

# In-House Counsel Conference 2021

*Brisbane*

*Wednesday, 17 March 2021*

*9.00am to 5.15pm*

## CLE/CPD ACCREDITATION

If this particular educational activity is relevant to your immediate or long-term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law, then you are eligible to claim one (1) 'unit' per hour of attendance, refreshment breaks not included.

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# Program

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Hilton, 190 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

- 9.00am **Opening Comments by the Chair**  
Daniel Gosewisch, EGM Legal and Regulatory Services, Racing Queensland
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- 9.00am to 9.55am **Work Health and Safety Update for In-house Counsel**  
Deanna McMaster, Partner, MinterEllison
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- 9.55am to 10.50am **Defamation Law Reforms: Australia to Grow a 'Thicker Skin' for the Digital Age**  
Edmund Burke, Partner, Holding Redlich
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- 10.50am to 11.05am **Morning Tea Break**
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- 11.05am to 11.55am **Directors and Officers Fiduciary and Best Interest Duties: Navigating a Legal Minefield**  
Dr David Millhouse, Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of Law, Bond University
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- 11.55am to 1.15pm **Technology Update: Legal & Practical Risks for In-House Counsel**  
**- Blockchain, Smart Contracts, & What In-House Counsel Need to Know Right Now**  
**- Biometric Technology in the Workplace : New Cases & Privacy Issues Regarding Fingerprints, Eye Scanners and Face & Voice Authentication**  
Dr Adrian McCullagh, ODMOB Lawyers
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- 1.15pm **Final Q&A and Closing Comments by the Chair**  
Daniel Gosewisch, EGM Legal and Regulatory Services, Racing Queensland
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- 1.15 pm to 2.00pm **Networking Lunch**
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# Profiles

## **Daniel Gosewisch, EGM Legal and Regulatory Services, Racing Queensland**

Daniel Gosewisch has spent 20 years in in-house legal practice, and has worked across the government, resources, retail, and general corporate sectors. He holds degrees in Law and Environmental Science from Griffith University, a Master of Laws from Queensland University of Technology, and is also an experienced Company Secretary with formal corporate governance qualifications. He joined Racing Queensland as Executive General Manager, Legal & Regulatory Services in July 2020 and also acts as Board Secretary. Racing Queensland is the Principal Racing Authority for thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing in Queensland. Daniel advises on arrangements with wagering operators, broadcasters, racing clubs and contractors, as well as assisting Racing Queensland to fulfil its regulatory functions for the racing industry. From 2015 to June 2020 Daniel was General Counsel of Minor DKL Food Group, the parent company for retail coffee brands with 450 stores worldwide. His prior also include Director, Legal Transactions with Queensland Treasury Corporation, providing advice on government financing, and Vice President, Legal and Company Secretary for Arrow Energy. Daniel has significant experience in advising on long term contracts, mergers & acquisitions, and corporate disputes. He also has a wealth of experience managing a legal function serving multi-site operations and advising across a wide range of legal topics.

## **Deanna McMaster, Partner, MinterEllison**

Deanna McMaster is a Special Counsel in Minter Ellison's Human Resources and Industrial relations division with a particular expertise in health and safety, industrial relations, corporate transactions and general employment. Deanna has worked with a number of clients in what can be the stressful aftermath of a crisis to ensure that the interests of both the company and individuals are protected.

## **Edmund Burke, Partner, Holding Redlich**

Edmund Burke is a partner in the firm's Workplace Relations & Safety group. Edmund holds a UK Bachelor of Laws degree from Queens University Belfast and was admitted to as a legal practitioner in Australia in January 2013. Edmund specialises in providing advice in relation to employee management and entitlements with expertise covering industrial relations, employee entitlements and award coverage, with particular specialty in the areas of workers' health and safety legislation, professional regulation and disciplinary structures, discrimination, managing discipline and dismissal and assessing workplace health and safety compliance. Edmund also specialises in conducting workplace investigations and has experience in criminal defence and defamation matters. Edmund has presented at national and international conferences on employment law and defamation law. He has an eclectic career background having worked as a journalist and writer for national publications in Ireland, the UK and Australia. Before joining private practice Edmund worked as the Director of Communications for Queensland Premier Anna Bligh with managerial responsibility for over one hundred communications professionals, providing advice directly to the Premier and Ministers on a daily basis.

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## **Stephen Hughes, Principal Lawyer, Franklin Athanasellis Cullen Lawyers**

Stephen Hughes is a workplace relations lawyer with over 20 years' experience acting for a wide variety of organisations in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors across Australia as well as internationally. Providing high level strategic and operational advice to clients, Stephen's practice has a substantial litigation focus advising on industrial relations issues, dispute resolution in the courts and Fair Work Commission, work health and safety legislation, workers' compensation insurance exposures, discrimination and bullying/harassment, Directors and Officers and Employment Practices Liability insurance, post-employment restraints and confidentiality issues. Stephen is regularly invited to speak and chair at numerous specialist conferences on work health and safety, employment law, discrimination, bullying, harassment, social media and employment law. Since 1993, Stephen has been the Honorary Solicitor and an ex officio Board Member for the Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors Inc. Stephen has also been the Honorary Solicitor, Board Member and Ambassador for Volunteering Gold Coast for the last six years, providing strategic advice and assistance on the legal positioning of one of Australia's largest not for profit volunteer organisations.

## **Kiri Parr, Director, Kiri Parr Pty Ltd**

Kiri Parr is passionate about improving outcomes in the construction industry and has established her own consultancy practice to work with clients, industry and its participants to do just that. Kiri is a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne law school lecturing in the master's course 'Major Projects & the Legal Interfaces' and is actively involved in the Queensland Law Society Ethics Committee and the FIDIC Contracts Committee. Prior to establishing her own company, Kiri spent more than 20 years as a construction lawyer, initially in private practice and followed by 15 years as the Regional General Counsel for Arup, a large international professional consulting company. During this time, Kiri was involved in numerous large projects in the region including Airport Link, Gold Coast Light Rail and Marina Bay Sands. Kiri was on the board of Consult Australia, the industry body for consultants in the built environment for 6 years and was President from 2017 to 2019. From 2015 to 2019 Kiri has been included in Doyle's Leading In-House Construction Lawyers in Australia.

## **Patrick Sefton, Principal, Brightline Lawyers**

Patrick Sefton is the principal of Brightline Lawyers: a specialist law firm which advises government and the private sector in the areas of technology and IP. Before founding Brightline, Patrick was a partner in the TMT group at a national firm. Prior to his legal career, Patrick developed expert systems software for a Canberra-based startup later acquired by Oracle. Patrick received his law degree (first class honours) at ANU where his thesis was on liability associated with AIs.