

### Program highlights

- The National PPS Registrar discusses the new register and transitional arrangements
- Learn how to update your documentation and create new protected security arrangements
- Analyse insolvency case law from international jurisdictions, which may have a bearing on how the Australian courts will deal with these issues
- Practice workshop to cement your knowledge of the law in practice
- Sensible advice for what businesses should be doing in preparation
- Insight on how the PPSA is affecting different industries, such as mining and construction, and hear how companies can best manage these changes

### **Speakers**

- Bruce Whittaker, Partner, Blake Dawson
- David Bergman, Assistant Secretary, PPS Branch, Attorney General's Department
- Wayne Bobbin, Principal Legal Officer, PPS Branch, Attorney General's Department
- Craig Wappett, Partner, Piper Alderman
- Steve Edwards, Director, CreditWise
- Tony Coburn, Partner, Freehills

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# Personal Property Securities 2011

# Essential guidelines for the new PPS laws

### Day One: 2 June, 2011

8:30 Registration and coffee

8:50 Opening remarks from the Chair

Bruce Whittaker, Partner, Blake Dawson

9:00 Navigating the national *PPSA* register and understanding the transitional arrangements- traps & pitfalls

The *PPSA* Register will replace more than 70 separate Acts that currently regulate personal property and more than 40 existing registers. Get an insider look into the workings of the *PPSA* register:

- A look into the layout, feel and navigation of the register
- Describing personal property collateral accurately
- Discussion of the transitional arrangements that are in place
- What is the progress of the migration of data from other registers?
- Dealing with security interests that are already registered, including how to renew these interests
- What to be aware of as the new system comes in, and the troubleshooting areas over the next 12 months

**David Bergman**, Assistant Secretary, **PPS Branch**, **Attorney General's Department** 

1.5 CPD/MCLE points in substantive law

10:30 Morning tea

#### 10:45 Clarifying how to attain perfection and some priority rules

- The steps involved with perfecting a security interest, including the difference between control and registration for financial instruments
- What you need to know about the new priorities regime, which will be very different for some arrangements (e.g.– Retention of title)
- · Examining some extinguishment rules and exceptions
- Timing issues for perfection:
  - Vesting rules in the PPSA and the Corporations Act 2001
  - Purchase money security interests (PMSIs)
  - S 64 of the PPSA

David Proudman, Partner, Johnson Winter & Slattery Lawyers

0.75 CPD/MCLE points in substantive law

#### Future events

- Banking & Finance 2011, Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne (April)
- 21st Annual Credit Law Conference, Gold Coast, QLD (September)

11:30 Altering your documentation & practice – best practice guidelines & drafting tips

In this time of transition, practitioners will be in demand to assist clients in reviewing existing contracts, and for designing new enforceable security agreements. This session will equip you with practical and manageable ways in which to examine these issues

- A look at some frequently used financial products, such as:
  - invoice finance
  - finance leases
  - all-assets securities
  - specific asset securities
- Analysing model agreements in the construction industry
- Tips on due diligence and what to look out for when dealing with security documentation
- "Contracting out" of any provisions of the Act?
- Discussing opportunities for simplifying documentation

Tony Coburn, Partner, Freehills

1 CPD/MCLE point in professional skills

12:30 Pre-recorded interview
Q&A session – 4 Key issues in the Personal Property
Securities Regulations 2010

Craig Wappett, Partner, Piper Alderman

12:45 Networking lunch for delegates and speakers

1:45 What happens when a company becomes insolvent?-Lessons from New Zealand and Canada

NZ and Canada have both adopted PPS regimes, which can give some insight into what we may have to prepare for in the coming years. This session deals with some important principles established in these jurisdictions:

- Understanding the remedies available under the PPSA
- A look into the most important New Zealand and Canadian case law and experience
- Analysing whether the same outcomes would have been reached in Australia, highlighting some of the main differences and concerns that the Australian PPS regime presents

Linda Widdup, Special Counsel, Blake Dawson

1 CPD/MCLE point in substantive law



# 2 June 2011, PARKROYAL Darling Harbour, Sydney 3 June 2011, Post-conference workshop

# 2:45 Practical preparation tips—what should businesses be doing?

This session will focus on practical advice for businesses and their advisors in the coming few months, before and after the start date for the PPS register, including:

- What should financial officers be doing about registering their balance sheets, including washing of data and which parts of the balance sheets should be registered
- The importance of IT systems:
  - Business processes to capture the data needed
  - Protecting the security of your registrations how can this be done?
  - Reviewing the adequacy of customer service systems

Maria Townsend, Partner, Hunt & Hunt

0.5 CPD/MCLE points in substantive law

#### 3:15 Afternoon tea

## 3:30 Panel discussion – How will the *PPSA* affect different industries?

The broad-ranging reforms will have significant impacts on the operations of many business sectors.

- Considering how some of the key industries that will be affected, including:
  - Leasing finance
  - Mining & resources
  - Construction
- Understanding the government's perspective and policy what they were trying to achieve with the changes for these industries including exclusions from the Act
- Tackling some of the practical issues with how the PPSA will work e.g.— Retention of title

Panel includes:

Chair: Steve Edwards, Director, CreditWise
Wayne Bobbin, Principal Legal Officer, PPS Branch,
Attorney General's Department
David East, Partner, DLA Phillips Fox

1 CPD/MCLE point in substantive law

4:50 Closing remarks from the Chair

5:00 Close of Conference

### Day Two: 3 June, 2011

9:00-12:00 (Morning tea included)

#### Half-day workshop: PPSA case studies

Throughout this conference, we have taken a look at the major aspects of the PPS reforms that you will need to be up-to-date with in this changing environment. Aspects that have been explored include:

- · Drafting techniques for existing and new security agreements
- The national PPSA register
- · The new priority rules
- Enforcement and insolvency issues that may come up

In this half-day workshop, we will explore familiar scenarios which are designed to strengthen your understanding of the previous sessions in context.

We will explore the situation from the beginning to end of a security documentation process- from entering the security interest on the register appropriately, to what will happen if you need to enforce the interest/or if the interest get enforced upon your client.

Don't miss the closest experience to seeing the *PPSA* in action, well before the implementation date!

#### Facilitator to be announced

3 CPD/MCLE points in substantive law

### Who should attend?

- Partners
- All levels of solicitors
- Banking & finance professionals
- In-house Counsel
- Directors, CFOs, CEOs and General Counsel
- Risk & compliance practitioners
- Credit Managers and Financial Advisors

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