

# Your Complete CPD Guide

SEPTEMBER –  
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## In-House Counsel Lunchtime Learning

**TUESDAY 02,09, 16 SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 14, & 21 OCTOBER 2025**  
**1.00 PM TO 2.00PM**

WEB259NZA09  
**\$505**

In-House Counsel are under more pressure than ever with expanding workloads, shrinking budgets and increasing regulatory complexity. Sign up for this lunchtime series of webinars to ensure that you are across the latest developments and gain essential strategies, practical tips plus vital legislative and case law updates - all aimed to assist you to reduce risk and meet regulatory requirements. Make it easy & save by registering for the full series or just the sessions that interest you. Watch each session live online or as an on-demand recording to watch at a time convenient to you.

**RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**\$130**

### PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

As digital solutions continue to evolve, legal and procurement teams must stay ahead of key trends and risks. This session explores industry best practice for procuring digital products and services, common contractual structures and pitfalls in SaaS and other digital engagements, and practical ways to manage institutional and commercial risk. Gain valuable tools to support your teams and strengthen your organisation's digital procurement approach.

Chair: **Dr Maria Pozza**, Director and Principal, Gravity Lawyers

- Trends in digital product and delivery methodology
- Best practice procurement for digital solutions
- Common types of digital contracts and the common risks associated with them
- Useful approaches to managing commercial and institutional risk across SaaS engagements

Presented by **Meghan Pinfold**, Senior Legal Counsel – Commercial & Digital, Christchurch City Council

#### Learning Objectives:

- Gain improved confidence when negotiating digital contracts and learning what is best industry practice
- Learn common risks associated with digital engagements and ideas for documenting and managing them
- Gaining insight into ways to build a risk management structure within a digital ecosystem
- Be able to provide practical support to your procurement teams around best practice digital procurement

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WEB259NZA09B  
**\$130**

### WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS IN EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Chair: **Dr Maria Pozza**, Director and Principal, Gravity Lawyers

Workplace investigations have become a more regular part of the New Zealand legal landscape in recent years. This session will provide an overview of this developing area, including an examination of:

- When is an investigation appropriate (and prudent)?
- Duties and obligations employers have to investigation participants
- How to effectively manage workplace investigations for both cost and liability

Presented by **Andrew Scott-Howman**, Barrister and Workplace Investigator, Port Nicholson Chambers

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the latest developments in investigations in employment law
- Gain knowledge of how to effectively manage workplace investigations

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**\$130**

### NAVIGATING THE EVOLVING CREDIT CONTRACTS AND CONSUMER FINANCE ACT LANDSCAPE: RECENT REFORMS, REGULATORY SHIFT, AND BNPL EXPANSION

If you only have one hour to gain an understanding of the implications of the Credit Law reforms from the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act (CCCFA) then this is it! Unpack the significant shift in oversight from the Commerce Commission to the Financial Markets Authority, what this means for regulatory approach and enforcement, and the recent extension of the regime to Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) products. This session will equip you with a clear understanding of key compliance expectations and next steps in a rapidly changing environment.

Chair: **Dr Maria Pozza**, Director and Principal, Gravity Lawyers

- Gain an overview and update on the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act (CCCFA), exploring recent legislative reforms and their practical implications for lenders
- Examine the significant shift in oversight from the Commerce Commission to the Financial Markets Authority, what this means for regulatory approach and enforcement
- Examine the recent extension of the regime to Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) products

Presented by **Richard Massey**, Partner, Bell Gully

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the recent legislative reforms to the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act
- Unpack the regulatory change from the Commerce Commission to the Financial Markets Authority
- Understand the expansion of the regime to Buy Now, Pay Later products

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## CONTINUATION: In-House Counsel Lunchtime Learning

**TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2025**  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

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**\$130**

### 3 YEARS ON: IS ANYONE ACTING UNCONSCIONABLY IN NZ?

Amendments to the Fair Trading Act in 2022 brought prohibitions for unconscionable conduct in New Zealand. To date, we have not seen any substantive cases, but does that mean no one is acting unconscionably? Explore recent decisions in Australia and their potential impact in New Zealand and what behaviours are occurring in New Zealand that are likely to be found unconscionable.

Chair: **Dr Maria Pozza**, Director and Principal, Gravity Lawyers

*The amendments to the Fair Trading Act in 2022 brought prohibitions for unconscionable conduct in New Zealand. While there are yet to be any substantive cases, does that mean no one is acting unconscionably?*

- Recent developments in Australia on unconscionable conduct and their potential impact in New Zealand
- The types of conduct that are taking place in New Zealand that are likely to be found to be unconscionable – and why in-house counsel need to be on the lookout in their own organisations
- How unconscionable conduct can be used as both a shield and a sword

Presented by **Joe Edwards**, Partner, Russell McVeigh

#### Learning Objectives:

- Be aware of recent cases in Australia on unconscionable conduct and their potential impact in New Zealand
- Understand the types of conduct that are likely to be found unconscionable in New Zealand

**TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2025**  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2510NZA09E  
**\$130**

### GUIDING BUSINESS UNITS TO COMPLIANCE VIA LEGAL GUIDELINES

Discover how in-house legal teams can drive compliance and efficiency by leveraging Legal Guideline Resources. You will work through real-world success stories and gain actionable strategies for creating, deploying, and promoting legal guidelines that empower business units. Learn how to identify when guidelines are needed, craft them in a user-friendly style, and host them for maximum visibility. Walk away with tools to enhance your legal team's impact, reduce routine support requests, and focus on high-value legal work that truly moves the needle.

Chair: **Dr Maria Pozza**, Director and Principal, Gravity Lawyers

*A practical session to share success stories on how Legal Guideline Resources can be deployed within in-house legal functions to boost compliance, reduce legal support requests and improve accessibility to legal services.*

- What is a legal guideline resource?
- Ways to identify when a legal guideline resource will support and supplement the in-house legal function
- How to get started on creating legal services guidelines in a style that your business units can understand and follow
- Where to host and crucially, how to promote the guidelines

*After this workshop, you will walk away with practical, actionable steps that will enable you to:*

- Boost your legal compliance within your organisation
- Enhance your team's profile through a service delivery that focuses on how to best add-value to your organisation
- Free up your precious bandwidth to deal with the high value, high-risk matters that you both want and need to manage to best serve your organisation

Presented by **Sian Wingate**, Legal and Compliance Consultant, Sian Wingate Advisory

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand how to use Legal Guideline Resources to boost compliance and improve accessibility to legal services for the In-House legal function

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## Fast Track and RMA Reform Series in Focus

**MONDAY 06, 13 OCTOBER 2025**

**1.00PM TO 2.00PM**

WEB2510NZA01

**\$255**

Gain high-level insights into the evolving landscape of reform of environmental and planning law through the Fast track and RMA reforms in this two-part advanced webinar series, chaired by a sitting judge of the Environment Court of New Zealand. With expert oversight and authoritative commentary, this program offers a rare opportunity to engage with the RMA reform process at a strategic level. Stay ahead of sweeping changes to New Zealand's environmental law framework with this two-part advanced webinar series. Designed for legal professionals, planners, and environmental advisors, this program delivers timely analysis of key developments in the Resource Management Act (RMA) reform process. Don't miss this opportunity to stay at the forefront of environmental law reform in New Zealand.

**MONDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2025**

**1.00PM TO 2.00PM**

WEB2510NZA01A

**\$130**

**MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2025**

**1.00PM TO 2.00PM**

WEB2510NZA01B

**\$130**

Explore how fast-track consenting applications are being handled in practice under the Fast Track reforms. Understand the key factors influencing decisions to approve or decline and assess the practical lessons emerging from recent cases. Learn to interpret recent outcomes, assess approval criteria, and identify key risk factors for applicants.

Chair: **His Hon Judge Hassan**, Environment Court of New Zealand

### FAST TRACK UPDATE: OVERVIEW OF HOW APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PROGRESSED OR DECLINED

- Brief introduction to the FTAA
- The practical side of the process: step 1 referral applications and step 2 substantive applications
- New legal issues arising and how panels and the court have dealt with them
- Looking forward: nature and number of projects looking to use the process; appeals

Presented by **Madeleine Wright**, Barrister, Mills Lane Chambers and **Alex Devine**, Senior Associate, Ellis Gould

#### Learning Objective:

- Receive guidance on how Fast Track applications have been progressed or declined to date

Unpack the major structural shift from the RMA to the new dual-Act framework. Understand how the dual acts will interact, and what the updated National Direction package signals for planning, compliance, and legal practice.

Chair: **His Hon Judge Hassan**, Environment Court of New Zealand

### NEW DUAL ACT APPROACH REPLACEMENT REPLACING THE RMA AND CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL DIRECTION PACKAGE

Presented by **Sarah Shaw**, Barrister, Kate Sheppard Chambers

#### Learning Objective:

- Examine the new dual act approach replacing the RMA and changes to the national direction package

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2 CPD HOURS



## Employment Law Series 2025

WEDNESDAY 15, 29 OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY 05, 19 & 26 NOVEMBER 2025  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2510NZA02  
\$505

Stay ahead in the fast-changing employment law landscape with this five-part webinar series, covering the most pressing developments and emerging trends shaping workplace practice in New Zealand. From the evolving world of workplace investigations, the latest significant case law, and the rise of mental wellbeing claims, to proposed reforms to the Health and Safety at Work Act and key amendments to the Employment Relations Act, each session delivers targeted insights from leading experts. Gain practical strategies, stay compliant, and ensure your workplace advice is informed by the most up-to-date legal and procedural changes. Attend individual sessions or the full series to earn up to 5 CPD hours.

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2025  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2510NZA02A  
\$130

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS IN WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS

Workplace investigations continue to evolve in both complexity and scope. Explore the latest developments shaping investigative practice. Topics include the growing role of AI in investigations, both as a tool for investigators and as a means for bad actors to deceive them, the integration of tikanga into investigation processes and how to navigate this emerging area, and recent case law impacting how investigations should be conducted.

Chair: **John Farrow**, Partner, Anderson Lloyd

- Using AI in investigations: by investigators to make life easier....and by nefarious parties who seek to fool investigators
- Tikanga in investigations and how to navigate this developing area
- Recent case law: what's new.

Presented by **Andrew Scott-Howman**, Barrister and Workplace Investigator, Port Nicholson Chambers

#### Learning Objectives:

- Gain insights into the use (and misuse) of AI in workplace investigations
- Understand how to ensure compliance with tikanga in investigation processes
- Stay up-to-date with recent case law and its implications for investigative work

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2025  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2510NZA02B  
\$130

### SIGNIFICANT RECENT EMPLOYMENT LAW CASES

Stay up to date with the latest developments in employment law. Examine key recent decisions that are shaping the employment landscape and hear timely insights into the practical implications of recent judgments.

Chair: **Fiona McMillan**, Partner, Lane Neave

Hear an update on significant cases, including:

- Claims under the Privacy Act 2020 in the employment context: *Cumings v KAM Transport Limited* [2025] NZHRRT 8 – where the employer was required to pay \$30,000
- Application for interim reinstatement - *Vegepod NZ Ltd v Lowe* [2025] NZEMP 76
- Issue as to whether the employer was a New Zealand or Singaporean company - *Youtap Ltd v Johnston* [2025] NZEMP 92
- Do split shifts constituted two work periods - *NZ Tramways & Public Passenger Transport Employees Union Wellington Incorporated v Transurban Hutt Valley Limited*, [2025] NZSC 69 – leave declined from Court of Appeal
- Validity of a 90 day trial period - *Randon-Warren v Maka8ka Ltd* [2025] NZERA 331

Presented by **Julia MacGibbon**, Senior Associate, DLA Piper

#### Learning Objectives:

- Gain awareness of recent significant employment law cases
- Understand the practical implications of these decisions

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5 CPD HOURS

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2511NZA02C  
\$130

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OBLIGATIONS AT WORK

Explore the growing area of mental wellbeing claims in the workplace, including the legal frameworks, risks, and practical steps for employers and practitioners to navigate these complex matters effectively

Chair: **John Farrow**, Partner, Anderson Lloyd

- Mental health at work obligations
- What practical steps should be taken to support mental health at work
- Recent case law updates
- How to manage employees during this time, including support that can be offered
- Practical tips on how to manage conflict in the workplace where bullying allegations have arisen and what the obligations are

Presented by **Myriam Mitchell**, Partner, Copeland Ashcroft Law

#### Learning Objective:

- Navigate with better understanding mental wellbeing claims that are based in workplace law

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2025  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2511NZA02D  
\$130

### IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT REFORMS

Get up to speed on the Government's proposed reforms to the Health and Safety at Work Act. Explore key changes under consideration, including exemptions for small, low-risk businesses, clearer directors' duties, industry-led ACOPs, and reduced notification requirements. Unpack the proposed shifts in WorkSafe's role, changes to landowner liability, and efforts to streamline overlapping regulatory systems. Attendance is essential to understand what these changes could mean in practice.

Chair: **Fiona McMillan**, Partner, Lane Neave

- Exemptions for small, low risk businesses (SLRs)
- Clarification of directors' duties
- Industry-led Approved Codes of Practice (ACOPs)
- Reduced notification requirements
- Landowner liability for other PCBU's recreational activities
- Shifting WorkSafe's focus from enforcement to education
- Removing overlap between HSWA and other regulatory systems

Presented by **Tim Clarke**, Barrister, Richmond Chambers; Leading barrister in Employment and Industrial Relations, *Doyle's Guide* 2025

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the Government's proposed reforms to the Health and Safety at Work Act.
- Unpack the key proposed changes



## CONTINUATION: Employment Law Series 2025

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2025  
1.00PM TO 2.00PM

WEB2511NZA02E  
\$130

### LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR PARTIES AND PRACTITIONERS

Examine the latest proposed legislative developments to the Employment Relations Act and explore their practical implications for workplace participants and legal practitioners alike. Hear an in-depth overview of the key Employment Relations Amendment Bill, expected to pass by year's end, as well as the imminent Employment Relations (Employee Remuneration Disclosure) Amendment Bill and the Employment Relations (Termination of Employment by Mutual Agreement) Amendment Bill, currently before select committee. End with a discussion of any further reforms signaled by the government. Join us for expert insights into how these changes may affect employment contracts, workplace dynamics, compliance obligations, and dispute resolution strategies.

Chair: **John Farrow**, Partner, Anderson Lloyd

- The main Employment Relations Amendment Bill (Govt wants passed by the end of the year)
- The Employment Relations (Employee Remuneration Disclosure) Amendment Bill (expected to pass in a matter of weeks)
- The Employment Relations (Termination of Employment by Mutual Agreement) Amendment Bill (before a select committee – no timeframe as yet)
- Any other potential legislative changes to be signalled.

Presented by **Daniel Church**, Senior Staff Barrister, Catherine Stewart

#### Learning Objectives:

- Be across the proposed amendments to the Employment Relations Act
- Understand the implications for parties and practitioners of these proposed changes

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## Plain English Drafting: Unlocking the Power of Effective Legal Communication

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025  
11.00AM TO 1.00PM

WEB2510NZA03  
\$255

In the legal profession, the ability to communicate effectively is key to your success. Learn how to avoid common pitfalls and ensure your clients are not just happy but well-informed. Join us for a transformative program led by a renowned expert in legal drafting, where you'll learn how to elevate your writing skills and leave drafting mishaps behind. Don't miss this opportunity to consolidate your foundations and excel in the practice of law.

Chair: **Helen Lewin**, Lawyer and Privacy Risk Management expert, Privacy Risk Management

In this unique, in-depth and interactive session, together with **Bob Milstein** you will explore:

- Plain English in legal writing: what it is and what it isn't
- Why plain English writing matters for you and your firm: the voice of the firm's brand, and the voice of your own brand as a professional
- Advisory writing versus transactional writing: the differences – and the similarities
- Reflecting on audience and purpose: an interactive exercise
- The issue of tone, and how to achieve it
- The myth of the professional, legal writing voice
- The special challenges of email
- What's new in the world of legal writing: the world's first's International Plain English Standard, and the promise (and threat?) of generative AI
- Tips, traps, techniques and guidelines aimed to help the lawyer get their reader through the document as painlessly as possible, and in a way that reflects well on the author, and where it's an external communication, on the firm/the organisation

Presented by **Bob Milstein**, Principal, Milstein and Associates; Principal, Words and Beyond

#### Learning Objectives:

- To gain working expertise in plain English legal writing
- Consider AI and legal writing
- Gain a practical understanding of the tips, traps and guidelines for clear legal communication

*“Excellent. This should be compulsory for lawyers and non-lawyers. Bob was a brilliant facilitator. He kept everyone's interest, used real-life examples and gave everyone great reference material to take away.”*

*“No matter what level of experience or knowledge you think you have when it comes to writing, Bob can help you to make it even better.”*

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## Construction Disputes: Insurance, Insolvency, Delay Claims & Expert Evidence

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB2510NZA05  
\$420

What risks are your clients facing? In this dynamic 4-hour session, explore the legal implications of today's top construction risks. Learn how to limit liability through contracts, navigate recent cases and legislative changes, manage insolvency risks, draft stronger time and delay clauses, and use expert evidence effectively in disputes.

Chair: **Kathryn Lydiard**, Barrister, FortyEight Shortland

### LIMITING LIABILITY IN CONSTRUCTION

- Interpretation and enforceability of clauses seeking to limit period of liability
- Interpretation and enforceability of clauses seeking to limit liability
- Recent cases dealing with limitation, including *Beca Carter Holdings & Ferner Ltd v Wellington City Council*, *Tasman District Council v Buchanan & Ors*

Presented by **Kathryn Lydiard**, Barrister, FortyEight Shortland

### INSURANCE AND RISK ALLOCATION UNDER THE CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE ACT

- The Contracts of Insurance Act 2024 and changes impacting construction insurance
- Practical implications of the Act on the allocation of risk between principals, contractors, and insurers in construction projects
- Challenges in interpreting insurance obligations and their contractual interplay under the Act
- Insurance clauses that align with statutory requirements and minimise exposure to disputes
- Managing indemnity and subrogation rights in multi-party construction contracts

Presented by **Melissa Russell**, Partner, Hesketh Henry

### INSOLVENCY IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: MANAGING LEGAL RISK BEFORE AND AFTER THE FALL

- Explore the critical legal risks associated with insolvency in construction projects, both before and after a financial collapse
- Practical guidance on identifying early warning signs, managing contractual obligations, and mitigating exposure to losses when insolvency strikes
- Gain insights into navigating complex insolvency issues, understanding parties' rights and responsibilities, and implementing effective risk management strategies to protect clients throughout the project lifecycle

Presented by **Julia Flattery**, Partner, Duncan Cotterill

### TIME AND DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

- Practical drafting considerations for time obligations in contracts
- An introduction to programmes and the critical path
- Making or assessing delay claims

Presented by **Steve O'Dea**, Partner, Anderson Lloyd

### EXPERT EVIDENCE IN CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES

- Use of single experts in litigation
- Lessons from recent NZ decisions
- Role of technical expertise in resolving disputes

Presented by **John Walton**, Barrister, Arbitrator, Commercial Mediator, Bankside Chambers

#### Learning Objectives:

- Identify how to set reasonable limits on liability in construction contracts
- Understand the main changes in the 2014 Contracts of Insurance Act affecting construction insurance
- Benefit from a detailed breakdown on how best to manage insolvency risks in construction matters
- Consider risk, opportunities and contractual clauses impact on the construction sector
- Know how to prepare and assess delay claims
- Learn lessons from recent NZ court decisions on expert evidence

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## Credit Law 2025: Governance, Risk and Regulatory Trends

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2025  
2.00PM TO 5.15PM

WEB2510NZA04  
\$345

New regulatory compliance regimes since CoFi took effect earlier in 2025 and evolving tech are changing the face of financial services, and fast. Gain valuable insights into these key developments, including practical strategies for working with the evolving implementation of CoFi, understanding regulatory compliance expectations of the FMA, and examine further proposed reforms. Gain practical knowledge on M&A activity within the sector and explore the legal challenges and opportunities arising from fintech innovations and tokenisation.

Chair: **Ben Upton**, Partner, Simpson Grierson

### COFI IN PRACTICE: NAVIGATING THE NEXT PHASE

- Keeping Fair Conduct Programmes fit for purpose – the importance of maintaining, reviewing, and improving FCPs to reflect evolving risks
- Preparing for regulatory returns and ongoing engagement – understanding the requirements and the FMA's expectations
- Adapting to regulatory refinements – examining proposed reforms and implications for financial institutions

Presented by **Claire Brabant**, Senior Associate, MinterEllisonRuddWatts

### FROM FINTECH TO TOKENISATION: KEY INSIGHTS FOR LAWYERS

- Improve your understanding of fintech and tokenisation, and their growing impact on the legal landscape
- Examine common legal and regulatory challenges in this rapidly evolving space
- Exploring the latest trends and developments

Presented by **Ken Ng**, Senior Associate, MinterEllisonRuddWatts

### M&A IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Overview of M&A trends in the financial services sector
- Typical structure of an M&A transaction involving a financial services business
- Key considerations for buyers and sellers of financial services businesses

Presented by **Bryan Ventura**, Partner (Financial Services & Corporate), Hamilton Locke

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Gain a practical understanding of how to maintain, review, and enhance Fair Conduct Programmes (FCPs)
- Understand the regulatory return requirements and the FMA expectations for ongoing supervision and engagement
- Gain an understanding of M&A trends, transaction structures, legal and strategic considerations
- Improve knowledge of fintech, tokenisation and developments in the area

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## Avoiding Risk: Property Law Series Over Lunch

**TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, TUESDAY, 04 & 11 NOVEMBER 2025**  
**1.00PM TO 2.00PM**

WEB2510NZA06  
**\$345**

Is your property law practice ready for all of the compliance risks and requirements? From climate-driven insurance claims to compliance traps under the Overseas Investment rules, Unit Titles amendments and the Property Relationships Act, and now the June 2025 AML customer risk rating reforms, every transaction demands sharper compliance. In just three lunchtime sessions, leading specialists will give you the practical tools, checklists and frameworks to manage and avoid disputes, meet regulatory obligations and strengthen your client advice, so your practice is ready for 2026. Avoiding Risk Ready!

**TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2025**

WEB2510NZA06A  
**\$130**

1.00PM TO 2.00PM

### INSURANCE IN PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS: CLAIMS, COVERAGE AND LIABILITY IN A SHIFTING MARKET

After a year marked by record property damage and increased litigation, explore how climate-driven events and insurance disputes are reshaping conveyancing and property law practice.

Presented by **Colin Hunter**, Senior Associate, Hesketh Henry

#### Learning Objective:

- Understand how climate-driven events and emerging insurance disputes are impacting property transactions, and learn strategies to manage claims, coverage, and liability effectively in a changing market

**TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025**

WEB2511NZA06B  
**\$130**

1.00PM TO 2.00PM

### PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS COMPLIANCE: OIO, UTA AND PRA

In today's property market, every deal is a transaction under pressure. A single acquisition can trigger overseas investment rules, strict disclosure duties under the Unit Titles Act, and hidden risks from the Property Relationships Act — all while fraudsters target digital transactions with increasing sophistication. Gain insight into how these obligations collide in practice and learn strategies to keep deals on track. From identifying when OIO consent is required, to managing Body Corporate disclosures, to safeguarding transfers against PRA challenges, you'll walk away with the tools to protect clients and shield your practice from liability

- Overseas Investment traps: when foreign ownership or funding triggers OIO consent, and how delays or uncertainty derail deals
- Unit titles pitfalls: hidden Body Corporate liabilities, disclosure failures and legacy title issues
- Property Relationships Act risks: Spousal consent, co-ownership and trust structures
- Fraud pressure points: phishing, cyber scams and insider threats targeting property transactions and client funds

Presented by **Tina Hwang**, Director, Queen City Law

#### Learning Objective:

- Gain practical strategies to navigate OIO consent, Unit Titles disclosures, PRA risks and fraud threats to keep property transactions compliant and dispute-free

**WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2025**

WEB2511NZA06C  
**\$130**

1.00PM TO 2.00PM

### AML RISKS IN YOUR PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

In March 2025, the Financial Intelligence Unit released the latest National Risk Assessment — the first in five years — making it an important and exciting development for understanding New Zealand's money laundering and terrorism financing risks. The assessment highlights the significant risks real estate transactions pose to the financial system. Moreover, from 1st June 2025, major new obligations took effect for property law firms: every new customer must now be risk-rated, the assessment must be recorded, and risk ratings must be reviewed on an ongoing basis. This marks a clear signal that AML supervisors are placing stronger emphasis on a risk-based approach to compliance.

This session will focus on the key money laundering risks facing the property law sector and provide practical guidance on:

- Understanding the findings of the latest National Risk Assessment (relevant to real estate transactions and property law)
- Meeting the new customer risk rating requirements and applying effective methodologies
- How to risk rate new and existing customers in practice
- Integrating customer risk ratings into your firm's anti-money laundering compliance program

Presented by **Giulia Dondoli**, AML Specialist, Total AML

#### Learning Objective:

- Understand the new customer risk rating requirements and best-practice AML compliance measures for conveyancers, and apply practical steps to meet regulatory expectations and mitigate criminal risk in property transactions

ATTEND THE FULL SERIES AND EARN

3 CPD HOURS



## Government Decision Making in Focus: AI, Judicial Review and RMA/Fast Track Decisions

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB2511NZA03  
\$420

Join leading experts to examine the evolving landscape of administrative decision-making and judicial review. Explore the opportunities and challenges of AI in public decision-making, gain insights into recent trends and case law in constitutional law and review judicial review strategies in the context of local government decisions. Delve into the impact of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 on environmental and infrastructure approvals, decision making, with a focus on consultation and procedural fairness. A must-attend for practitioners navigating the complexities of administrative law and government decision-making.

### IN FOCUS: AI AND PUBLIC DECISION-MAKERS – RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Decision-makers across government are already making use of AI – and are being encouraged to do so to a greater extent. This creates opportunities in terms of efficiency and consistency in decision-making, but it also raises serious legal challenges – both for the decision-makers themselves, and for those who are on the receiving end of those decisions.

- Examine the opportunities and the risks
- Explore how the courts may respond to the challenges around transparency, procedural fairness, and the lawfulness of AI-assisted decisions

Presented by **Nick Chapman**, Partner, Simpson Grierson

### TRENDS, RECENT CASE LAW AND DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

- Recent developments including case law
- Implications in practice
- Developing trends

Presented by **Matthew Smith**, Barrister, Thorndon Chambers

### CHALLENGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISIONS- MAKING: A REVIEW OF RECENT SENIOR COURT JUDICIAL REVIEW CASES INVOLVING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

With proposed RMA reform likely to curtail merits-based appeal to the Environment Court, judicial review is set to become an even more vital tool for challenging Local Government decision-making.

- Review recent case law, examine strategic considerations when contesting council decisions, and discuss the practical limits of judicial review—particularly in contexts where statutory rights of appeal are narrowing and recourse to other legal options is limited

Presented by **Stuart Ryan**, Barrister, Ākarana Chambers

### ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE APPROVAL PROCESSES: FAST TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024 AND THE IMPACT ON CONSULTATION AND PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS

Presented by **Hamish Harwood**, Senior Associate, Simpson Grierson

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the opportunities and legal challenges of AI in government decision-making.
- Analyse recent constitutional case law and emerging trends shaping practice.
- Evaluate judicial review as a tool for challenging local government decisions.
- Assess the impact of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 on consultation and fairness.

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4 CPD HOURS



## The Litigators Toolkit: A Practical Guide to Modern Evidence and Advocacy

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB2511NZA05  
\$420

Litigators, this is your opportunity to gain practical, high-impact insights into the latest developments shaping courtroom strategy and litigation practice. Gain insight into the 2025 High Court Amendment Rules and analyse their implications, refine your trial advocacy techniques for presenting evidence effectively and explore evolving costs and settlement strategies. Plus, discover how forensic technology and ediscovery are transforming litigation workflows. With expert-led sessions and real-world case analysis, gain the knowledge and tools you need to litigate with precision and confidence.

### 2025 HIGH COURT AMENDMENT RULES: WHAT EVERY LITIGATOR NEEDS TO KNOW

Presented by **Rowan Butler**, Barrister, Mills Lane Chambers

### “HOW TO”: EVIDENCE AND ADVOCACY AT TRIAL

Revisiting common pain points and practical techniques for presenting evidence effectively.

Presented by **Brad Cuff**, Barrister, Capital Chambers

### COSTS IN CIVIL LITIGATION: RECENT CASES AND ATYPICAL SCENARIOS

- Costs in novel or unusual scenarios
  - Costs for litigants in-person
  - Costs for legally aided persons
  - Costs in class-action litigation
  - Protective cost orders
  - Costs awarded by arbitrators
  - Disbursements
  - Security for costs
- Recent and interesting case law involving cost issues

Presented by **Sam Comber**, Senior Associate, Simpson Grierson

### THE EXPANDING ROLE OF FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY AND EDISCOVERY IN MODERN LEGAL PRACTICE

In the digital era, litigation increasingly hinges on electronically stored information (ESI), driving a surge in demand for forensic technology and advanced eDiscovery tools.

- Gain expert practical insights from Campbell McKenzie who will share his experience of providing services to litigators in NZ, to assist you to get the best out of tools such as Nuix, Axiom, Cellebrite, Reveal and Relativity, from collection and processing to the very latest in AI assisted review.

Presented by **Campbell McKenzie**, Director, Incident Response Solutions

#### Learning Objectives:

- Be guided in relation to the essentials of the 2025 High Court Amendment Rules
- Gain a very practical understanding of techniques for presenting evidence effectively
- Develop strategies for litigation costs and settlement
- Better navigate the expanding role of forensic technology and ediscovery in litigation

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD HOURS



## Criminal Law Evidence Masterclass

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB2511NZA12  
\$420

Your trials will be won and lost on the evidence so master both the rules and strategy of evidence in criminal trials together with expert criminal barristers who will both guide you and share their expertise. Explore hearsay and make unavailable tactics in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Deepen your understanding of propensity evidence from thresholds through to challenges. Get up to speed on the lawfulness and admissibility of search and surveillance evidence, its exclusion and privilege issues. Learn best practices for evidential issues in proceeds of crime proceedings.

Chair: **Annabel Cresswell**, Barrister, Pohutukawa Chambers

### HEARSAY AND MAKER UNAVAILABLE

Tactical use and limits in domestic violence and sexual assault trials

Presented by **Nick Chisnall KC**, Augusta Chambers

### PROPENSITY EVIDENCE IN PRACTICE

- Propensity evidence under ss 40 - 43 of the Evidence Act 2006
- Consider when propensity evidence is more probative than prejudicial under s 43
- Latest decisions clarifying thresholds for admissibility
- The role of jury directions in mitigating prejudice
- Judicial discretion in balancing fairness
- Challenges in applications to admit or exclude such evidence

Presented by **Scott Brickell**, Barrister, Augusta Chambers

### SEARCHES, WARRANTS AND THE EXCLUSION OF EVIDENCE

A focused update on lawfulness of searches and warrants, exclusion of evidence, use of police photography, and privilege/confidentiality issues under the Search and Surveillance Act 2012.

Presented by **Tim Bain**, Partner, Luke Cunningham Clere

### EVIDENCE IN PROCEEDS OF CRIME PROCEEDINGS

- Procedure under the High Court Rules 2016
- Admissibility of hearsay statements
- Admissibility of improperly obtained evidence
- Other recent developments and best practices

Presented by **Yvonne Mortimer-Wang**, Barrister, Britomart Chambers

### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the issues associated with domestic violence evidence and gain insights on practical cross-examination analysis
- Reflect on recent significant cases relating to propensity evidence and gain further clarity on counter-intuitive evidence
- Benefit from practical guidance on lawful searches, exclusion of evidence, and privilege under the Search and Surveillance Act 2012
- Apply evidentiary rules and procedures relevant to proceeds of crime cases, including hearsay and improperly obtained evidence

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD HOURS



## The Parent Boost Visa and Golden Visa Intensive

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 12.15PM

WEB2511NZA07  
\$345

This packed 3-hour session covers all the latest immigration updates you need on Parent Boost and Active Investor Plus (Golden) visas. You'll get practical tips on medical insurance requirements and emerging risks areas, refusal trends and character issues in the Parent Boost Visa. Plus, gain a step-by-step approach to advising on the active investor plus visa. Hear from renowned immigration authorities in New Zealand and benefit from their experience shaping immigration in 2025, with a clear look at what's ahead in 2026.

Chair: **Marcus Beveridge**, Managing Director, Queen City Law

### AIP AND "ACCEPTABLE INVESTMENT": WHAT ADVISERS NEED TO KNOW

A step-by-step approach advisers should take when a client applies for the active investor plus (golden) visa

Presented by **Bradley So**, Director, Queen City Law

### PARENT BOOST VISA

- Medical insurance obligations under the Parent Boost visa
- Emerging risk areas and refusal patterns
- What to expect in 2026

### MANAGING MEDICAL WAIVERS AND CHARACTER ISSUES IN PARENT BOOST AND GOLDEN VISA APPLICATIONS

- Basics on navigating health, medical waivers and character issues
- Application of health, medical waiver and character issues to Parent Boost and investor applications

Presented by **Shi Sheng Cai (Shoosh)**, Partner, Ashcroft, Mitchell, McGregor

### Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to guide clients step by step through the Active Investor Plus visa process
- Understand key rules for the Parent Boost visa, including medical insurance, common reasons for refusal, and what changes may be coming in 2026
- Learn how to spot and manage medical and character issues that could affect visa applications and how to handle waiver requests

ATTEND AND EARN

3 CPD HOURS



## Estates Disputes and Blended Families

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB2511NZA08  
\$420

Estate disputes are increasingly common—and often complex in blended families. This practical half-day webinar is designed for lawyers navigating these high-risk matters. Gain insights into drafting effective life interest clauses, managing the implications of mutual wills, and handling claims under the Family Protection Act and Property (Relationships) Act. The program also examines constructive trust claims and recent case law shaping the landscape.

Chair: **Theresa Donnelly**, Legal Services Manager, Perpetual Guardian

### LIFE INTEREST CLAUSES AND POTENTIAL FOR DISPUTES

- What do life interest clauses grant and common misconceptions: ownership vs usage rights
- How to draft such clauses properly to avoid misinterpretation
- Where disputes can arise
- Other implications

Presented by **Maria Young**, Trusts and Estates – Principal, Cavell Leitch

### WIDOWS' FAMILY PROTECTION ACT AND TOP UP CLAIMS

- Interrelationship between the Property (Relationships) Act and Family Protection Act
- Important considerations in bringing a Family Protection Act claim
- Case updates

Prepared by **Amanda Donovan**, Director and **Ben Jefferson**, Associate, Haigh Lyon Lawyers

### CLAIMS IN CONSTRUCTIVE TRUSTS

- How to create claims of a constructive trust
- How to resist claims of a constructive trust

Presented by **Anthony Grant**, Barrister, Paladin Chambers

### MUTUAL WILLS AND BLENDED FAMILIES

- The need for a promise
- What property is subject to the mutual will
- The effect of a mutual will and its consequences

Presented by **Nicola Peart ONZM**, Professor Emerita, Faculty of Law, University of Otago

### COMMON ESTATE DISPUTES ARISING FROM BLENDED FAMILIES - RECENT CASES

- Challenges for drafting and implementing wills in blended families
- Joint ownership disputes, including resulting trust claims and the presumption of advancement
- Common inheritance conflicts in modern family structures

Presented by **Sam Jeffs**, Barrister, Mills Lane Chambers

### Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to draft life interest clauses to avoid disputes and clarify usage rights.
- Understand the key legal effects of mutual wills in blended family contexts.
- Recognise how the Family Protection and Property (Relationships) Acts interact in top-up claims.
- Explore when constructive trust claims arise from fiduciary breaches.
- Identify trends in blended family disputes through recent case law.

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD HOURS



## Complex Relationship Property Issues: Valuation, Structures and Disparity

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2025  
9.00AM TO 1.15PM

WEB2511NZA09  
\$420

A must-attend for New Zealand family lawyers navigating complex relationship property matters. Gain practical, up-to-date insights into economic disparity claims, company valuations and managing assets across borders. Explore effective strategies for valuing shares, goodwill and business structures. Learn how to draft robust contracting out agreements that stand the test of time. Receive expert guidance on cross-jurisdictional challenges and current valuation trends shaping the legal landscape.

Chair: **Shelley Stevenson**, Barrister, Kumutoto Chambers

### PRACTICAL INSIGHTS ON ECONOMIC DISPARITY CLAIMS

- An overview of calculation approaches
- Key inputs and assumptions when preparing calculations
- Current issues and observations
- Common areas of disagreement between experts
- Practical scenarios

Presented by **Matt Kemp**, Partner, Gerry Rea Partners; Chartered Accountant

### COMPANY VALUATIONS AND DEALING WITH COMPANY ASSETS

- How to approach the valuation and treatment of shares, tangible assets and intangible assets
- Methods of valuation: overview on the key approaches
- Determining which valuation method suits different types of companies
- Understanding and addressing goodwill in property settlements
- Tax and asset structure considerations in relationship property agreements, including:
  - The impact of trusts, companies, and other asset structures on settlements

Presented by **Belinda Young**, Director, Moore Markhams New Zealand; Business Valuation Specialist; Chartered Accountant

### CROSS-BORDER RELATIONSHIP PROPERTY DISPUTES

- Dealing with assets in Australia and other jurisdictions
- Conflict of laws and enforcement challenges
- Key pitfalls in international property matters

Presented by **Jeremy Johnson**, Barrister, Arbitrator, Bankside Chambers

### FUTURE-PROOFING CONTRACTING OUT AGREEMENTS: DRAFTING FOR LONGEVITY AND CLARITY

- Key considerations and practical drafting guidance
- Anticipating changes in circumstances
- The importance of review

Presented by **Tara Grant**, Partner and **Elise Rogers**, Senior Solicitor, Martelli McKegg

### Learning Objectives:

- Learn key methods and assumptions used in economic disparity calculations
- Understand how to value company assets and address related tax and structure issues
- Identify challenges in managing relationship property across jurisdictions
- Learn how to draft clear, lasting contracting out agreements

ATTEND AND EARN

4 CPD HOURS





# Food Regulation Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2025

WEB2511NZA10

11.00AM TO 7.15PM

\$690

Hear direct insights from the experts on food regulation reform plus more. This is the food regulation event of the year. Hear directly from FSANZ's CEO and senior leaders as they unpack sweeping reforms—from genetically modified and cell-cultured foods to new standards for eggs and sugar claims, and energy labelling. Dive into the regulatory grey zone between food and therapeutic goods, gain a comprehensive understanding of the 2026 merger regime, and learn how to navigate greenwashing risks and ESG disclosure obligations and their implications for the food industry. Explore the latest developments in food advertising, packaging and food wastage law reform. With regulators and top legal minds sharing their experience and expertise across so many areas of food regulation and business, this program delivers unmatched access to the latest developments and practical strategies you need now.

## SESSION 1: FOOD REGULATION: DEALING WITH THE REGULATORS

11.00AM TO 3.15PM

WEB2511NZA10A

\$420

Chair: **Clare Nass**, Senior Legal Counsel, Associated British Foods

## FUTURE FOOD REGULATORY APPROACH AND FOOD STANDARDS KEY UPDATES

- New approach: risk proportionality, international alignment and implementation
- Review and update on New Standards for
  - Genetically modified foods
  - First Cell Cultured Food
  - Carbohydrate & sugar claims, & energy labelling on alcoholic beverages
  - Primary production and future proposal for a New Egg and Food Safety Standard
- Proposed changes to nutritional panels (NIP) & health star rating panels (HSR)
- Other proposed reviews

Presented by **Dr Sandra Cuthbert**, (Chief Executive Officer) FSANZ Board and **Dr Matthew O'Mullane**, General Manager, Food Safety, FSANZ

## BORDERLINE PRODUCTS: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE FOOD-THERAPEUTIC GOODS INTERFACE

- Examine how ingredients, packaging, labelling and advertising influence the regulatory classification of products at the food-therapeutic goods interface
- Focus on categories that commonly sit on the borderline, including medical foods, sports supplements, caffeinated beverages, and products making health claims

Presented by **Dr Teresa Nicoletti**, Partner, Mills Oakley; Ranked Lawyer (Band 1), Life Sciences; Recognized Lawyer, Life Sciences Practice, Biotechnology Law, The *Best Lawyers in Australia*; Recommended Lawyer, Intellectual Property, The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Legal

## NEW MERGER REGIME, COMPETITION AND FOOD AND GROCERY CODE

- New mandatory merger regime from 1 January 2026: Do you need to notify your deal?
- Competition law issues in the food and grocery industry – red flags
- Mandatory Food and Grocery Code: What it means for suppliers?

Presented by **Sar Katdare**, Partner, Johnson Winter Slattery

## GREENWASHING AND THE FOOD INDUSTRY

- Grocery products greenwashing cases update
- Penalty expectations and tips for negotiating with the ACCC
- How to substantiate environmental claims

Presented by **Odette Gourley**, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

## INCREASED ESG OBLIGATIONS: CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS AND ASIC'S EXPECTATIONS

In this session, Susan will discuss how the new legislation requiring companies to make financial disclosure in relation to climate related risks and opportunities will impact the industry.

- The requirements under the new legislation and accompanying new accounting standards
- ASIC's expectations for compliance with the legislation
- Potential risks for corporations and directors

Presented by **Susan Goodman**, Partner, Gadens

## SESSION 2: PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, CURRENT IP ISSUES, PACKAGING AND WASTAGE

4.00PM TO 7.15PM

WEB2511NZA10B

\$345

Chair: **Veronica Volfneuk**, Legal & Regulatory Counsel, Vow

## NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND YOUR IP AND MARKETING STRATEGY – HOT TOPICS

- Brands
- Product get up and packaging
- Novel foods and key IP issues
- Food recipes and manufacturing know how
- Confidentiality and trade secrets
- Marketing of food products and IP including celebrities, content creators, AI
- Latest consumer law cases and other topics on your radar

Presented by **Alison Jones**, Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

## PROPOSED MAJOR CHANGES IN PACKAGING AND MANUFACTURING AND SOFT PACKAGING INITIATIVES

- Proposed government packaging design mandates
- Soft plastic recycling program
- Chemical Concerns – actions on PFAS
- Packaging's role in reducing food waste
- Latest innovations in sustainable packaging

Presented by **Keith Chessell**, AIP Education Team, Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP)

## NAVIGATING FOOD WASTAGE INITIATIVES

With a panel of experts with varying perspectives examine the case study of food waste initiatives in NSW including legislative and community initiatives Food Wastage.

Panellist: **Jennifer Hughes**, Partner, Beatty Hughes & Associates

## Learning Objectives:

- Understand key updates to food standards and FSANZ's evolving regulatory approach
- Identify factors influencing product classification at the food-therapeutic goods interface
- Learn how the new merger regime and Food and Grocery Code impact competition and supplier obligations
- Explore legal risks and best practices for substantiating environmental claims in food marketing
- Understand ESG disclosure requirements and ASIC's expectations for climate-related financial reporting
- Gain insights into protecting IP and navigating legal issues in food product development and marketing
- Discover upcoming packaging regulations and innovations aimed at sustainability and waste reduction
- Examine legislative and community approaches to reducing food waste through expert panel discussion

ATTEND AND EARN

7 CPD HOURS



## Legal Alert! Sentencing Reform 2025: What it Means for Practice

RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 2025

WEB259NZA05

**\$130**

Gain practical strategies for working within the parameters of the Sentencing Reform (Amendment) Act 2025. With the Sentencing Reform now in force now is the critical time to prepare. This focused one-hour session offers a clear, practical rundown of the key changes — including the reinstated Three Strikes regime — plus the implications and the strategies you will need. These practical insights will be delivered from both prosecution and defence perspectives, giving you the tools to respond with confidence before you're on your feet.

Chair: **Rebekah Thompson**, Senior Associate, Meredith Connell

- Impact of the Sentencing Reform Amendment Act 2025 on mitigating and aggravating factors
- The sliding scale for early guilty pleas: the pros and cons for both the prosecution and defence
- Reinstatement of the three-strikes law: examining its impact on serious offenders
- Youth
- Judges obligation under the sentencing act to impose the least restrictive

Presented by **Marie Taylor-Cyphers**, Verus Chambers

### Learning Objectives:

- Understand and navigate the new sentencing framework and its impact on mitigation and pleas
- Gain strategies to respond to the limitations on sentence discounts, especially for young offenders, and the reinstated Three Strikes regime
- Manage sentencing strategy effectively in light of changing judicial obligations and evolving case law

ATTEND AND EARN

1 CPD HOUR