

# 2020 BAQ ABA Annual Conference

5 - 7 March 2020

## REGISTER TODAY

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 and world leading osseointegration surgeon.

### Saturday Speaker

**Patricia Lee Refo**

President-Elect American Bar Association



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**

**From the President**  
Australian Bar Association



The ABA is delighted to join with the BAQ in presenting this exciting Conference.

It is an opportunity for the Australian Bar to come together to develop, learn and interact. And to do so with the wider profession in a collegiate setting.

I echo Rebecca's thanks to the Conference Committee for assembling such an impressive list of speakers from many jurisdictions and Courts.

Conferences such as this one have become an important and enjoyable part of the national Bar's calendar. This will continue that fine tradition. I hope to see as many of you in Brisbane as possible.

**Matthew Howard S.C.**

**Speakers include:**

- **Keynote:** The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis, Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa
- The Hon. Catherine Holmes AC, Chief Justice
- The Hon. Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Leader of the House
- The Hon. Christian Porter MP, Commonwealth Attorney-General
- The Hon. Justice Patrick Keane AC
- The Hon. Justice James Edelman
- 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
- The Hon. Justice Sarah Derrington
- Professor Bryan Horrigan
- Professor David Rolph
- Dr Mark O'Brien
- Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh
- Peter Black
- **Thursday Welcome:** Ben Quilty, Australian Artist
- **Friday Dinner:** Dr Munjed Al Muderis, Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Surgeon

**Barristers:**

- Patricia Lee Refo, American Bar Association
- 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
- Gareth Beacham 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	<b>Welcome Function</b> - W Brisbane, Level 3, 81 North Quay, Brisbane The Hon. 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	
8.45 - 9.00am	<b>Introduction and President's Welcome</b>	Rebecca Treston QC <i>President, Bar Association of Queensland</i>  Matthew Howard S.C. (WA Bar) <i>President, Australian Bar Association</i>
9.00 - 9.10am	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Tammy Williams <i>Barrister (Qld)</i>
9.10 - 9.30am	<b>Oration</b>	The Hon. Christian Porter MP <i>Commonwealth Attorney-General</i>
9.30 - 10.30am	<b>Keynote Address</b>	The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis <i>Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i>
10.30 - 11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00am - 12.00pm	<b>Plenary Session</b> <i>Conscience in the law in the 21st Century</i>	<b>Chair:</b> The Hon. Catherine Holmes AC <i>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Queensland</i> <b>Panel:</b> 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	<b>Plenary Session</b> <i>Regulation of Speech</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Patrick McCafferty QC (Qld Bar) <b>Panel:</b> Professor David Rolph <i>The University of Sydney</i> Dr Matthew Collins AM QC (Vic Bar) Robert Anderson QC (Qld Bar)
1.00 - 2.00pm	Lunch	



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## Friday 6 March 2020

Time	Session	
2.00 - 3.00pm	<b>Stream A:</b> Human Rights Legislation and the impact on Public Law <b>Chair:</b> The Hon. Justice Sue Brown <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i> <b>Panel:</b> The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis <i>Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i> Damien Atkinson OAM QC (Qld Bar) Kylie Evans (Vic Bar)	<b>Stream B:</b> Family Law <b>Chair:</b> The Hon. William Alstergren <i>Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia, Chief Judge, Federal Circuit Court of Australia</i> <b>Panel:</b> Philip Looney QC (Qld Bar) The Hon. Michelle May AM QC, <i>Family Court of Australia retired</i> The Hon. Justice Sarah Derrington, <i>Federal Court of Australia</i>
3.05 - 4.00pm	<b>Stream A:</b> Freedom of Religion <b>Chair:</b> <b>Panel:</b> Kate Eastman S.C. (NSW Bar) Peter Black <i>Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology</i>	<b>Stream B:</b> Succession, Wills and Estates <b>Chair:</b> The Hon. Justice Martin Daubney AM <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i> <b>Panel:</b> Lindsay Ellison S.C. (NSW Bar) Caite Brewer (Qld Bar)
4.00 - 5.00pm	<b>Day One Drinks - W Hotel Brisbane</b>	
6.30pm for 7pm start	<b>Conference Dinner - Blackbird,</b> 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	
8.45 - 8.50am	<b>Welcome</b>	Rebecca Treston QC <i>President, Bar Association of Queensland</i>
8.50 - 9.20am	Patricia Lee Refo, <i>President-Elect American Bar Association</i>	
9.20 - 10.15am	<b>Plenary Session Criminal Law - Terrorism - Contemporary Perspectives</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Jeffrey Hunter QC (Qld Bar) <b>Panel:</b> Saul Holt QC (Qld Bar) Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh <i>Senior Lecturer, The University of Queensland</i>
10.15 - 11.10am	<b>Plenary Session Appellate Advocacy</b>	<b>Chair:</b> The Hon. Justice Patrick Keane AC <i>High Court of Australia</i> <b>Panel:</b> The Hon. Justice Malcolm Wallis <i>Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i> The Hon. Justice Elizabeth Wilson <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i> Sandy Thompson QC S-G (Qld Bar) Ian Robertson S.C. (SA Bar)
11.10 - 11.40am	Morning Tea	

# Saturday 7 March 2020

Time	Session	
11.40am - 12.40pm	<b>Stream A:</b> Bomb Proofing the Profession <b>Chair:</b> Gareth Beacham QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) <b>Panel:</b> Dr Mark O'Brien <i>Medical Director, Cognitive Institute</i> Peter Dunning QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) Dr Kerri Mellifont QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> )	<b>Stream B:</b> General Civil Litigation: When the World comes to your doorstep <b>Chair:</b> Patricia Lee Refo, <i>President-Elect American Bar Association</i> <b>Panel:</b> Cate Heyworth-Smith QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) Nicholas Ferret QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) Dan Butler ( <i>Qld Bar</i> )
12.40 - 1.40pm	Lunch	
1.40 - 2.40pm	<b>Plenary Session Commercial Law</b>	<b>Chair:</b> John McKenna QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) <b>Panel:</b> Dominique Hogan-Doran S.C. ( <i>NSW Bar</i> ) Dan Piggot QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) Dr Benjamin Kremer ( <i>NSW Bar</i> )
2.40 - 3.40pm	<b>Plenary Session Ethics - Conduct</b>	<b>Chair:</b> James Bell QC ( <i>Qld Bar</i> ) <b>Panel:</b> 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>
3.40 - 4.00pm	Closing remarks	



# Conference Registration Fees

BAR MEMBER RATES all jurisdictions				NON MEMBER RATES including solicitors and government legal officers	
\$1190	<b>Less than 3 yrs standard</b> book and pay before 28 February 2020	\$1350	<b>Over 3 yrs standard</b> book and pay before 28 February 2020	\$1750	<b>Non Bar standard</b> book and pay before 28 February 2020
\$225	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	\$245	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	\$245	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

\*\* 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.