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SoCLA - Webinar

COVID 19 – Is it business as usual or not?

presented by Martin Scott QC, Laina Chan, Andrew Downie and Joel Silver
of Melbourne TEC Chambers

Wednesday 27 May 2020 - 12:30 pm AEST

AD – COVID 19 response by the Victorian and Federal Courts.

Our four speakers will discuss online mediations, online courts, delay costs and force majeure.

Chaired by Sean Brady, SoCLA Director and Chair of our Events Subcommittee.

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Martin Scott QC

Martin Scott QC practices in superior courts of record and commercial arbitrations with a particular interest in infrastructure, transport and maritime disputes.

He is listed in Doyle's Guide, Chambers and Best Lawyers for construction and shipping. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Board Member of the Melbourne Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Centre and ACICA, founding Chair of the Bar's International Arbitration Committee, a founding member of the Australian Bar Association's International Committee and one of the delegates for Australia to the ICC.

Laina Chan

Laina practices in the area of construction, property and insurance law. She has been recognised as the leading authority on the interplay between construction and insurance law. She authored the chapters on professional liability and insuring risk in construction law in Bailey's, Construction Law in Australia, Thomsen Reuters, 4th Edition.

To supplement her technical ability, Laina has a Certificate of Management Excellence from Harvard Business School having completed programs in negotiation, strategy and leadership. The programs have had a significant impact upon the way Laina approaches all negotiations and dispute resolution. Laina focuses on the interests of the parties during all negotiations and pursues a resolution that is in the best interests of the parties. As part of this exercise, she has set aside the common adversarial approach to negotiations and has embraced the more open and relationship building methodology advocated at Harvard to achieve some pleasing outcomes for her clients. Laina settled 12 matters in the immediate six month period after she adopted this approach. This included the settlement of 2 matters which had been the subject of 2 failed mediations at subsequent informal settlement conferences on more favourable terms than had been on the table at the failed mediations.

Laina is a director and the Secretary of the Society of Construction Law Australia, the SoCLA representative to the Australian Construction Industry Forum and is a committee member of the Australian Bar Association's International Committee.

Andrew Downie

Andrew is a barrister with a commercial practice.

Most of his matters involve technology, engineering and construction, and therefore complex expert issues – both financial and scientific – and extensive documentary evidence. Those matters frequently involve areas of law including contract, professional negligence, corporations, security of payment, property, insolvency, equity and trusts.

Because of the nature of his practice, Andrew is regularly involved in trials, arbitrations and interlocutory hearings. Andrew is also regularly briefed to give advice and to prepare pleadings and written submissions for his matters.

Andrew uses technology and, where possible, conducts his matters electronically.

Andrew is the Chair of Melbourne TEC Chambers, he is a member of the editorial panel of the Australian Construction Law Bulletin and he is also on the executive committee of the Commercial Bar Association. Andrew is a member of the Building Dispute Practitioner Society, the Society of Construction Lawyers Australia and United Kingdom and Resolution Institute.

Andrew is listed in Doyles Guide as a leading construction and infrastructure barrister.

Joel Silver

Joel has acted and advised in a wide range of construction and property disputes, involving both technical (expert evidence and industry standards) and legal matters (contract, tort, regulatory, criminal, and security of payments). His practical experience are enhanced by his further studies in the field, having completed a number of construction and insurance subjects during his Master of Laws at the Melbourne Law School.

Joel's clients have included home owners, builders, contractors, developers and industry professionals, having appeared in the Courts, the VCAT, and other forms of dispute resolution. He welcomes contact from prospective clients interested in deciding if his services are right for them.

For more information (including for links to some of his past cases), please visit Joel's Victorian Bar profile page at <https://www.vicbar.com.au/profile/8082>

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