



# Expert Witness Symposium 2026 Agenda

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| 7:45AM – 8:30AM   | <b>Event Registration and Buffet Breakfast</b><br>Stateroom 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:30AM – 8:45AM   | <b>Opening Speech</b><br><u>Richard Skurnik</u> , CEO and Founder, ExpertsDirect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8:45AM - 9:30AM   | <b>Keynote Address 2026</b><br><u>The Hon. Justice M.B.J. Lee</u> , Judge, Federal Court of Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9:30AM – 10:45AM  | <b>Amplifying Intelligence: The Future of the Expert Witness</b><br><u>Craig Rispin</u> , Futurist & CEO, Future Trends Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:45AM – 11:15AM | <b>Morning Tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11:15AM – 12:15PM | <b>Panel I - The Practitioner's View: Expert Evidence Across Arbitration, Class Actions, Insurance and Intellectual Property</b><br><br><i>Moderator:</i><br><u>Isabella Hogan</u> , Client Experience Specialist, ExpertsDirect<br><br><i>Panel:</i><br><u>Cameron Myers</u> , Principal Lawyer, Phi Finney McDonald<br><u>Christopher Rowden</u> , Partner, HFW<br><u>Dean Pinto</u> , Partner, Wotton & Kearney<br><u>Jane Owen</u> , Of Counsel, Bird & Bird                                        |
| 12:15PM – 1:15PM  | <b>Oxford-style Debate – This house believes that there is no such thing as a truly independent expert witness</b><br><br><i>Adjudicator:</i><br><u>The Hon. Justice Ian Pike</u> , Judge, Supreme Court of New South Wales<br><br><i>Participants:</i><br><u>Martin Del Gallego</u> , Partner, Piper Alderman<br><u>Eleanor Doyle-Markwick</u> , Barrister, Alinea Chambers<br><u>Asia Lenard</u> , Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP<br><u>James Foley</u> , Barrister, 11 St James Hall |
| 1:15PM – 2:15PM   | <b>Buffet lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2:15PM – 3:15PM   | <b>Panel II - The Art of Cross-Examination: Insights from Silks</b><br><br><i>Moderator:</i><br><u>The Hon. Steven Rares</u> , Former Judge, Federal Court of Australia and Barrister, 12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers<br><br><i>Panel:</i><br><u>Declan Roche SC</u> , Barrister, Banco Chambers<br><u>Christopher Withers SC</u> , Barrister, Banco Chambers<br><u>Michelle Painter SC</u> , Barrister, Nine Selborne Chambers                                                                         |
| 3:15PM – 3:30PM   | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br><u>Richard Skurnik</u> , CEO and Founder, ExpertsDirect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3:30PM            | <b>End of Event</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |