analysis of this substantive right along with examples of when it can be waived or excluded. This topic will consider the procedure involved in having the court decide a disputed claim for privilege as well as the evidence by which a disputed claim of privilege is decided.

This seminar satisfies the mandatory CPD area of ethics and professional responsibility

3. Affidavit evidence

Wednesday 7 March 2018 / 1.5 CPD units

Presenters: The Hon. Justice Julie Kathryn Ward, Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court NSW, and The Hon. Justice Alan Robertson, Federal Court of Australia

The importance of determining whether evidence in a particular case should be given by way of affidavit should not be underestimated. In addition, appreciating that the same rules of evidence apply to affidavit evidence as to oral evidence is critical but often overlooked.

The ability to draft affidavits that do not contain material that will be struck out is an essential skill for legal practitioners. This session contains practical insights from the Bench on the use of affidavit evidence and how to best avoid potential pitfalls.

This seminar satisfies the mandatory CPD area of professional skills

5. Subpoenas, discovery and interrogatories

Wednesday 21 March 2018 / 1.5 CPD units

Presenters: A Judge from the Supreme Court NSW, and a Judge from the Federal Court of Australia

Parties to proceedings are obliged to reveal to their opponents before the hearing any information they have about facts in issue; and likewise opponents can compel the disclosure of such information. This session will provide legal practitioners with significant practical guidance from the Bench.

This seminar satisfies the mandatory CPD area of ethics and professional responsibility

2. Pleadings and case management

Wednesday 28 February 2018 / 1.5 CPD units

Presented by: The Hon. Justice Geoff Lindsay, Supreme Court NSW, and The Hon. Justice Michael Bryan Joshua Lee, Federal Court of Australia

Pleadings are the foundation of a case at trial, and on appeal, and their drafting requires significant skill and care. A legal practitioner must understand the purpose and function of pleadings generally and the purpose and function of each type of pleading specifically, as well as the rules, conventions and best practices that constitute good pleadings. This session provides invaluable insights from the Bench about how to draft effective pleadings.

In addition, the scope for judicial intervention in the management of litigation in the pre-trial phase is now greater than was customary in previous years. This session also provides timely insights from the Bench about recent developments in case management.

This seminar satisfies the mandatory CPD area of professional skills

4. Professional ethics, court etiquette and witness preparation

Wednesday 14 March 2018 / 1.5 CPD units

Presenters: The Hon. Justice Francois Kunc, Supreme Court NSW, and The Hon. Justice John Edward Griffiths, Federal Court of Australia

As officers of the court, all legal practitioners should act with competence, candour and diligence when dealing with the court. Conduct towards the court must be exemplary, and the difference between ethically preparing a witness to give evidence and unethically coaching a witness needs to be clearly understood. This session contains inimitable insights from the Bench on these issues, which will provide significant assistance to legal practitioners.

This seminar satisfies the mandatory CPD area of practice management and business skills

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