

# Workshop Information



## **Workshop A:**

### **Introduction to International Family Law – Trends and Traps**

*Speakers: Tim Amos KC, Lisette Dupre & Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres*

How has Brexit impacted how we run divorce and finances cases as between England and Wales and the remaining 27 EU Member states. We will look at jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of divorce and financial orders. We will consider the role of forum non-conveniens, how this works in practice, and the risk of parallel proceedings. [We will look at the role of Part III cases and recent reported cases. Finally, we will look at what are Matrimonial Property Regimes and why they are different to nuptial agreements, together with tips on drafting nuptial agreements for an international couple].

## **Workshop B:**

### **It's not what you said, it's how you looked when you said it**

*Speaker: Bill Hewlett*

We humans are deeply relational creatures who seek to assess how safely connected we are by unconsciously reading and interpreting the demeanour of significant others. If either person in a relationship is unconscious as to what meaning being is made of their tone of voice and body language, then conflict will follow. Ironically, the more communication that occurs, in the form of arguments, the greater the likelihood of misread demeanour. Workshop attendees will learn how to help their clients to become aware of the unconscious role their demeanour has played in their relationships, thereby allowing the repair process to begin.

## **Workshop C:**

### **Have we got our listening ears on? The voice of a child, a panel discussion**

*Speaker: Maggie Buckley, Laura Clapton & Imogen Nicholson*

One of the most difficult things for separated parents to navigate is whether to bring their child's voice into their decision making and if they do how to facilitate that voice being heard. As family law professionals, it is important that we can help parents to understand the range of services available to them and to signpost them to the right expert to undertake work with their child. Our panel are made up of family justice professionals who are experienced in speaking to children. Do you know in what situation you would refer to one over the other? Through an interactive session we intend to explore the different services each of our experts offers and when it might be appropriate to refer a child to them for their voice to be heard.

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## Workshop D

### **Building a successful NCDR team: a discussion on the benefits of early NCDR training**

*Speaker: Polly Dallyn, Daniel Davis, Sarah Manning, Robert Williams*

Changes to the FPR have made it more important than ever for family practitioners to understand and encourage clients to consider the various out of court dispute resolution options. So why is it so often that the first things junior lawyers are asked to do is attend court hearings or assist on litigated matters as part of their training and thought of last when participating in OADR? In this workshop, we will discuss the benefits of building your team from their early years of qualification with the confidence to practice in and recommend a variety of OADR options and the benefits to your firm in including junior lawyers in this process.

## Workshop E:

### **Wellbeing & Vulnerability – ADHD / Neurodiversity & Peri/Menopause**

*Speakers: Ravi Kaur Mahey & Farhana Shahzady*

The talk will focus on the intersection of menopause and neurodivergent conditions. Since the Davina revolution there has been a better understanding and acknowledgement of the physiological and psychological changes menopause causes for women although the family law profession has been generally resistant to acknowledging how it may impact their clients and whether there needs to be a review of process and case strategy. Whilst research on neurodivergence remains in its infancy, especially when it comes to women, what has emerged in the last few years is that there is a complex interplay between hormonal changes during menopause and neurodivergent conditions. Scientific research suggests that menopause can act as a catalyst, unveiling or intensifying neurodivergent traits. The workshop will consider the impact of this within the workplace and for clients, especially in the context of relationship breakdown and financial remedy implications.