



2026 SMALL PRACTICE CONFERENCE

25 - 27 MARCH

HENRY JONES ART HOTEL

PROGRAM



DIAMOND NATIONAL PARTNERS



PLATINUM NATIONAL PARTNERS



DAY 1 PROGRAM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

CPE - UP TO 11.5 HOURS

Timings shown are Australian eastern daylight Time (AEDT)

8.45 am Registration & Check-in

9.15 am Conference welcome & ARITA update

- **Mike Hayes RITF**, ARITA President & Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law
- **John Melluish RITF**, CEO, ARITA

9.45 am Keynote address: IPs and family law followed by a moderated discussion

- **His Honour Judge Peter Fary**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)
- **Melissa Jeremiah RITP**, ARITA Board Member & Special Counsel, Maddocks

10.25 am Morning tea

10.45 am Leading the way: Strategies for being a firm where people love to work and want to stay

- **Amanda Jones**, Director & Founder, Leadership Shapers

11.30 am In the matter ofNoteworthy cases

- **Delano Leen RITP**, Barrister, Bar Chambers
- **Ariel Borland RITP**, Partner, Mills Oakley
Moderated by **Dr Lézelle Jacobs RITP**, Legal & Academic Director, ARITA

12.10 pm The Adgemis PIA Collapse: Lessons for controlling Trustees and the profession

- **Scott Pascoe RITF**, Partner, WLP Restructuring
- **Ben Ho RITP**, Partner, WLP Restructuring

12.50 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Burnout: What it is and how to prevent and manage it

- **Dr Amy Imms**, The Burnout Project

2.30 pm Three years of SBR

- **Chris Cook RITF**, Principal, Worrells

3.10 pm Afternoon tea

3.30 pm Risk, records, reporting: AML/CTF Tranche 2 essentials for insolvency

- **Kim Arnold RITF**, Professional Practice & Policy Director, ARITA

4.10 pm Insights from careers in and post-insolvency

- **Paul Cook RITF**, ARITA Life Member & Past President
- **Robyn Erskine RITF**, ARITA Life Member & Past President
In conversation with **Kiara Calvert RITP**, Director, Hamilton Calvert Advisory

4.50 pm Day 1 close (Dinner commences at 6.00pm)

- **Neil McLean RITP**, Chair ARITA Small-Medium Practice Committee, ARITA Board Member & Director, Rodgers Reidy

DAY 2 PROGRAM

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

CPE - UP TO 11.5 HOURS

Timings shown are Australian eastern daylight Time (AEDT)

9.00 am **Check-in**

9.15 am **Welcome to day 2**

- **Anthony Elkerton RITF**, Deputy Chair, ARITA Small-Medium Practice Committee & Managing Principal, DW Advisory

9.20 am **Unlocking AI value across your firm's digital journey**

Introducing practical and impactful Microsoft AI tools for all maturity levels

- **Kim Brian**, Microsoft FastTrack Solution Architect for Low Code and AI & Regional Practice Lead, Velrada

10.05 am **Session 3: AI—Making it work for your practice**

- **Chad Rapsey RITF**, Partner, Rapsey Griffiths
- **Chris Moody**, Senior Manager, Heard Phillips Lieberenz

10.45 am **Morning tea**

11.05 am **Phoenix Program update: ATO briefing & practitioner Q&A**

- **Jarred Needham**, Assistant Commissioner, Phoenix Program, ATO
- **Bruce Gleeson RITF**, ARITA Vice President & Partner, Jones Partners

11.50 am **Back from the brink: Lessons from terminated administrations & solvent liquidations**

- **Henry McKenna RITP**, Director, Vincents
- **Alister Yee RITP**, Associate Director, Vincents

12.20 pm **Part X arrangements, s73 compositions & bankruptcy annulments: What the data shows**

- **Liam Bailey RITP**, Managing Partner, O'Brien Palmer

12.50 pm **Lunch**

1.35 pm **Prize draw winners announced**

1.40 pm **Trustee v Liquidator: When the bankruptcy estate owns the company**

- **Renée Di Carlo RITP**, Director, Rodgers Reidy

2.20 pm **The blueprint for a secure workplace: Building a strong security culture from the ground up**

- **Gergana Winzer**, Partner, Cyber Security, KPMG

3.05 pm **Practitioner perspectives: Emerging issues**

- **Anthony Elkerton RITF**, Deputy Chair, ARITA Small-Medium Practice Committee & Managing Principal, DW Advisory

3.55 pm **Conference close**

- **Mike Hayes RITF**, ARITA President & Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law

4.00 pm **Afternoon tea & Networking**