10th Annual Wills & Estates QLD

Reviews, expert advice and practical strategies 11 & 12 July 2012, Stamford Plaza Brisbane

Program highlights

- Gain an in-depth understanding of recent case law
- Find out about the variety of legal implications of same sex union succession
- Gain a better understanding of the executors' and claimants' perspectives in **family provision**
- Explore issues relating to the **modern use of wills** and changing interpretations of wills
- Broaden your knowledge of **tax**, **superannuation** and **diversification** of testamentary trusts

Speakers

- Bryan Mitchell, Principal, Mitchells Solicitors & Business Advisors
- Byron Cannon, Director, Ferguson Cannon Lawyers
- Renee Bennett, Partner, Wilson/Ryan/Grose Lawyers
- Neal Dallas, Principal, McInnes Wilson Lawyers
- Dominic Festa, Principal, Cleary Hoare Solicitors
- Dean Morzone, Barrister and Mediator, Queensland Bar

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Wednesday, 11 July 2012

- 8:30 Registration
- 8:50 Welcome from the Chair

James O'Neill, Barrister, Queensland Bar

9:00 Queensland wills and estates update

- Uniform succession law project
- New legislation on final disposal of human remains
- Recent case law reviews
- Uniform Civil Procedures Reform

Sue McLeod, Barrister, Queensland Bar

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10:00 Same sex union succession and the new definition of spouse

- Overview of Civil Partnership Act 2011
- Comparing civil partnerships with de facto relationships and marriage
- Implications for will drafting and other aspects of succession law

Kym-Marie Bush, Solicitor, Quinn & Scattini Lawyers

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10:45 Morning tea

11:00 Family provision: executor's and claimant's perspectives

- Practical litigation realities and strategies for family
 provision proceedings
- Entitlements for adult children and costs issues
- · Issues and consequences of a family succession plan
- Understanding statutory declarations

Geoff Cameron, Associate, Rostron Carlyle Solicitors

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- 12:00 Lunch



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A highly practical guide that will assist you in the planning, administration, management and succession of your client's affairs. It will enable you to develop an understanding of the legal and practical challenges of estate planning in a contemporary context. RRP \$190

1:00 Modern use of mutual wills

- Blended families in estate planning
- Understanding other types of applications
- Overview and analysis of recent cases
- Advantages and disadvantages of mutual wills

Bryan Mitchell, *Principal*, Mitchells Solicitors & Business Advisors

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2:00 Changing interpretations of wills

- New amendments to the *Queensland Succession Act* sections 18 (admitting unsigned Wills to Probate) and 21 (*Frizzo Case*)
- Electronic wills: The importance of signing your will (Mahlo vs. Hehir case)
- Informal wills applications and proving informal wills

Byron Cannon, Director, Ferguson Cannon Lawyers

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3:00 Financial considerations in estate planning

- Financial agreements under the Family Law Act 1975 – what they are and how to get them right
- What impact can the Family Law Act have on estate planning
- Inheritances under the *Family Law Act*: How the court deals with an inheritance when making property orders under the *Family Law Act*
- Family financial agreements

Genevieve Dee, Senior Associate, Cooper Grace Ward

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3:45 Afternoon tea

4:00 Estate administration dilemmas

- Claims against estates (perspective of executor)
- Claims in equity against deceased estates
- Jointly owned assets
- Administering an estate where a beneficiary is responsible for the death of the deceased

Margaret McNamara, Partner, Thynne & Macartney

- 1 CPD point in Professional Skills
- 5:00 Close of day one

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Thursday, 12 July 2012

- 8:30 Registration
- 8:50 Welcome from the Chair

James O'Neill, Barrister, Queensland Bar

9:00 Growing prominence of statutory wills

- Statutory overview a brief review of ss20-31 of the Succession Act
- Practice and procedure tips and tricks on how to run a s21 case from go to 'whoa'
- A review of recent Queensland cases

Renee Bennett, Partner, Wilson/Ryan/Grose Lawyers Caite Brewer, Barrister, Queensland Bar, Chair, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners Queensland

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10:00 Applications to court and QCAT on attorney issues

- Correct procedure when preparing and witnessing an enduring power of attorney
- Inappropriate transactions by attorneys what to do before and after death of the principal
- Applications to court and QCAT

Frances Fredriksen, Senior Associate, McCullough Robertson Lawyers

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10:45 Morning tea

11:00 Practicalities of business succession agreements

- Operation of business by executors and trustees
- Solutions to covering the costs of buy-outs and deaths
- Drafting considerations for buy/sell agreements
- Trigger events more than just death

Neal Dallas, Principal, McInnes Wilson Lawyers

1 CPD point in Professional Skills

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Recent developments in superannuation and tax in estate planning

- Capital Gains Tax
- Disposal of principal places of residence
- Superannuation death benefits and superannuation death benefits trusts
- Self managed superannuation funds

Domenic Festa, Principal, Cleary Hoare Solicitors

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2:00 Increasing diversification of testamentary trusts

- Formation of separate testamentary trusts
- Discretionary testamentary trusts when they start and end and how trustees can be briefed about not benefiting a beneficiary
- Trustee applications for directions
- The significance of the Family Court decision in *Harris v Harris* with respect to structuring of trusts to achieve the greatest asset protection

Peter Whitehead, National Manager, Fiduciary Solutions

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3:00 Best practice in foreign beneficiary distribution

- Foreign beneficiaries and making distribution to them
- International property considerations
- Overseas wills and the tax implications in an estate where overseas residents are beneficiaries

Bill McMillan, Managing Partner, McMillan Legal

0.75 CPD points in Professional Skills

3:45 Afternoon tea

4:00 Workshop: Mediating estate litigation matters

This case-study based workshop will enable delegates to gain a greater understanding of mediating estate litigation matters. It will specifically focus on the following issues:

- Party perspectives readiness; interest and position based negotiation
- Challenges for lawyers client management, objectivity and costs
- · Compromise conditions and role of court

Dean Morzone, Barrister and Mediator, Queensland Bar

1 CPD point in Professional Skills

4:50 Close of conference

Who should attend?

- Wills and Probate Lawyers
- Estate Planning Lawyers
- Succession Law Practitioners
- Barristers
- Trustee companies
- Financial Planners
- Tax Advisors Specialising in Estate Planning
- Accountants
- Academics

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