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WORKSHOP A:

BULLYING & SEXUAL HARASSMENT WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS

WORKSHOP B:

MANAGING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS IN THE WORKPLACE

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Conference overview

To help you keep track of the latest employment regulations, and reduce financial and reputational risk, Australia's leading bi-annual HR Law Masterclass Conference returns in March 2025. Brought to you by Employment Law Matters, the 23rd HR Law Masterclass Conference will cover all the complexity of HR risks that businesses are facing today.

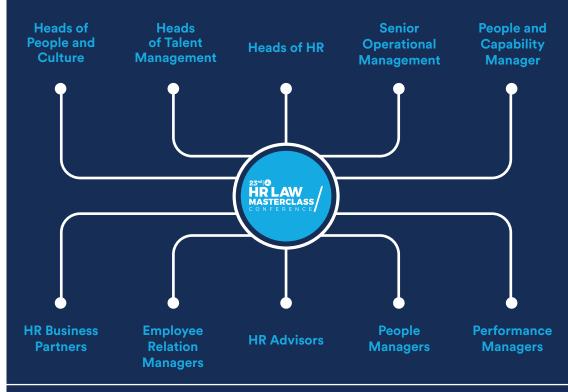
Attend to ensure compliance for your business, hear the latest HR legal insights from expert lawyers, and benefit from recent case law examples, interactive roundtable discussions and practical advice on the complex and time-consuming HR challenges occurring in the workplace today.

What will be covered?

- ✓ Understand employer obligations when it comes to mental health in the workplace, learn how organisations can take proactive steps to embed psychosocial safety in the business
- ✓ Keep up to date with the workplace changes in 2025 including underpaying employees as a criminal offence
- ✓ Address developments in workplace flexibility and learn how to manage differing expectations of employers and employees regarding flexible working arrangements
- ✓ Manage poor or difficult employee behaviour and serious misconduct with reasonable and justified actions
- ✓ How can organisations ensure they can enforce post-employment obligations, and do they work?
- ✓ Learn step-by-step approaches to ensure inclusivity in the workplace and understanding discrimination risks

Who Should Attend?

From cross-industry and government.



Reasons to Attend:

- Cover all key employment law/HR risk topics and legislative updates
- Receive practical advice and insights, clear and informative take-aways
- Hear from and engage with leading legal experts
- Gain clarity on managing your key HR risk issues, and reducing liabilities
- Refresh your approaches to employment relations by adopting the right HR processes
- Reduce the impact of contentious situations at your workplace
- Review case law references and lessons learned
- Real learning outcomes and a workbook for easy reference when back in the office

Conference Agenda

08:50 Chairperson's Welcome Address

• An overview of Employment Law Major Updates

Perth: Kate Walawski, Barrister

Brisbane: Meghan De Pinto-Smith, Senior Associate, McKays Solicitors

Melbourne: David Dilger, Director, Edge Legal

Sydney: Erin Lynch, Partner, Gadens

09:05 Psychosocial Safety: Prevent, Manage and Safeguard

 Overview of the legal obligations pertaining to safeguarding psychological health in the workplace

• Understanding psychosocial - stress as a mental health condition

 How organisations can take proactive steps to embed psychosocial safety in their business

• Distinguishing between toxic workplace cultures and difficult employees

Perth: Brian Jackson, Special Counsel, Moray & Agnew

Brisbane: Louise Hogg, Partner, Moray & Agnew

Melbourne: Madelaine August, Partner, Moray & Agnew

Sydney: Elizabeth Radley, Partner, Moray & Agnew

Emma Reilly, Canberra Managing Partner, Moray & Agnew

09:50 Workplace Changes - What you Need to Know in 2025

• Underpaying employees as a criminal offence

Your positive duties

What we have learnt from recent cases.

•How has the 'Right to Disconnect' impacted workplaces?

Perth: Jo Alilovic, Director, 3D HR Legal
Cara Leavesley, Special Counsel, 3D HR Legal
Brisbane: Tim Capelin, Partner, Piper Alderman

Melbourne: John Evans, Special Counsel, Piper Alderman

Sydney: Ben Motro, Partner, Piper Alderman

10:35 Morning Tea

10:55 Post-Employment Obligations - Do they work?

• What are post-employment obligations

• How can organisations ensure they can enforce post-employment obligations

• The protection of confidential information

• Recent case examples

Perth: Renae Harg, Senior Associate, Ashurst Brisbane: Ellen Mayr, Senior Associate, Ashurst Melbourne: Simon Moore, Senior Associate, Ashurst

Sydney: Andrea Motbey, Counsel, Ashurst

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11:40 INTERACTIVE SCENARIO BASED DISCUSSION: Conducting Workplace Investigations in the Right Way: Serious Misconduct

During this session you will work through a hypothetical scenario where a conflict or allegation has been raised in the workplace. This session is designed to equip you with the essential tools to conduct thorough, impartial, and just investigations. Through interactive engagement, you'll learn step-by-step approaches to ensure accuracy, fairness, and objectivity in your investigative processes.

Perth: Kate Walawski, Barrister

Brisbane: Edmund Burke, Partner, Dentons Melbourne: Amanda Junkeer, Partner, Gadens Sydney: Bruce Heddle, Partner, Maddocks Katie Kossian, Special Counsel, Maddocks

12:25 Lunch

1:15 Addressing Developments in Workplace Flexibility and Productivity

 Managing differing expectations of employers and employees regarding working from home and flexible working arrangements

• Responding to flexible working arrangements and requests

Reasonable grounds to reject a flexibility request

• Identifying evolving HR and organisational risk exposure

Perth: Aroha Greenwood, Senior Associate, MinterEllison

Brisbane: Deanna McMaster, Partner, MinterEllison

Luke Gallant, Senior Associate, MinterEllison

Melbourne: Alishia Prpich, Special Counsel, MinterEllison Sydney: Amy Walsh, Special Counsel, MinterEllison

2:00 The Role of HR in Workplace Privacy and Security

 Updates on privacy, data protection and cyber security and understanding the Privacy Act Reforms

 What is the role of HR in ensuring data privacy and cybersecurity and why they should care about the response

 Understanding the legal risks faced in the wake of the collection of unnecessary data and excess employee surveillance

Perth: Incoming
Brisbane: Incoming
Melbourne: Incoming

Sydney: Persephone Stuckey-Clarke, Partner, Dentons

2:45 Afternoon Tea

Conference Agenda 🎉



3:05 Panel Discussion: Addressing Discrimination in the Workplace

- Discriminatory job listings and interview questions
- Making the workplace neuro-inclusive and understanding discrimination risks
- Gender equality reporting requirements
- Equal Employment Opportunity in Australia

Perth:

Jo Leigh, Associate (admitted in England, not admitted in Australia), Kingston Reid

Rochelle Airey, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth
Gemma Wheeler-Carver, Senior Associate, Kennedy Vinciullo
Patrick Williams, Senior Associate, Clayton Utz

Brisbane:

Matt Wichlinski, Senior Associate, Kingston Reid Laura Hillman, Special Counsel, Clayton Utz Melbourne:

Marcus Topp, Senior Associate, Kingston Reid Alexandra Terrill, Managing Associate, Dentons Claire Brown, Principal Solicitor, KHQ Lawyers William Marshall, Partner, Gadens

Sydney:

Emily Baxter, Partner, Kingston Reid Alexandra Abbott, Senior Associate, HWL Ebsworth Alicia Mataere, Partner, Holman Webb Lawyers Cynthia Elachi, Special Counsel, Clayton Utz

3:50 INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Roundtable discussion to work through and resolve a common, yet complex HR issue whilst increasing awareness of relevant employment laws and policies.

Possible areas of discussion:

- General protection claims
- Contract Management: When contracts go wrong
- Right to Disconnect What constitutes as 'reasonable' and 'unreasonable' contact
- Supporting Employees facing FDV
- Engaging in negotiations and documenting settlements

Perth:

James Parkinson, Partner, Kingston Reid
Kayne Vague, Senior Associate, HWL Ebsworth
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Lucy Shanahan, Partner, Kingston Reid Lily Schafer-Gardiner, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Alicia Mataere, Partner, Holman Webb Lawyers Cynthia Elachi, Special Counsel, Clayton Utz

- 4:35 Chairperson's Key Takeaways and Closing Address
- 4:45 End of Event



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Workshop A

BULLYING & SEXUAL HARASSMENT WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS

Book this workshop along with the HR Law Masterclass Conference to save!

Overview:

When faced with a bullying or sexual harassment complaint, it is usually a sign that something has gone seriously wrong, and an appropriate outcome is expected. This creates the pressure to act quickly and effectively both within and outside of the organisation. Scrutiny by the workplace, courts/tribunals and the media of the actual organisational response has never been as immediate, rigorous and complex. Organisationally, industrially and operationally, the stakes are high.

Responding to and managing bullying and sexual harassment complaints through to an investigation requires a special skill set. Too often, those required to manage such processes and outcomes are ill-equipped to do so having had no practical experience of both the emotional and technical difficulty of handling such processes.

Why Attend

This training provides participants with the ability to practically apply a hypothetical scenario (based on current case law) from start to finish, including the provision of: letters, process documents (which participants will tailor for their own organisational requirements throughout the training), and a role-play under the guidance of experienced senior lawyers to test implementation throughout the training. The focus will be upon creating a 'real-life experience' for participants so that they can apply the practical realities of this challenging set of circumstances to their own workplace should the need arise in the future.

Learning Objectives:

- ✓ Appropriately receive, respond to and manage bullying and/or sexual harassment complaints;
- ✓ Identify and implement the causes of the infringing behaviour and most effective response action for better outcomes;
- Learn and apply the most effective processes for investigating bullying and/ or sexual harassment matters:
- ✓ Create tailored investigation templates for your business to apply into the future for similar matters and/or train others in your team; and
- ✓ Develop and hone existing skills through practicing a hypothetical case study and solving common investigation issues.

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WORKSHOP A AGENDA

Registration and welcome coffee: 8:30am / Course duration: 9:00am-4:30pm

HYPOTHETICAL CASE STUDY

- Introduction to the employees in the workplace
- · Receipt of the sexual harassment and bullying complaint

INITIAL RESPONSE

- Triage issues to identify likely causes of the complaint and alternative methods of resolution;
- implement the right reasonable response action for better outcomes with reference to applicable workplace policies and procedures;
- understand the types of investigations;
- determine whether an investigation is necessary or not;
- understand the implications of applicable enterprise agreements, policies and contracts of employment;
- identify an investigator within the organisation or external;
- claim and maintain legal professional privilege

PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE INVESTIGATION

- Create a clearly defined scope letter;
- frame allegations and provide meaningful particulars;
- communicate with relevant parties;
- understand the practical application of legal terms such as standard of proof and natural justice/ procedural fairness;
- prepare an investigation plan including establishing timeframes

THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Conducting an effective investigation process

- · Gather evidence;
- decide who to interview and in what order:
- set expectations of stakeholders;
- keep accurate and confidential records;

- determine whether to use experts or not;
- protect confidentiality;
- develop investigative interview techniques and style;
- troubleshoot common investigation issues and legal risks;

FINALISING THE INVESTIGATION AND NEXT STEPS

- Review evidence including resolving issues such as 'credit worthiness' and drawing adverse inferences;
- make well-reasoned findings of fact;
- compile a report



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Workshop B

MANAGING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS IN THE WORKPLACE

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Overview:

Psychosocial risks—such as work-related stress, harassment, and poor work-life balance can significantly impact employee well-being and productivity. Through practical exercises and case studies, participants will learn how to recognise and mitigate these risks, ensure compliance with employment law regulations, and foster a supportive work environment. Attendees will leave with actionable insights and tools to promote mental health, boost morale, and reduce legal liabilities associated with psychosocial risks. This interactive workshop will provide HR professionals with essential knowledge and strategies to identify, assess, and manage psychosocial risks in the workplace. processes.

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Learning Objectives:

- ✓ Identify psychosocial risks and recognise the impact on employee wellbeing and organisational performance
- ✓ Gain knowledge of employment law regulations related to psychosocial risks and legal consequences of non-compliance
- Understand what the employer obligations are when it comes to mental health in the workplace
- ✓ Learn effective methods to assess workplace environments and identify factors that may contribute to psychosocial risks
- ✓ Develop practical strategies for responding to and managing incidents related to psychosocial risks and hone existing skills through practicing a hypothetical case study

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WORKSHOP B AGENDA

Registration and welcome coffee: 8:30am / Course duration: 9:00am-4:30pm, including networking breaks

UNDERSTANDING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS

- Definition and examples of psychosocial hazards in the workplace
- Overview of the Work Health and Safety (WHS) regulations related to psychosocial risks
- Employer obligations under Australian WHS laws
- Case studies: Impact of psychosocial risks on employee well-being and business outcomes

EMPLOYMENT LAW FRAMEWORK FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS

- Key legal provisions: WHS Act, Fair Work Act, anti-discrimination laws
- Recent legal updates and their implications for employers (e.g., Safe Work Australia's guidance on psychosocial risks)
- Employer liability: What happens when obligations are breached?

IDENTIFYING AND ASSESSING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS

- Conducting workplace risk assessments: Tools and methodologies
- Recognizing early warning signs of psychosocial hazards

MITIGATING PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS - LEGAL STRATEGIES

- Developing legally compliant policies and procedures
- Creating a workplace culture of respect and inclusion
- Addressing work design, workload, and workplace communication issues

RESPONDING TO PSYCHOSOCIAL INCIDENTS

- Legal obligations for incident response and resolution
- Supporting employees: Return-to-work plans and mental health initiatives
- How to document risk assessments, incident responses, and corrective actions

FUTUREPROOFING YOUR WORKPLACE

- Emerging trends in psychosocial risk management
- Staying updated with legislative changes
- Building a proactive strategy for ongoing compliance



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 - WORKSHOP B (Post-Conference): Managing Psychosocial Risks in the Workplace Workshop

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