



# 2026 SMALL PRACTICE CONFERENCE

25 - 27 MARCH

HENRY JONES ART HOTEL

## PROGRAM



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# DAY 1 PROGRAM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

CPE - UP TO 11.5 HOURS

Timings shown are Australian eastern daylight Time (AEDT)

8.45 am	<b>Registration &amp; Check-in</b>	
9.15 am	<b>Conference welcome &amp; ARITA update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mike Hayes RITF</b>, ARITA President &amp; Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law</li><li>• <b>John Melliush RITF</b>, CEO, ARITA</li></ul>
9.45 am	<b>Keynote address:</b> IPs and family law followed by a moderated discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>His Honour Judge Peter Fary</b>, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)</li><li>• <b>Melissa Jeremiah RITP</b>, ARITA Board Member &amp; Special Counsel, Maddocks</li></ul>
10.25 am	<b>Morning tea</b>	
10.45 am	<b>Leading the way:</b> Strategies for being a firm where people love to work and want to stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Amanda Jones</b>, Director &amp; Founder, Leadership Shapers</li></ul>
11.30 am	<b>In the matter of ....</b> Noteworthy cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Delano Leen RITP</b>, Barrister, Bar Chambers</li><li>• <b>Ariel Borland RITP</b>, Partner, Mills Oakley</li></ul> Moderated by <b>Dr Lézelle Jacobs RITP</b> , Legal & Academic Director, ARITA
12.10 pm	<b>The Adgemis PIA Collapse:</b> Lessons for controlling Trustees and the profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Scott Pascoe RITF</b>, Partner, WLP Restructuring</li><li>• <b>Ben Ho RITP</b>, Partner, WLP Restructuring</li></ul>
12.50 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.30 pm	<b>Burnout:</b> What it is and how to prevent and manage it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Amy Imms</b>, The Burnout Project</li></ul>
2.30 pm	<b>Three years of SBR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Chris Cook RITF</b>, Principal, Worrells</li></ul>
3.10 pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3.30 pm	<b>Risk, records, reporting:</b> AML/CTF Tranche 2 essentials for insolvency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kim Arnold RITF</b>, Professional Practice &amp; Policy Director, ARITA</li></ul>
4.10 pm	<b>Insights from careers in and post-insolvency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paul Cook RITF</b>, ARITA Life Member &amp; Past President</li><li>• <b>Robyn Erskine RITF</b>, ARITA Life Member &amp; Past President</li></ul> In conversation with <b>Kiara Calvert RITP</b> , Director, Hamilton Calvert Advisory
4.50 pm	<b>Day 1 close</b> (Dinner commences at 6.00pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Neil McLean RITP</b>, Chair ARITA Small-Medium Practice Committee, ARITA Board Member &amp; Director, Rodgers Reidy</li></ul>

# DAY 2 PROGRAM

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

CPE - UP TO 11.5 HOURS

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9.00 am	<b>Check-in</b>	
9.15 am	<b>Welcome to day 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Anthony Elkerton RITF</b>, Deputy Chair, ARITA Small-Medium Practice Committee &amp; Managing Principal, DW Advisory</li></ul>
9.20 am	<b>Unlocking AI value across your firm's digital journey</b> Introducing practical and impactful Microsoft AI tools for all maturity levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kim Brian</b>, Microsoft FastTrack Solution Architect for Low Code and AI &amp; Regional Practice Lead, Velrada</li></ul>
10.05 am	<b>Session 3: AI—Making it work for your practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Chad Rapsey RITF</b>, Partner, Rapsey Griffiths</li><li>• <b>Chris Moody</b>, Senior Manager, Heard Phillips Lieberenz</li></ul>
10.45 am	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11.05 am	<b>Phoenix Program update:</b> ATO briefing & practitioner Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jarred Needham</b>, Assistant Commissioner, Phoenix Program, ATO</li><li>• <b>Bruce Gleeson RITF</b>, ARITA Vice President &amp; Partner, Jones Partners</li></ul>
11.50 am	<b>Back from the brink:</b> Lessons from terminated administrations & solvent liquidations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Henry McKenna RITP</b>, Director, Vincents</li><li>• <b>Alister Yee RITP</b>, Associate Director, Vincents</li></ul>
12.20 pm	<b>Part X arrangements, s73 compositions &amp; bankruptcy annulments:</b> What the data shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Liam Bailey RITP</b>, Managing Partner, O'Brien Palmer</li></ul>
12.50 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.35 pm	<b>Prize draw winners announced</b>	
1.40 pm	<b>Trustee v Liquidator:</b> When the bankruptcy estate owns the company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Renée Di Carlo RITP</b>, Director, Rodgers Reidy</li></ul>
2.20 pm	<b>The blueprint for a secure workplace:</b> Building a strong security culture from the ground up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gergana Winzer</b>, Partner, Cyber Security, KPMG</li></ul>
3.05 pm	<b>Practitioner perspectives:</b> Emerging issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Anthony Elkerton RITF</b>, Deputy Chair, ARITA Small-Medium Practice Committee &amp; Managing Principal, DW Advisory</li></ul>
3.55 pm	<b>Conference close</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mike Hayes RITF</b>, ARITA President &amp; Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law</li></ul>
4.00 pm	<b>Afternoon tea &amp; Networking</b>	