



**Community Legal  
Centres (SA)**

# CLCSA (CPD) BIG DAY OUT

8 November 2024 | 9:00AM - 4:30PM  
Level 3 UCITY 43 Franklin St

EXCLUSIVE FREE EVENT FOR CLCSA STAFF and INVITED GUESTS ONLY

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# PROGRAM

8:30

Registrations Open

9:00

Welcome

## Session (A) Trauma-Informed Care and Prevention of Vicarious Trauma

Anisa Varasteh Director, Relate Training Institute  
Training Room 301

\*\*registration available to CLCSA Full members. quotas apply\*\*

Preventing Vicarious Trauma in Legal Professionals  
Trauma literature indicates that the only reliable predictor of vicarious trauma is prolonged exposure to distressing stories or the distress of others. However, unlike firsthand trauma, vicarious trauma is preventable.

This training provides a deep understanding of vicarious trauma in legal professions, equipping your team to recognise its signs and symptoms early. They'll gain practical strategies to mitigate vicarious trauma, enabling them to continue doing what they love most—helping clients—while maintaining their own well-being.

By equipping your staff with evidence-based knowledge, you can promote resilience and ensure thriving, healthy teams.

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1.0 CPD

(B) The Rise and Fall of the South Australian Disability Justice Plan

In 2016 the then Attorney General, John Rau, introduced his Disability Justice Plan. The program sought to introduce a new deal to persons with intellectual and physical disabilities who found it profoundly difficult to be fairly treated in their interactions with the criminal justice system whether they be victims, defendants or witnesses.

Under the Plan, the instruments of criminal justice – the Courts, police, prisons and lawyers – were urged to undertake disability awareness training and to change their practices to meet the needs of people with disability.

Nearly 10 years on, has anything really changed? The speaker will address the history of the Disability Justice Plan highlighting the difficulties that people with disability face within a justice system that seems to have abandoned them.

(C) Youth Law

Presenter: Guglielmo Plain

The youth law presentation will focus on practical ways of advising and representing children in the youth court. The session will provide insight into the reality of youth offending from the perspective of a youth lawyer. How to work with children and some of the legal and ethical pitfalls. It will consider the legal differences between youth and adult sentencing considerations and bail. Finally, we will discuss the concept of *doli incapax* and the current minimum age of criminal responsibility and what are some of the proposals for future changes.

10:25

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(D)Unleashing the Monster: Intellectual Property Considerations in Generative AI Creation

Presenter: Paul Gordon Partner Wallmans Lawyers

Rapid developments in AI generation have left regulation behind in its wake, raising many questions and concerns ranging from ownership rights to protection of the creation and appropriate use protocols. This session will examine the recent legal issues which surround the creation of AI and what practitioners need to be advising clients working in organisations that are generating information in this manner.

Light lunch 12:30 – 13:00

13:00

14:00

(1 CPD)

(E) WLSSA

Presenter: Reyhaneh Sarbaziha

The presentation will provide some information regarding the advice and advocacy that we provide at WLS and more specifically under the Increased Women's Legal Assistance Program. We aim at helping women navigate the family law system, criminal justice system, as well as support women in understanding their legal rights and obligations. Our clients are facing trauma, anxiety, and uncertainty. We are motivated by the strong desire to support and enhance their resilience and empowerment, while facilitating justice.

14:10

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(1 CPD)

(F) Strata and Community Title - a basic guide

Presenter: Diana Thomas

This 60 minute presentation will walk you through the differences between Strata, Community Strata and Community Title with a quick nod to *Moiety* and Company title along the way. The presentation aims to provide attendees with the knowledge to know the questions to ask clients, the quirks of the various legislation and where to find the answers to common problems.

15:20

16:20

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(G)

Title: Legal Ethics Refresher

Training Room 301

Presented by Werner Van Wyk from the Law Society (Ethics and Practice)

Covering the conduct rules the MCPD scheme, social media.

(H) SWAP-F (social workers) Networking

Talking theme "How far do I go" working within a CLC

This is an exclusive networking opportunity for Social Workers and Professional Forum (SWAP-F) Support Staff.

End of Year Function 17:00 – 18:30

# PRESENTERS

Diana Thomas has been a practicing solicitor in South Australia since 2010. She has experience in working in private practice, the Legal Services Commission and the Southern Community Justice Centre. Although practicing predominantly in the area of Family Law, Diana has a passion for Strata and Community Title. Her infectious enthusiasm for the subject area and keen interest to unravel the knotty problems strata can present is rare. Outside of work Diana is a former Chair of the Animal Law Committee for the Law Society of SA, of which she remains an active member. Her current area of research is the legislation surrounding pet food and potential reforms.

Guglielmo Plain has been a youth solicitor for nearly three years practicing predominantly in youth criminal law at Uniting Communities Law Centre. After completing his law degree, he gained a Masters in Access to Justice at Adelaide University. His background is in vocational education, having worked at TAFE in adult literacy for over 10 years prior to becoming a lawyer. During this previous career he worked in many different programs and with different types of students including, refugees, migrants, indigenous, long term unemployed and many others. This gives him a unique perspective to his legal work, focusing on empowering individuals through knowledge, education and advocacy. He has a passion for human rights, particularly in standing up the most vulnerable.

Paul Gordon (Partner) joined Wallmans Lawyers in 2018 advising in the Business and Commercial practice. Paul has a broad commercial skill set, with specialisation in the areas of technology, media law, intellectual property and corporate governance. He is one of Adelaide's leading experts on social media and privacy law, having been recognised in Doyles Guide for Leading Technology, Media and Telecommunications Lawyers and for Leading Intellectual Property lawyers. Additionally, in 2021, Paul and our Intellectual Property practice were recognised in the pre-eminent national Australasian Lawyer Awards, as 5-Star Intellectual Property Lawyers and Firms. <https://wallmans.com.au/our-people/paul-gordon>

Anisa Varasteh Director, Relate Training Institute

Anisa Varasteh is an organisational consultant and the Director of Relate Training Institute. Anisa brings a unique blend of expertise to her work. Her passion lies in fostering understanding and empowerment within individuals and organisations, particularly in the realms of psychology and mental health. Anisa's dedication to these areas is evidenced by her commitment to delivering top-tier consultancy and training services to companies, organisations, and universities across Australia.

Reyhaneh Sarbaziha graduated from Adelaide University and holds a practicing license in both South Australia and Ontario, Canada. Reyhaneh works as solicitor within Increased Women's Legal Assistance Program at the Women's Legal Service, providing free family and criminal law advice and advocacy to women survivors of family violence and / or sexual assault. Reyhaneh approaches each case with empathy and determination, striving to empower her clients and ensuring that every woman feels heard and understood.

Daniella De Vonte is a Junior Solicitor at the Women's Legal Service SA. Previously, Dani volunteered at the Office for Women and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours) from Flinders University in 2023. She has worked in policy at the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia under the direction of the Honourable Chief Justice Alstergren. Dani has experience in the management of matters in the following lists being the Hague List, National Arbitration List, Evatt List, Specialist Indigenous List, Major Complex Financial Proceedings List and the Critical Incident List. She has also contributed to the Contravention List and Applications for Review with respect to policy and procedure

Werner van Wyk - Acting Director (Ethics and Practice), Law Society of South Australia Werner was first admitted to legal practice in South Africa in 1998. He then worked in private practice for 12 years before moving to Australia. Werner was first admitted to legal practice in South Africa in 1998. He then worked in private practice for 12 years before moving to Australia. He was subsequently admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the SC of SA in 2013 and has been working in the Ethics and Practice Unit of the Law Society for the last 11 years.

Andrew English is CEO and Managing Lawyer of Westside Community Lawyers. Andrew has been a legal practitioner for 36 years. He was Manager of the Criminal Law Practice Division of the Legal Services Commission from 2012 - 2019. Andrew has also worked as senior lawyer with the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc and as a prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (State). Prior to his appointment to Westside in August 2024, Andrew was a barrister in private practice specialising criminal and family law.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the presenters who have prepared insightful papers for this event.

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