



The Society of Construction Law Australia is pleased to invite you to join us for a co-hosted breakfast panel session event at Pinsent Masons, Melbourne

“Innovation and the evolving use of Expert Evidence in Construction Disputes”

on
Thursday 21 March 2024
at
7:30 am – 9.00 am AEDT

Pinsent Masons and the Society of Construction Law invite you to join us for a co-hosted breakfast panel session event in person in Melbourne.

The esteemed panellists are:

- **Professor John Sharkey AM**, independent arbitrator (domestic and international)
- **Guy Jackson**, adjudicator and expert, Partner - Overford (UK)
- **Dominique Halloran**, expert, Principal - Hinds Blunden
- **Tony Hilton**, expert, Director – CCR

with moderators:

- **Gemma Thomas** (Partner, Pinsent Masons); and
- **Nicky Whitby** (Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons)

Gemma and Nicky will invite the panellists to share their insights on:

- The “highs and lows” of the use of expert evidence in construction disputes – from current frustrations to best experiences
- Current & emerging trends
- Rapid-fire question round covering hot topics.

Registration and breakfast served from 7:30am. The panel discussion will commence at 8:00am and finish at 9:00am.

Please note this event will be in person only and will not be recorded.

The event will be hosted by **Pinsent Masons** at their Melbourne offices at the following address:

Location of Event: Pinsent Masons (Melbourne)
Level 46, 101 Collins Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Please click on the link below to register for this event.

More information on our speakers can be found on the following page.

We look forward to seeing you there

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Panellists				Moderators	
John Sharkey AM	Guy Jackson	Dominique Halloran	Tony Hilton	Gemma Thomas	Nicole Whitby
 <p>John Sharkey has practised construction law for over 40 years.</p> <p>John was a founding board member of the Society of Construction Law Australia and a founding fellow of The International Academy of Construction Lawyers. He is the State editor for Victoria and Tasmania of the journal <i>Building and Construction Law</i> and the former chair of the Law Council of Australia's Construction Law Committee.</p> <p>John Sharkey was made a member of the Order of Australia in 2006 and in 2010 was the inaugural winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by <i>Lawyers Weekly</i>. He was appointed an honorary professorial fellow of the University of Melbourne in 2015 and in 2020 was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.</p> <p>John is head of the research arm of the Construction Law program at the Law School of the University of Melbourne and practices as a commercial arbitrator both domestically and internationally.</p> <p>Recent publications that John has authored or co-authored include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Standard Forms of Contract in the Australian Construction Industry-Research Report</i>, The University of Melbourne 2014 <i>Australian Rules: A survey of the High Court of Australia on construction law 1965-2016</i>, (2017) 91 ALJ 986 <i>The Health of the Australian Construction Industry-Research Report</i>, The University of Melbourne 2020 	 <p>A founding partner of Overford, Guy Jackson is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with significant experience in the construction and engineering industry. His expertise covers professional negligence, contractual disputes, contract administration issues and costs disputes.</p> <p>He undertakes expert witness instructions in all cases relating to quantum matters in construction and is fully conversant in all forms of formal dispute resolution including mediation, adjudication and arbitration. He also has Technology and Construction Court (TCC) experience.</p> <p>Mr Jackson has regularly been appointed to provide expert quantum reports with instructions from solicitors, party direct or as a court appointed single joint expert.</p> <p>Guy is a Fellow of the RICS and a Fellow of the CI Arb. He holds a BSc in Construction Commercial Management as well as an MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution and a Graduate Diploma in Law. Guy's background is in the UK contracting industry having worked as a Commercial and Legal Manager for large building companies and developers. Guy has also worked in the consultancy sector for over 10 years. Guy is an experienced Party Representative, RICS Panel Adjudicator, CEDR Accredited Mediator, and an RICS Registered Expert Witness.</p>	 <p>Dominique is an engineer with over 20 years of experience in the delivery of infrastructure projects in Australia and overseas, from project planning to handover. She has held roles in engineering and project delivery for both government and private organisations.</p> <p>Since commencing with Hinds Blunden in 2012, Dominique has provided expert evidence, advice and expert reports in relation to delay, delay costs and disputed variations for a variety of projects for the purposes of arbitration and litigation.</p> <p>Dominique has also provided advice to clients in either preparing, or responding to, claims for time and cost. Her experience lies with Project management and design management of a range of projects, preparation of expert reports in relation to delay, disruption and costing, preparation of claims for time and cost, appeared as expert for mediation and arbitration, project program review and status updates, analysis of claims in relation to delay, disruption and cost including the preparation of advice and responsive reports.</p> <p>Dominique's experience includes water and wastewater infrastructure, wharves and jetties, road and rail, prisons, retail and high rise, oil and gas and pipelines.</p>	 <p>Tony is an RICS Quantity Surveyor by background and has attained a detailed knowledge of all aspects of commercial management and contractual matters relating to the built environment.</p> <p>Tony has been employed by government bodies, private practice consultants and main contractors within Australia, the UK and Hong Kong. Tony is a director of CCR in Australia and Plus 3 who are based in Malaysia and Hong Kong – operating in South East Asia.</p> <p>Early in Tony's career he gained a Master's degree in Information Technology (IT) and this has led to his business' (CCR and Plus 3) being very proactive in the use of emerging technologies.</p> <p>Aside from the adoption of technology in his consultancy businesses Tony also has over 35 years of experience in the Construction or related industries and these areas of expertise have gradually extended from the traditional pre and post contract administrative duties expected of a Quantity Surveyor, to the more contentious aspects of adjudication, arbitration and litigation. Tony regularly provides Quantum Expert reports in Construction and Engineering related matters.</p>	 <p>Gemma assists her clients to navigate difficult issues that arise during the delivery and final account stages of infrastructure and energy projects, including PPPs. Gemma believes in formulating a case strategy early on in a potential dispute and is regularly called upon to prepare claim concepts and define commercial strategies during project delivery in order to put her clients in the best possible position.</p> <p>If a formal dispute does arise, Gemma has extensive experience including on large-scale complex litigations and arbitrations, both international (including ICC and LCIA) and domestic (including ACICA and the Resolution Institute).</p> <p>Gemma is especially valued by her clients for her thoughtful strategic judgement, pragmatism, collegiate attitude and ability to manage multiple work fronts seamlessly and efficiently.</p> <p>In 2023, Gemma was recognised by Doyles Guide in the category of 'Leading Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Lawyer – Victoria'. She was also recognised by Doyles Guide as a 'Construction & Infrastructure Rising Star' in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Tony regularly provides Quantum Expert reports in Construction and Engineering related matters.</p>	 <p>Nicole is a construction litigation lawyer who advises contractors and principals on project delivery and dispute resolution in the infrastructure and energy sectors.</p> <p>She has a focus on complex and high value construction disputes arising out of major projects. Nicole has experience in all forms of dispute resolution and avoidance including dispute resolution boards, litigation, arbitration and mediation.</p> <p>She has been recognised for her ability to manage large multi-disciplinary teams on complex disputes, including day-to-day management of large solicitor teams and working closely with counsel, experts and the client.</p>

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