

**2019 CPD SEMINAR SERIES**

All sessions will be held WorkSafe, 1 Malop Street Geelong ('Town Hall' Room 2.06 & 2.07)

Date  
**Friday, 29 March 2019**

Time  
**12.30pm - 2.00pm**

**Negotiation and Mediation tips**

As a solicitor in Geelong for more than 20 years, Allana Goldsworthy worked extensively in the Family Law field. She was a partner in the firm, Hodges Hall. She represented people in many areas of law including adoption, surrogacy, debt collection, litigation, administrative and planning law, and crimes compensation.

Since coming to the Victorian Bar in 2001, Allana has concentrated on Family law. She has a particular interest in children's matters, but accepts work in all facets of family law. Allana concentrates on providing strong representation for the client, whilst also assisting them to resolve their matter in accordance with the goal of early resolution.

Allana qualified as a mediator in 1994 and has conducted many mediations. She has acted as mediator in family law, de facto matters and court referred matters. She instigated the formation of the Barwon Family Law Mediation Group in 1995 as a referral source for mediation in Geelong.

Allana has had extensive involvement with community organisations and continues her involvement with several groups in a voluntary capacity. She served as a Regional Councillor with the City of Greater Geelong immediately before coming to the Bar. Allana accepts work for the Geelong and Ballarat circuits as well as in the Melbourne Metropolitan region.

Pat Karnis was admitted to practice in August 2009 and signed the Bar Roll in November 2010. Prior to that she was a business owner for 15 years. In September 2009 she took up a position as a solicitor with a boutique family law firm.

She worked as a family lawyer in all aspects of family law, including matters affecting the welfare of children and the rights and responsibilities of parents. She has experience in handling a wide range of property & financial matters, children's issues, divorce, intervention orders, family violence and mediation. As part of her practice Pat has participated in mediation and conciliation and has established a reputation for assisting clients to reach agreement in highly conflictual circumstances and for sound strategic advice.

Pat has experience in family law advocacy having appeared in property & children's matters, recovery proceedings, relocation proceedings, divorce proceedings, appeals and is a nationally accredited mediator. She has had an ongoing association with Deakin University for a number of years and currently consults there as a law tutor and lecturer.

She has been a regular volunteer at the Barwon Community Legal Centre. You will hear Pat on Radio 93.9 Bay FM from time to time discussing family law. It is available for court appearance work, paperwork and to appear as a mediator in all matters.

**Presenters**

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**CPD points**

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