

NSW Young Lawyers Professional Development Day 2025 Program

9:50am – 10:20am	Arrivals and morning tea
10:20am - 10:30am	Welcome and President's address Timothy Roberts, NSW Young Lawyers President
10:30am - 10:50am	NSW Young Lawyers Patron address Lida Kaban, General Counsel, Department of Communities and Justice
10:50am - 11:50am	 Harnessing the power of communication: Building and maintaining strong client relationships Paul Monaghan, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW Heather McKinnon, Partner, Bryant McKinnon Lawyers Katherine Lau, Professional Support Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW Theo Kapodistrias, Senior Legal Counsel, Gentrack (Global), Director, Association of Corporate Counsel Australia, Speaker and Coach Marie Russo, Secretary, NSW Young Lawyers and Solicitor, Access Law group
11:50am - 12:50pm	Mastering court etiquette, procedure, and preparation: A guide for early career lawyers The Honourable Judge Ann Ainslie-Wallace, Acting Judge, District Court of NSW
12:50pm – 1:40pm	Lunch
1:40pm - 2:40pm	Work smarter, show up stronger: Strengths-based career development for early career lawyers Gemma Mercedes Curcio, Lawyer and Professional Development Coach

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2:40pm – 3:40pm	 Justice meets algorithm: Al's role in modern legal practice Nicholas Mendoza-Jones, Senior Legal Transformation Manager, Gilbert + Tobin Linden Barnes, Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW Anneka Ferguson, Solicitor, Walker Gibbs and King, and Senior Lecturer, UNSW PLT Dilan Thampapillai, Dean, School of Law, University of Wollongong Moderator, Claudia Robinson, Solicitor, Financial Rights Legal Centre and Chair, NSW Young Lawyers Human Rights Sub-Committee
3:40pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Mental flexibility: Changing your mind in the law Anna Fischer, Wellbeing Manager, The Law Society of NSW
5:00pm - 5:10pm	NSW Young Lawyers President closing remarks Timothy Roberts, NSW Young Lawers President
5:10pm	Networking drinks
6:30pm	Gala dinner
10:00pm	Gala dinner close