



Expert Witness Symposium 2025 Agenda

7:45AM - 8:25AM	Event Registration and Buffet Breakfast Stateroom 3
8:30AM – 8:40AM	Welcome <u>Richard Skurnik</u> , CEO and Founder, ExpertsDirect
8:40AM - 9:15AM	Keynote Address 2025 <u>The Hon. Justice James Allsop</u> , Former Chief Justice, Federal Court of Australia
9:15AM - 10:30AM	Panel Discussion – Thought-provoking AI + Expert Evidence <i>Moderator:</i> <u>Professor Emerita Tania Sourdin</u> , University of Newcastle <i>Panel:</i> <u>The Hon. Justice Jane Needham</u> , Judge, Federal Court of Australia <u>Dr Kaye Ballantyne</u> , Chief Forensic Scientist, Victorian Police <u>Michael Williams</u> , Partner, Gilbert + Tobin • Current and Emerging Uses of AI in Expert Evidence • Risks, Responsibilities, and Challenges • The Role of Courts and Regulation • Future Directions and Practitioner Perspectives
10:30AM – 11:00AM	Morning Tea
11:00AM – 12:15PM	Live Mock Hot-tub Cross Examination <i>Cross Examiner</i> <u>Sue Chrysanthou SC</u> , Senior Counsel, 153 Philip Barristers <i>Expert Witnesses</i> <u>Dr Ken Tan</u> , Business and Technology Transformation Expert <u>Howard Elliott</u> , Information Technology Expert
12:15PM - 1:30PM	Panel Discussion – Concurrent Evidence <i>Moderator:</i> <u>Mary Walker OAM</u> , Barrister, Mediator & Conclave Facilitator, 9 Wentworth Chambers <i>Panel:</i> <u>The Hon. Justice Michael Lee</u> , Judge, Federal Court of Australia <u>Holly Sara</u> , Partner, Jones Day <u>Leigh Appleyard</u> , Civil and Structural Engineer • Conclaves and Joint Expert Reports - Judicial Weight & Evaluation • Effectiveness and Fairness of Conclave Process • Concurrent Evidence ("Hot Tubbing") • Pressures and Lawyer-Expert Dynamics
1:30PM - 1:35PM	Closing Remarks <u>Richard Skurnik</u> , CEO and Founder, ExpertsDirect
1:35PM - 3:00PM	Buffet Lunch