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Multifaceted multiculturalism

“We are one, but we are many”

Welcome

from Matt Floro

National President
Asian Australian Lawyers Association



Dear AALA members and friends

Welcome to the AALA National Cultural Diversity Summit 2024!

The theme of this year's Summit is "Multifaceted multiculturalism - We are one, but we are many".

Whether you join us online or at one of our in-person hubs in Canberra, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney, generously hosted by our Platinum Sponsor Ashurst, it's bound to be an unforgettable event.

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Congratulations to our 2024 Summit Directors, Kelvin Ng and Molina Asthana, on organising a wonderful event.

See you at the Summit!

Best wishes
Matt Floro

Agenda

CPD points are available for each session:


-  Practice management and business skills
-  Ethics and professional responsibility

Friday, 8 November 2024

Time	Session	Speakers
11:30 am - 12:00 pm AEDT 11:00-11:30 am ACDT 10:30-11:00 am AEST 10:00-10:30 am ACST 8:30-9:00 am AWST	Lunch (ACT, NSW and VIC) Breakfast (WA)	N/A
12-12:30 pm AEDT 11:30 am - 12:00 pm ACDT 11:00-11:30 am AEST 10:30-11:00 am ACST 9:00-9:30 am AWST	Opening (including keynote address) - sponsored by Ashurst	Matt Floro (National President) The Hon Diana Bryant AO KC (National Patron, formerly of the Family Court of Australia) The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP (Attorney-General of Australia) (keynote) Edmond Park (Ashurst)
12:30-1:35 pm AEDT 12:00-1:05 pm ACDT 11:30 am - 12:35 pm AEST 11:00 am - 12:05 pm ACST 9:30-10:35 am AWST (includes 5 minute break at end)	Session 1 Breaking down barriers - sponsored by Clayton Utz  0.5 points  0.5 points	Belinda Wong (moderator) Dharshi Harindra (Peerpoint) Jerome Martin (Clayton Utz) Malcolm Wood (Gilchrist Connell) Mei Gong (Johnson Winter Slattery)
1:35-2:40 pm AEDT 1:05-2:10 pm ACDT 12:35-1:40 pm AEST 12:05-1:10 pm ACST 10:35-11:40 am AWST (includes 5 minute break at end, with afternoon tea being served in the ACT, NSW and VIC, and lunch being served in WA)	Session 2 Building bridges - sponsored by Corrs Chambers Westgarth  1 point	Molina Asthana (moderator) Andrew Barker (CEDA) Arvind Dixit (Corrs Chambers Westgarth) Fonda Gazis (Leo Cussen Centre for Law)

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Time	Session	Speakers
2:40-3:45 pm AEDT 2:10-3:15 pm ACDT 1:40-2:45 pm AEST 1:10-2:15 pm ACST 11:40 am - 12:45 pm AWST (includes 5 minute break at end)	Session 3 An intersectional approach to anti-racism - sponsored by the Victorian Bar  1 point	Yvonne Lam (moderator) Nu Nu Win (ANU, Australian Department of Treasury) Premala Thiagarajan SC (Victorian Bar) Rachel Law (Australian Human Rights Commission) Sarah Ibrahim (Racial Justice Centre)
3:45-4:50 pm AEDT 3:15-4:20 pm ACDT 2:45-3:50 pm AEST 2:15-3:20 pm ACST 12:45-1:50 pm AWST (includes 5 minute break at end)	Session 4 Access to justice in a superdiverse society - sponsored by Hall & Wilcox  1 point	Lyma Nguyen (moderator) Kate Eastman AM SC (NSW Bar) Mimi Zou (UNSW) Nathan Kennedy (Hall & Wilcox) Sonia Sawant (Victoria Legal Aid)
4:50-5:20 pm AEDT 4:20-4:50 pm ACDT 3:50-4:20 pm AEST 3:20-3:50 pm ACST 1:50-2:20 pm AWST (in ACT, drinks from 4:30 pm AEDT)	Closing - sponsored by Maddocks	Kelvin Ng (National Executive Committee member) Andrew Wright (Maddocks) The Hon Justice Emilios Kyrou AO (of the Federal Court of Australia, President of the Administrative Review Tribunal)
5:20-6:00 pm AEDT 4:50-5:30 pm ACDT 4:20-5:00 pm AEST 3:50-4:30 pm ACST 2:20-3:00 pm AWST (in ACT, networking will end at 5:30 pm AEDT)	Networking drinks (ACT, NSW & VIC) Afternoon tea (WA)	N/A

Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address



The Hon Diana Bryant AO KC

AALA NATIONAL PATRON
FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FAMILY
COURT OF AUSTRALIA



The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP

ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA



Edmond Park

PARTNER, ASHURST

Session 1

Breaking down barriers



Dharshi Harindra

LEGAL CONSULTANT, PEERPOINT



Jerome Martin

PARTNER, CLAYTON UTZ



Malcolm Wood

PRINCIPAL, GILCHRIST CONNELL



Mei Gong

SENIOR ASSOCIATE, JOHNSON WINTER
SLATTERY

Session 2

Building bridges



Andrew Barker

HEAD OF RESEARCH, THE COMMITTEE FOR
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Arvind Dixit

PARTNER, CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH



Fonda Gazis

HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUPPORT,
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Session 3

An intersectional approach to anti-racism



Nu Nu Win

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Session 4

Access to justice in a superdiverse society



Kate Eastman AM SC

BARRISTER, NSW BAR



Mimi Zou

HEAD OF SCHOOL, UNSW LAW & JUSTICE
SCHOOL OF PRIVATE & COMMERCIAL LAW



Nathan Kennedy

PARTNER AND HEAD OF PRO BONO &
COMMUNITY, HALL & WILCOX



Sonia Sawant

MANAGING LAWYER, VICTORIA LEGAL AID



Closing ceremony



Andrew Wright

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The Hon Justice Emilios Kyrrou AO

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