



CPPAQ Practice Paper Series

Limits of Report Writing – it is ok for the expert to say no –

Tuesday 31 March 2015

Registration: 5pm, presentation commences 5.30pm
Venue: Grant Thornton offices, Level 18, 145 Ann Street, Brisbane
Drinks & Networking to follow

Panel:

Margie Kruger, Partner Ryan Kruger Lawyers. Margie is a family lawyer and an appointed member of the Queensland Child Death Case Review Panel. Margie is also an appointed member of the Independent Children's Lawyer Panel and the Separate Representatives Panel.

Nigel Miller, Principal Lawyer, Children & Young People Team, Legal Aid Queensland. Nigel is an appointed member of the Independent Children's Lawyer Panel and the Separate Representatives Panel. Nigel is a Churchill Fellow.

Dr Josephine Sundin, Consultant Psychiatrist. Dr Sundin is a Fellow of Forensic Psychiatry RANZCP. In addition to her private practice, Dr Sundin has a number of government appointments including Psychiatrist Assisting the Mental Health Court. Dr Sundin is President of the Medico-Legal Society of Queensland.

Dr Jacoba Brasch QC. Dr Brasch was admitted to the Bar in 2000 and her practice includes family law and mental health law. Dr Brasch often appears in the State and Federal Courts and the Full Court of the Family Court of Australia. Dr Brasch has also appeared in the High Court of Australia. Dr Brasch completed an LLM at New York University as a Fulbright Scholar and NYU Graduate Merit Scholar.

His Honour Judge Laphorn of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. Judge Laphorn was appointed to the bench in 2005. His Honour has worked both as in-house counsel for the Crown Law Office and Legal Aid and at the private Bar practising primarily in family law and child protection law.

The panel will discuss and explore:

- obtaining an expert opinion that will assist the court in its forensic endeavour to determine what is in the best interests of children;
- what expertise is, the concept of specialised knowledge, the limits of expert evidence and when expert's opinions and recommendations offend the rules of evidence;
- when it is necessary to engage an expert and what type of expert, the questions to direct to experts and briefing experts;
- your relationship with an expert and communicating with them;
- what experts find to be helpful instructions and the parameters of the role of an expert; and
- the importance of the decision maker who has the benefit of the entire body of evidence.