

2020 BAQ ABA Annual Conference

5 - 7 March 2020

REGISTER TODAY

Early bird ends 31 January 2020

W Hotel Brisbane

Welcome

5.30 - 7.30pm Thursday 5 March 2020

Conference

Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March 2020

Dinner

Friday 6 March 2020

- Learn from the most trusted voices
- Address legal shifts and updates
- Discover innovations and trends
- Develop new strategies for success
- Network with leaders and colleagues



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Keynote Speaker

The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis
Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa

Thursday Welcome Speaker

Ben Quilty
Australian Artist and winner of a series of painting prizes including the 2011 Archibald Prize.

Friday Dinner Speaker

Dr Munjed Al Muderis
Associate Professor in Orthopaedic Surgery, former refugee and world leading osseointegration surgeon.

From the President



Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite all members and guests to the 2020 Bar Association of Queensland Annual Conference in Brisbane. This year the conference is to be held in conjunction with the Australian Bar Association for the whole of the profession, hosting a range of local, interstate and international speakers.

The two-day conference will address key issues for modern litigation practice and contemporary developments in relation to the law and regulation. The program features specialist sessions in a number of areas, including commercial, criminal, family and administrative law as well as sessions focusing on ethics, practice management and advocacy.

The Conference Committee is to be congratulated on planning this excellent program especially the chairs, Dr Kerri Mellifont QC and Michael Hodge QC who have worked hard to present this comprehensive program.

I also wish to thank our generous sponsors for their continuing support and for the role they play in making the conference such a special event each year.

Rebecca Treston QC

Conference Presenters

Speakers include:

- **Keynote:** The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis, Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa
- The Hon. Justice Patrick Keane AC
- The Hon. Justice James Edelman
- The Hon. Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice
- The Hon. Thomas Bathurst AC, Chief Justice
- The Hon. William Alstergren, Chief Justice
- The Hon. Justice Martin Daubney AM
- The Hon. Justice Sue Brown
- The Hon. Justice Elizabeth Wilson
- Her Honour Judge Judith Gibson
- Professor David Rolph
- Dr Mark O'Brien
- Professor Bryan Horrigan
- Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh
- Peter Black
- **Thursday Welcome:** Ben Quilty, Australian Artist
- **Friday Dinner:** Dr Munjed Al Muderis, Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Surgeon

Barristers:

- Rebecca Treston QC
- Matthew Howard S.C. (WA Bar)
- James Bell QC
- Sandy Thompson QC S-G
- John McKenna QC
- Lindsay Ellison S.C. (NSW Bar)
- Peter Dunning QC
- Ian Robertson S.C. (SA Bar)
- Kylie Downes QC
- Jeffrey Hunter QC
- Dr Kerri Mellifont QC
- Dr Matthew Collins AM QC (Vic Bar)
- Philip Looney QC
- Saul Holt QC
- Kate Eastman S.C. (NSW Bar)
- Cate Heyworth-Smith QC
- Dominique Hogan-Doran S.C. (NSW Bar)
- Robert Anderson QC
- Michael Hodge QC
- Damien Atkinson OAM QC
- Nicholas Ferrett QC
- Patrick McCafferty QC
- Dan Piggott QC
- Caite Brewer
- Dr Benjamin Kremer (NSW Bar)
- Dan Butler
- Kylie Evans (Vic Bar)

Conference Program



Thursday 5 March 2020

Time	Session
5.30 - 7.30pm	Welcome Function - W Brisbane, Level 3, 81 North Quay, Brisbane Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Ben Quilty, Australian Artist

Friday 6 March 2020

Time	Session
8.00am	Registration - W Brisbane, Level 3, 81 North Quay, Brisbane
8.50 - 9.20am	Introduction Michael Hodge QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>)
	President's Welcome Rebecca Treston QC <i>President, Bar Association of Queensland</i> Matthew Howard SC (<i>WA Bar</i>) <i>President, Australian Bar Association</i>
9.20 - 9.30am	Acknowledgement of Country Tammy Williams
9.30 - 10.30am	Keynote Address The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis <i>Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i>
10.30 - 11.00am	Morning tea
11.00am - 12.00pm	Plenary Session <i>Conscience in the law in the 21st Century</i> Chair: The Hon. Catherine Holmes <i>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Queensland</i> Panel: The Hon. Justice James Edelman <i>High Court of Australia</i> Professor Bryan Horrigan <i>Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University</i>
12.00 - 1.00pm	Plenary Session <i>Regulation of Speech</i> Chair: Patrick McCafferty QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>) Panel: Her Honour Judge Judith Gibson <i>District Court of New South Wales</i> Professor David Rolph <i>The University of Sydney</i> Dr Matthew Collins AM QC (<i>Vic Bar</i>) Rob Anderson QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>)
1.00 - 2.00pm	Lunch



Friday 6 March 2020

2.00 - 3.00pm	<p>Stream A: Human Rights Legislation and the impact on Public Law</p> <p>Chair: The Hon. Justice Sue Brown <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i></p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis <i>Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i></p> <p>Damien Atkinson OAM QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>)</p> <p>Kylie Evans (<i>Vic Bar</i>)</p>	<p>Stream B: Family Law</p> <p>Chair: The Hon. William Alstergren <i>Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia, Chief Judge, Federal Circuit Court of Australia</i></p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Philip Looney QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>)</p>
3.05 - 4.00pm	<p>Stream B: Freedom of Religion</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Kate Eastman S.C. (<i>NSW Bar</i>)</p> <p>Peter Black <i>Associate Dean, Learning and Teaching/ Senior Lecturer</i></p>	<p>Stream B: Succession, Wills and Estates</p> <p>Chair: The Hon. Justice Martin Daubney <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i></p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Lindsay Ellison S.C. (<i>NSW Bar</i>)</p> <p>Caite Brewer (<i>Qld Bar</i>)</p>
4.00 - 5.00pm	Drinks - W Hotel Brisbane	
6.30pm for 7pm start	Conference Dinner - Blackbird, Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street, Brisbane	Dr Munjed Al Muderis <i>Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Surgeon</i>

Saturday 7 March 2020

Time	Session	
8.30am	Arrival coffee and tea	
9.00 - 9.10am	Welcome	Rebecca Treston QC <i>President, Bar Association of Queensland</i>
9.10 - 10.10am	Plenary Session <i>Criminal Law - Terrorism - Contemporary Perspectives</i>	<p>Chair: Jeff Hunter QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>)</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Saul Holt QC (<i>Qld Bar</i>)</p> <p>Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh <i>Senior Lecturer, The University of Queensland</i></p>
10.10 - 11.10am	Plenary Session <i>Appellate Advocacy</i>	<p>Chair: The Hon. Justice Patrick Keane <i>High Court of Australia</i></p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis <i>Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i></p> <p>The Hon. Justice Elizabeth Wilson <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i></p> <p>Sandy Thompson QC S-G (<i>Qld Bar</i>)</p> <p>Ian Robertson S.C. (<i>SA Bar</i>)</p>
11.10 - 11.40am	Morning Tea	

Saturday 7 March 2020

11.40am - 12.40pm	<p>Stream A: Bomb Proofing the Profession</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Panel: Dr Mark O'Brien Peter Dunning QC (Qld Bar) Dr Kerri Mellifont QC (Qld Bar)</p>	<p>Stream A: General Civil Litigation: When the World comes to your Doorstep</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Panel: Cate Heyworth-Smith QC (Qld Bar) Nicholas Ferret QC (Qld Bar) Dan Butler (Qld Bar)</p>
12.40 - 1.40pm	Lunch	
Time	Session	
1.40 - 2.40pm	<p>Plenary Session Commercial Law</p>	<p>Chair: John McKenna QC (Qld Bar)</p> <p>Panel: Dominique Hogan-Doran S.C. (NSW Bar) Dan Piggot QC (Qld Bar) Dr. Benjamin Kremer (NSW Bar)</p>
2.40 - 3.40pm	<p>Plenary Session Ethics - Conduct</p>	<p>Chair: James Bell QC (Qld Bar)</p> <p>Panel: Rebecca Treston QC <i>President, Bar Association of Queensland</i> The Hon. Thomas Bathurst AC <i>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of New South Wales</i> Dr Mark O'Brien <i>Medical Director, Cognitive Institute</i></p>
3.40 - 4.00pm	Closing remarks	



Conference Registration Fees

BAR RATES all jurisdictions				NON BAR RATES including solicitors and government legal officers	
\$990	Less than 3 yrs early bird book and pay before 31 January 2020	\$1150	Over 3 yrs early bird book and pay before 31 January 2020	\$1550	Non Bar early bird book and pay before 31 January 2020
\$1190	Less than 3 yrs standard book and pay before 20 February 2020	\$1350	Over 3 yrs standard book and pay before 20 February 2020	\$1750	Non Bar standard book and pay before 20 February 2020
\$225	Conference Dinner	\$245	Conference Dinner	\$245	Conference Dinner

** Thursday Welcome Drinks is included in registration.

** Conference registration **does not** include accommodation or the Conference Dinner.

CONFERENCE DINNER

A great way to catch up with colleagues and network with leaders on Friday, 6 March 2020. Cost of the conference dinner is \$245 pp (or \$225 pp for members less than three years) inclusive of GST.

Additional Information

ACCOMMODATION

A special conference rate is being offered on accommodation by the W Hotel Brisbane. Online bookings and terms and conditions are available on the [W Brisbane](#) website.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

So that we can make the conference as enjoyable as possible please advise of any special dietary or other special requirements upon registration.

PRIVACY

Please advise if you do not wish your details to be included in the conference materials, provided to sponsors or to receive promotional and other materials.

CONFERENCE AND DINNER ATTIRE

Smart casual is the preferred daytime conference attire. The conference dinner is black tie.

CPD POINTS

For Queensland Barristers, attendance at the entire conference will accrue 10 CPD points in all 4 mandatory categories.

Bar members outside Queensland should check with their Association.

Solicitors should check with their relevant professional body.

REGISTRATION

To register for this event, please go to [Bar Association of Queensland](#) website and register online.

Cancellations: All requests for refunds must be made to the Bar Association of Queensland and will be discretionary. An administration fee of \$55 will be charged. No refunds after 20 February 2020, however, substitutions are permitted.