

2 – 3.30pm

Stream 2A – Property and Commercial Law

2 – 2.50pm

**Recent legislation update:
Strategic land cropping**

The recently enacted *Strategic Cropping Land Act 2011* commenced operation on 30 January 2012. The Act had the potential to significantly affect and prevent development on strategic cropping land (SCL), particularly mining and coal seam gas activities. This session explores:

- developments impacted
- identifying SCL and the criteria to be satisfied
- protection and management areas
- restrictions which may be imposed on developments
- alternative means of mitigation for permanently affected land
- SCL protection conditions.

Speaker: Richard Brockett,
Senior Associate, Ashurst

2.50 – 3.30pm

**ASIC update for
commercial litigators**

This session provides current issues and updates for commercial litigators.

Speaker: Brett Bassett, Regional Commissioner
– Queensland, ASIC

Chair: Clive Scott, Solicitor,
Connolly Suthers Lawyers

Stream 2B – Family Law

2 – 2.50pm

**Contribution issues
in the division of property**

Contribution is one of four critical steps in the court process to assess percentage division of property in marriage under section 79 of the *Family Law Act 1975* and in de facto relationships under section 90SM. This session explores pivotal issues in assessing contribution and examines similarities and differences which arise in property settlement cases in the areas of:

- contribution in short marriages and de facto relationships
- contribution in long-term de facto relationships
- other contribution related issues in the division of property.

Speaker: Damien Greer, Principal,
Damien Greer Lawyers

2.50 – 3.30pm

Insights from recent cases

Speaker: Alison Ross, Special Counsel,
HopgoodGanim Lawyers and
Accredited Specialist – Family Law

Chair: Kerrie Dixon, Partner,
Roberts Nehmer McKee

3.30 – 3.50pm

Afternoon Tea

3.50 – 4.15pm

Stream 3A – Employment Law

3.50 – 4.15pm

**A closer look at current
employment trends affecting
regional practice**

2012 has been yet another busy year in employment and labour law. The QANTAS dispute and its aftermath; the review of the *Fair Work Act*; and the moves for revisions to the *Trade Union (Registered Organisations) Act* have all been headline news. This session examines the key developments in employment and labour law as relevant to regional practitioners. Topics covered include:

- QANTAS (ie strikes and bargaining) and what it means for you
- the review of the Fair Work legislation – the key issues
- the reform of trade union accountability
- ongoing issues with the drafting of workplace policies
- likely changes to the IR landscape should there be a change in federal government.

Speaker: Dr Louise Floyd, Director – Research,
James Cook University

Stream 3B – Business Law

3.50 – 5pm

**PPSA application
to SME businesses**

Presented by a member of the QLS Banking and Finance Law Committee, this session provides a summary and guidance for solicitors on *Personal Properties Securities Act* specifically is application to SME businesses, highlighting the essential provisions and fundamental changes. The topics covered include identifying transactions that will fall within the new regime, including:

- traditional securities over personal property (bills of sale, charges, liens, pledges)
- retention of title provisions in sale contracts, finance leases, hire purchase agreements, assignments of debt, certain leases and consignments

Attend this session to gain practical knowledge on what you need to do to assist your clients in navigating the reform and the opportunity to ask questions about the PPSA regime.

Speakers: Peter Mills, Director, M+K Lawyers;
Michael Anastas, Senior Associate,
Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Chair: Dr Thomas Middleton, Associate
Professor, James Cook University