

Bar Association of Queensland
Annual Conference
24 – 25 March 2017 Brisbane

Advocacy

The Art of Persuasion



BAR ASSOCIATION
OF QUEENSLAND





President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues

It is my pleasure to welcome all members and guests to the 2017 BAQ Annual Conference in Brisbane.

Our conference theme in 2017 is 'Advocacy – The Art of Persuasion'. Sessions are focussed on assisting barristers to develop further skills in both written and oral submissions, and in the conduct of mediations. We shall also examine current trends in advocacy.

The conference is the largest gathering of barristers in Queensland each year and provides a unique opportunity to catch up with old colleagues and friends and to make new acquaintances. The collegial social activities in the programme include a conference cocktail reception on Friday 24 March, and sunset drinks on Saturday 25 March. In addition, refreshments upon arrival, at lunch and during breaks will be provided.

The Conference Committee is to be congratulated on planning this excellent programme and they are:

Our chair, Geoff Diehm QC; The Honourable Justice Logan RFD and The Honourable Justice Bond; together with Jeffrey Hunter QC; Elizabeth Wilson QC; Adam Pomerence QC; Dr Jacoba Brasch QC; Bernard Porter QC and Florence Chen have worked hard to present the comprehensive programme.

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.



Christopher Hughes QC

President

Friday 24 March 2017 Pullman Hotel

OPTIONAL MASTERCLASS

This Masterclass will be devoted to the art of preparing written submissions, both at trial and on appeal. The content will be designed to be relevant to criminal, family and civil practitioners.

Justice Fraser, Justice Bond, Justice Murphy, Adam Pomerence QC and Dr Jacoba Brasch QC will each give short presentations, followed by facilitated group discussions.

The topics will include:

- Tips and Pitfalls
- Method and Structure
- Planning and Timing
- Dealing with Credit Issues
- The Successful Marriage of Written and Oral Submissions

Previous conference attendees have found the Friday Masterclass to be an engaging and enjoyable learning activity.

The lunch and Masterclass session are also informal ways of getting to know other members, judges and some of the presenters prior to the Welcome and Opening Session.

Time	Topic	Presenter
12.00 – 1.00pm	Registration	Masterclass registration and lunch
1.00 – 4.00pm	Masterclass (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Hon. Justice Fraser, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland• The Hon. Justice Bond, Supreme Court of Queensland• The Hon. Justice Murphy, Family Court of Australia• Adam Pomerence QC• Dr Jacoba Brasch QC
Session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written Submissions	
<i>Barristers' Skills</i>		
3 CPD points		

Friday 24 March 2017 Banco Court

WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION

Following the Masterclass, the Conference Welcome and Opening Session chaired by the President, Christopher Hughes QC, will be held at the Banco Court. We are delighted that our keynote presenter will be The Hon. Justice Edelman on the topic of Written Advocacy.

The Welcome, Opening Session and Conference Cocktail Reception are included in the full conference registration fee.

5.00 – 5.15pm	Conference Welcome	Christopher Hughes QC, President BAO
5.15 – 6.00pm	Opening Session	Presenter:
Session 2	Written Advocacy	The Hon. Justice Edelman, High Court of Australia
<i>Barristers' Skills</i>		
1 CPD point		
6.00 – 8.00pm	Conference Cocktail Reception	Join us for sumptuous canapes and refreshing drinks in the foyer.

Saturday 25 March 2017 Sofitel Hotel

CONFERENCE SESSIONS DAY TWO

Time	Topic	Presenter
8.00 - 9.00am	Conference Registration	
9.00 - 9.40am	Welcome to Country	
Session 1 <i>Barristers' Skills</i>	Welcome	Christopher Hughes QC, President BAQ
	Federal Matters	Senator The Hon. George Brandis QC, Commonwealth Attorney-General, Vice-President of the Executive Council and Leader of the Government in the Senate
	Advocacy in the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2017	The Hon. Catherine Holmes Chief Justice of Queensland
9.40 - 10.30am	Wolves in Sheep's Clothing - Advocacy in Mediation	Douglas Murphy QC
Session 2 <i>Barristers' Skills</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's the difference? • The Co-operative approach • Competency Criteria, Rules of Conduct and Duties • Legal Ethical Obligations and Limits 	
10.30 - 10.50am	Morning tea	
10.50 - 11.40am	The Advocate and the Litigant in Person	Chair: The Hon. Justice Applegarth, Supreme Court of Queensland
Session 3 <i>Barristers' Skills</i>	Legal and practical issues arising for the advocate when the opponent is a litigant in person. The focus of the session will be on issues arising in civil litigation, including family law litigation.	Commentator: The Hon. Justice Brown, Supreme Court of Queensland
		Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernard Porter QC • Jennifer McArdle
11.40 - 12.30pm	Inquests and Inquires	Facilitator: Elizabeth Wilson QC
Session 4 <i>Barristers' Skills</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The power, role and scope of Commissions of Inquiry and Inquests; • The role of counsel assisting; • Representing parties in Commissions of Inquiry and Inquests; • What does affording natural justice practically mean? • The importance of submissions in Commissions of Inquiry and Inquests. 	Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ralph Devlin AM QC • Geoff Diehm QC • Jennifer Rosengren • Julie Sharp • Michael Hodge
12.30 - 1.30pm	Lunch and meet up	

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS DAY TWO - CONTINUED

Time	Topic	Presenter
1.30 – 2.30pm Session 5 <i>Practice Management and Business Skills</i>	A practical guide to the rights and responsibilities of barristers as employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement/Performance Management/Termination of employment Wages and entitlements/Parental and other leave/Privacy Workplace Health and Safety/Sexual Harassment 	Chair: Geoff Diehm QC Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christopher Murdoch QC John Dwyer Geraldine Dann
2.30 – 3.30pm	Masterclasses Please choose from the following two options:	
Stream A <i>Barristers' Skills</i> <i>Substantive Law, Evidence, Practice and Procedure</i>	Civil Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part I: Advocacy in Arbitration Part II: Issues that commonly arise in arbitrations 	Chair: Adam Pomerence QC Part I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hon. Richard Chesterman AO RFD QC Part II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion
Stream B <i>Substantive Law, Evidence, Practice and Procedure</i>	Criminal Law The Serious & Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Act...all 460 pages of it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeffrey Hunter QC and panellists
3.30 – 3.50pm	Afternoon tea	
3.50 – 4.50pm Session 6 <i>Ethics and Professional Responsibility</i>	Ethical limits of persuasion	Chair: The Hon. Justice Logan RFD, Federal Court of Australia Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hon. Justice Byrne AO RFD, Supreme Court of Queensland The Hon. Justice Murphy, Family Court of Australia His Honour Judge Rafter S.C., District Court of Queensland
4.50 – 5.10pm	Reconciliation Policy	Indigenous Barristers Committee
5.10 – 6.10pm	Conference Sunset Drinks Function	

Conference Registration Fees

FRIDAY MASTERCLASS

\$175 **Optional**
Friday advocacy skills workshop
Includes lunch and Masterclass only

CONFERENCE

\$595*	Member under six years discount Book and pay before 17 February 2017
\$645*	Member under six years discount Book and pay before closing date 22 March 2017
\$645*	Member early bird Book and pay before 17 February 2017
\$715*	Member standard Book and pay before closing date 22 March 2017
\$845*	Non Member early bird Book and pay before 17 February 2017
\$915*	Non Member standard Book and pay before closing date 22 March 2017

*Conference registration includes, Friday Welcome, Opening Session and Cocktail Reception, Saturday Conference, refreshments during breaks, lunch and Sunset Drinks. **(Masterclass not included)**. Prices are inclusive of GST.

Additional information

CPD Points: Attendance at the entire Conference including the **Optional** Friday Masterclass, will accrue 10 CPD points covering all mandatory categories.

Accommodation: Accommodation is not included in the registration fee, however, the Association has negotiated special rates with the **Sofitel** Brisbane:

- \$225 room only
- \$245 per room incl. breakfast for 1 person and car parking
- \$265 per room incl. breakfast for 2 people and car parking

Accommodation at the Sofitel Brisbane can be booked via these links:

- Click **here** to book a Room Only
- Click **here** to book a Room and Breakfast

Or by:

Phone: (07) 3835 4444

Email: H5992@sofitel.com (Please use BAR030317 as accommodation booking reference code).

Conference attire: Business attire is recommended for the Friday Masterclass, Conference Welcome, Opening Session and Cocktail Reception. Smart casual is recommended for the Saturday Conference and Sunset Drinks. As you will be sitting for several hours and the temperature in the Conference rooms can vary slightly, a jacket or jumper may be necessary.

Cancellations: All requests for refunds must be made to the Bar Association of Queensland and will be discretionary. An administration fee of \$110 will be charged. No refunds after 17 March 2017, however, substitutions are permitted.

Enquiries: CPD, Bar Association of Queensland

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REGISTRATION FORM BAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

24-25 MARCH 2017

BRISBANE

A. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Surname: Given Name:

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other): Preferred Name for Name tag:

Organisation (Non Members):

Address: DX:

Telephone: Email:

Special Dietary or Other Requirements:

Saturday afternoon I will attend: ☐ Civil Law stream **OR** ☐ Criminal Law stream

B. CONFERENCE

Prices are inclusive of GST

☐ \$175 **Optional** Friday Masterclass 24 March 2017 (incl. lunch & masterclass) (3 pts)

Member under six years discount

☐ \$595* early bird - book before 17 February 2017 (7 pts)

☐ \$645* standard - book before the closing date 22 March 2017 (7 pts)

Member

☐ \$645* early bird - book before 17 February 2017 (7 pts)

☐ \$715* standard - book before the closing date 22 March 2017 (7 pts)

Non-member

☐ \$845* early bird - book before 17 February 2017

☐ \$915* standard - book before the closing date 22 March 2017

* Includes Friday Welcome, Opening Session and Cocktail Reception, Saturday Conference, breaks, lunch and Sunset Drinks (**Does not** include the Friday Masterclass)

☐ Privacy: Please advise if you do not wish your details to be included in the Conference materials or provided to sponsors or to receive promotional materials.

C. FUNCTION DETAILS

☐ I will attend the Friday Cocktail Reception (included in full registration) ☐ I will attend the Saturday Sunset Drinks (included in full registration)

☐ \$55 (inc GST) - My accompanying person will attend the Sunset Drinks.

Guest Name: Special dietary or other requirements:

TOTAL \$.....

D. FORM OF PAYMENT

All payments must be in Australian dollars. Payments by cheque payable to **Bar Association of Queensland** or by credit card. A finance charge of 1.25% plus GST will be applied when paying by credit card.

By Credit Card: ☐ American Express ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

EXPIRY DATE:

CCV:

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Please send this form, together with payment to:

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