

Family Law Reform

Panel discussion and CPD event

Victorian Women Lawyers' Law Reform Committee is delighted to invite you to a panel event to discuss the proposed amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth). This event will provide attendees with the opportunity to discuss the impact of the proposed amendments on both women lawyers and women experiencing a relationship breakdown. Please join us for an evening of lively discussion on this very important topic.

DATE: Wednesday, 13 November 2019

LOCATION: KHQ Lawyers, Level 4/600 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

TIME:

5:30pm: Registrations and refreshments

6:00pm: Panel discussion commences

8.00 pm: Event concludes

COST: This is a free event

REGISTER: <https://vwl.asn.au/events-3/>

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This event contains content that may meet the CPD needs of lawyers. If this session does meet your CPD needs according to the Uniform CPD (Solicitors) Rules 2015, you may claim 1 CPD unit for each hour of attendance (breaks not included).

DR KATE JACKOWSKI

Dr Kate Jackowski is a Psychologist with a strong background in Forensic Psychology and criminology.

Kate has worked in a diverse range of areas, including as a Family Consultant at the Melbourne Registry, as well as with Victoria Police, the Royal Children's Hospital, the Department of Justice and Community Safety, and the Coroner's Court of Victoria. More recently, she has continued her work in the family law arena and expanded her practice to include other risk-based psychological assessments with Vincent Papaleo & Associates.

Kate has expertise in the areas of risk assessment of sexual offending, mental health and childhood trauma. She has produced forensic reports for the Family and Criminal Courts and has given extensive written and oral evidence.



DR RACHEL CARSON

Dr Rachel Carson is a socio-legal researcher with expertise in family law and qualitative research about family law disputes. After practising as a family lawyer, Rachel worked as a researcher in family law at the Melbourne Law School and was awarded a Melbourne Research Scholarship to undertake her PhD in this field of research at the University of Melbourne.

Since joining the Family Law and Family Violence team at the Australian Institute of Family Studies in June 2012, Rachel has worked on a range of projects, including the Independent Children's Lawyer Study and the Evaluation of the 2012 Family Violence Amendments Project.

Rachel was the lead researcher on the recently completed Children and Young People in Separated Families: Family Law System Experiences and Needs project.



MONICA BIZZARD

Monica Blizzard, Director at KHQ Lawyers is an Accredited Family Law Specialist with the Law Institute of Victoria, a trained mediator and collaborative lawyer, and has 20 years experience working in family law. Monica has a passion for complex financial and property cases, and complicated parenting matters, including international relocation matters and child abduction.

As a practitioner, Monica has great empathy for her clients and is determined to achieve the best outcomes, tailored to their specific needs.

Monica also has expertise in surrogacy matters, having presented at three national conferences for Surrogacy Australia and Families Thru Surrogacy in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

