

Lecture series a must for modern advocates

Queensland Chief Justice Catherine Holmes will launch the Modern Advocate Lecture Series this month, with an address on the implications for advocates' immunity following the decision in *Attwells v Jackson Lalic Lawyers Pty Limited* [2016] HCA 16.

This is an issue of importance for all involved in court work, especially junior lawyers who will need to work through the implications of this controversial concept.

The new lecture series is an initiative of Queensland Law Society deputy president Christine Smyth. It is presented by the QLS Ethics Centre with the intention of providing professional development and networking opportunities for junior members of the Bar and early career solicitors, and fostering the collegiality essential to building sustainable briefing networks.

The Society is confident that rebuilding legal professional culture, much diminished by rapid technological advances and the changing legal landscape, will go a long way towards



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addressing the inequities in briefing that limit the careers of female barristers.

The series provides an opportunity for attendees to build the professional friendships that will sustain their careers for many years, and create a peer network that will support them both in their careers and personally.

The inaugural lecture will be from 6-7.30pm on Tuesday 25 October at Law Society House. It will include a Q&A session and be followed by networking drinks. The complimentary event attracts 0.5 CPD points in Practical Legal Ethics.

Register your interest in attending the Modern Advocate Lecture Series at qls.com.au/mals. The second lecture in this series is currently scheduled for February 2017.

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