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Trusts and Estates – Preparing for the Next Decade

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Carolyn Sparke, Barrister, Q.C. LLB, B.Sc, TEP

Carolyn graduated Melbourne University in 1987. Admitted to Practice (completed articles at Minter Ellison) in 1989 and signed the Bar Roll in 1991. She was appointed Senior counsel in December 2012 and converted to Queens Counsel in 2014.

Practice

- Practice in general commercial work with a specialty in trusts and deceased estates
- Chair Superannuation Subcommittee of the Commercial Bar Association
- Holds an Advanced Certificate in Trusts Disputes from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (London)
- Qualified as an International Arbitrator by Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Publications

- Co-author of Lexis-Nexis loose-leaf service "Wills Probate and Administration Service Victoria"
- *Removing executors and trustees*
Trusts & Trustees 2014 20 (10): 1023-1038 (Oxford University Press)
- Law Institute Journal publications
- Editorial Committee, "Trusts Quarterly Review"

Advocacy training

- Advocacy Instructor with the Australian Advocacy Institute
- Accredited Advocacy Coach, Australian Bar Association
- (having taught advocacy in Australia and overseas)
- Instructor with Victorian Bar Readers Course.
- Former Fellow of Melbourne University, Faculty of Law, Advocacy Training (from 1999 to 2012)

Other matters

- Member of the Society for Trust and Estate Practitioners
- Adjunct lecturer in the Masters Program, College of Law
- Victorian Bar representative on the VCAT Guardianship List Users Committee
- Regular presenter at seminars – 'Wills and Probate conference'; Law Institute seminars; Leo Cussen seminars, seminars for LAAMS; Education segments for the 'Television Education Network'
- Former sitting member, Firearms Appeals Committee, an appeals tribunal constituted under the Firearms Act

Interests

Singing, Learning Chinese, Travel, Cycling and on occasions, Scuba Diving

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