

A TEN POINT MASTERCLASS – GET YOUR 10 CPD UNITS

Family Law 10 Point Online Masterclass

Wednesday 1 November 2023
Online

- The Assessment of Initial Contributions Over Time
- Defences to Equitable Claims in Family Property Disputes
- Managing Valuation Issues in a Volatile Market
- Saying Goodbye to ‘Shared Parental Responsibility’
- Contravention applications in the FCFCOA
- Managing and Responding to Defective Applications

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9.00 – 9.10am

Morning Theme: Challenging Property Settlements

Introduction and Welcome

Chair: Karen Hardy, Director & Principal Lawyer, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Rubin Blight Hardy Family Lawyers & Mediators, Sydney, NSW

9.10 – 10.00am

Session 1: From Erosion to Springboards: The Assessment of Initial Contributions Over Time

The approach of the Court to the assessment of initial contributions and the weight that ought to be properly placed on initial contributions at trial has changed over time. From early arguments of erosion to later discussion of springboards – the language employed when discussing how the Court should assess initial contributions is vital, as use of an incorrect term could arguably lead the court into error. To assist practitioners, this session will explore:

- The arguments surrounding the appropriate assessment of initial contributions in property settlement matters
- The current views within the profession as to the ‘erosion’ and ‘springboard’ arguments and the preferred approach to assessing the relevance of the impact of time to initial contributions
- The scenarios in which a just and equitable outcome may arguably call for an assessment of initial contributions that merits ‘special’ recognition

Speaker: Rebecca Dahl, Partner, Nicholes Family Lawyers, Melbourne, Vic

9.55 – 10.10am

Questions and Discussion



10.10 – 11.00am	<p>Session 2: Defences to Equitable Claims in Family Property Disputes: Time for the Strategy</p> <p>In a post <i>Thorne v Kennedy</i> landscape, equity can often be seen by an aggrieved party as a way in which to ensure ‘fairness’ prevails in property settlement matters. The equitable doctrine has underpinned property settlement matters and can be pivotal to the alteration of property interests in family law. This session focuses on what happens when the other side is seeking an equitable claim in a family law property settlement. What defences are available and how are these best run? This session explores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presumption of advancement post the High Court’s decision in <i>Bosanac</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the guidance provided by the High Court as to when a voluntary transfer of property may lead to the imposition of a resulting trust ○ how a resulting trust may impact family law property settlement proceedings • Arguing fault and misconduct by the claiming party: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ laches and acquiescence - how they have been dealt with by the courts in recent years and how to articulate this defence in family law litigation ○ lack of clean hands ○ damages being an adequate remedy <p><i>Speaker: Malcolm Gittoes-Caesar, Consultant Family & Relationship Law, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Lander & Rogers, Sydney, NSW</i></p>
11.00 – 11.10am	<p>Questions and Discussion</p>
11.10 – 11.30am	<p>Morning Break</p>
11.30am – 12.20pm	<p>Session 3: When the Price is not Right: Managing Valuation Issues in a Volatile Market</p> <p>The stress of family law property settlement litigation can bring out the worst in parties at the best of times, let alone when the economic climate is uncertain. This often leads to disputes about the value of assets and how declining value should be treated by the courts and addressed in final property settlement orders. This session will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues impacting valuations, including timing to trial and valuation methodologies • How expert witnesses approach valuation of property and businesses when valuations fluctuate • Strategies for managing uncertainty in terms of the asset pool during family law litigation and settlement negotiations and in final orders <p><i>Speaker: Joseph Box, Partner, Grant Thornton, Brisbane, Qld</i></p>
12.20 – 12.30pm	<p>Questions and Discussion</p>
12.30 – 1.15pm	<p>Lunch Break</p>

1.15 – 1.20pm

Afternoon Theme: Parenting Changes and Courtroom Procedures

Introduction and welcome

Chair: Karen Hardy, Director & Principal Lawyer, Accredited Family Law Specialist, Rubin Blight Hardy Family Lawyers & Mediators, Sydney, NSW

1.20pm – 2.10pm

Session 4: Saying Goodbye to ‘Shared Parental Responsibility’: Are Better Days Ahead?

The Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 introduces sweeping changes to the way in which parenting matters are determined by the Court. This practical session explores the key changes and how they will impact future parenting matters, including:

- Prioritising children’s safety concerns in parenting matters
- Ending the presumption of ‘shared parental responsibility’
- Understanding the new factors – what do they mean in practice?
- How will a child’s views be given greater prominence?
- The ongoing role of independent children’s lawyers

Speaker: The Hon. Justice Suzanne Christie, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Sydney, NSW

2.10 – 2.20pm

Questions and Discussion



2.20pm – 3.10pm	<p>Session 5: I fought the law and....I won?: Contravention applications in the FCFCOA</p> <p>The enforcement of parenting orders has always been problematic in family law. Despite the rule in <i>Rice v Asplund</i>, it is common for contravention proceedings to be treated by some parties as an attempt to relitigate and there is a perception that this trend has increased following, and may be facilitated by, the new approach to contraventions in the FCFCOA. This session will take a deeper dive into these issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new contraventions list and related court procedures under the new FCFCOA and different approaches to managing such matters across registries• The current status of the principle in <i>Rice v Asplund</i> and whether that principle remains good law and/or has a place in the current court practice and procedure• How to manage ‘repeat offenders’ and how they may be dealt with by the court in the first and subsequent contravention proceedings• Guidance and tips for practitioners when faced with this scenario <p><i>Speaker: Richard Galloway, Barrister, Brisbane, Qld</i></p>
3.10 – 3.20pm	Questions and Discussion
3.20 – 3.40pm	Afternoon Break
3.40 – 4.30pm	<p>Session 6: Managing and Responding to Defective Applications in Family Law Proceedings</p> <p>The management and response to defective applications in family law proceedings can present significant challenges for family lawyers. Such applications can be time-consuming, expensive, and can cause unnecessary delays in the court process. At the same time, the consequences of failing to respond appropriately to defective applications can be severe, leading to adverse outcomes for clients. This practical session outlines how practitioners can maximise the benefits from the extensive range of tools and mechanisms available in family law when they are served with a defective or incomplete application. It covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rules and court procedure of summary disposal and strike out applications and when it may (or may not) be appropriate to run them• Tips for how to successfully run (and defend) a strikeout application in the family law courts• Suggestions for drafting pleadings to protect against such applications• A guide on what to do when faced with a defective application filed by your client• Minimising the impact of such applications on clients <p><i>Speaker: Elaine Clarke, Director, Accredited Specialist Family Law, Newnams Solicitors, Sydney, NSW</i></p>
4.30 – 4.40pm	Questions and Discussion
4.40pm	Masterclass Close

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<p>Substantive law – 1 unit</p>	<p>Untying the Knot: Validity and Enforcement of Financial Agreements</p> <p>Financial agreements play a pivotal role in determining the division of assets and financial responsibilities between parties, offering a degree of certainty and security. However, their validity and enforceability may be subject to attack if certain legal requirements are not met. This session explores various strategies for challenging the validity of financial agreements, as well as essential drafting techniques to enhance their enforceability and safeguard the interests of parties involved. It covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key considerations and best practices to maximise the validity, enforceability and longevity of agreements • Identifying potential vulnerabilities: common grounds for attacking the validity of financial agreements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ technical flaws ○ Duress and unconscionable conduct ○ Adequacy of disclosure ○ Contractual and equitable flaws • Lessons from recent cases • Tips and common traps <p><i>Presented by: Ian Kennedy AM, Senior Partner, Kennedy Partners, Melbourne, Vic</i></p>
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