



12th AUSTRALIAN
FAMILY LAWYERS' CONFERENCE

10-14 JUNE - SENTOSA ISLAND

DAY 1 – Friday, 10th June 2011

Arrive Singapore - Day At Leisure

DAY 2 – Saturday, 11th June 2011

6.30-10.30	Breakfast	
9.00-9.10	Welcome	Jacqueline Vincent
9.10 – 9.30	Opening address	Mr Tan Siong Thye, Chief District Judge, Subordinate Courts, Singapore
9.30-10.40	Session 1: Promoting meaningful relationships between non-resident fathers and young children: The dilemmas for lawyers and judges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An overview of the research</i> • <i>Protection from harm</i> • <i>Maternal anxiety, overnight stays and the young child</i> • <i>Taking account of the practical difficulties</i> • <i>At what age is a shared care arrangement ok?</i> 	Chair: The Honourable Eric Baker Speaker: Professor Patrick Parkinson
10.40-11.10	Morning Tea	
11.10-12.15	Session 2: Latest and Greatest Case Review <i>The famous duo succinctly provide insights into the most important and/or useful recent cases</i>	Chair: Jeff Marhinin Speakers: The Honourable Justice Watts The Honourable Professor Boland
12.15-1.00	Session 3: Is a Valuation Worth the Cost? <i>Understanding valuations of tangible assets in Family Law proceedings</i>	Chair: Bernadette Smyth Speaker: Rod Hyman
1.00-2.15	Lunch	
2.15-2.45	Session 4: The Effect of Social Networking on Litigation by a well known luddite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Privacy settings</i> • <i>Evidence in parenting/ Hague; contravention and costs proceedings</i> • <i>Facebook stalking</i> • <i>Communication tool in relocation cases</i> • <i>Injunctive orders restraining or limiting its use; restricting children's exposure to inappropriate sites; allowing other parent to access</i> • <i>Dispensation of service</i> • <i>A cause for divorce</i> 	Chair: Nick Gaudion Speaker: The Honourable Justice Watts
2.45-3.30	Session 5: Hearing the child's voice in Family proceedings in Hong Kong" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Present judicial environment for children in custody, care and control and financial issues</i> • <i>Consequences of "rubber stamping" of Consent Orders concerning children</i> • <i>Issues arising in contested applications including children meeting Judges and Independent legal representation for children</i> • <i>Changes considered following the leads of other jurisdiction</i> 	Chair: Amanda Malinowsky Speaker: Sharon Ser
3.30-3.45	Afternoon Tea	

3.45-4.30	Session 6: Binding Financial Agreements: where are we now?	Chair: Ray James Speaker: Justin Dowd
4.30	Concluding Comments	
4.45	Close	
4.45-6.00	At Leisure	
6.00-8.00	Welcome Cocktail Party	
8.00	At Leisure	

DAY 3 – Sunday, 12th June 2011

6.30-10.30	Breakfast	
9.30-10.15	Session 7: Children in Court – a basic human right or an abuse of the child	Chair: Barry Frakes Speaker: The Honourable Justice Benjamin
10.15-11.00	Session 8: Taking the Pain out of Tax and Family Law <i>A review of this important but often neglected area – which taxes should be taken into account and when?</i>	Chair: Collette McFawn Speaker: Nick Gaudion
11.00-11.30	Morning Tea	
11.30-12.15	Session 9: ADR IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SINGAPORE - The Role Of Mediation and Counselling & The Experience of the Family Resolutions Chambers	Chair: Rod Hyman Speaker: The Honourable Kevin Ng
12.15-1.00	Session 10: International ADR <i>In an increasingly mobile society, more and more cases involve the possibility of litigation in more than one jurisdiction. When should you, and when should you not, engage in international ADR? And whose law should you use if you do? David Hodson, an international Family Lawyer, based in London looks at the options available for ADR and how they might be made to work for your client.</i>	Chair: Malcolm Gittoes-Caesar Speaker: David Hodson Commentary: The Honourable Eric Baker
1.00	Lunch and afternoon at leisure	
6.00	Dinner (transfers from 5.45pm)	Location: Singapore

DAY 4 – Monday, 13th June 2011

8.30-10.00	Ethics for Breakfast: <i>Come and join a lively review of this difficult area whilst enjoying a buffet breakfast. See the difficulties in action and listen to how others might resolve the dilemmas before them.</i>	Speaker: Federal Magistrate Altobelli and his team of experts
11.00-4.00	Sun and Fun Day (transfers from 10.45am)	
5.30	Farewell Plenary Session at an iconic Singapore location with drink in hand <i>Put your questions to the speakers on the future of family law or any topic you choose</i>	Speakers: All speakers will participate in this panel session.