

PERSONAL INJURY CONFERENCE AGENDA 2026

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM | Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgement of Country

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM | Session 1

Head Injuries Panel

His Honour Philip Misso, Former County Court Judge, Dr Robert Bourke, Neuropsychologist, Prof Christian Gericke, Neurologist & Mr Daniel Masel SC, Barrister

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Session 2

ADR | Its History and Integrated Use in the Common Law

Presented by His Honour Philip Misso, Former County Court Judge

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Session 3

Post-Concussive Symptoms in Women

Presented by Dr Christina Furtado, Neuropsychologist

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM | Morning Tea

10:50 AM - 11:30 AM | Session 4

Consent for Vaginal Delivery | Medical Negligence

Presented by Dr Rachel Ryan, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM | Session 5

Aggravation of Pre-Existing Degenerative Conditions in the Context of Serious Injury Applications

Presented by Prof Christopher Morrey, Orthopaedic Surgeon & Mr Christian Farinaccio, Barrister

12:15 PM - 12:25 PM | Words from Legal Funding Australia

12:25 PM - 1:15 PM | Lunch

1:15 PM - 1:55 PM | Session 6

Abuse Panel | Recent Developments in Institutional Abuse Law: AA, Bird and the Victorian Legislative Response

A/Prof Michael Robertson, Psychiatrist, Ms Katharine Gladman, Barrister, Mr David O'Brien, Barrister, Ms Hetty Champion de Crespigny, Barrister & Ms Diana Costaras, Barrister

1:55 PM - 2:25 PM | Session 7

Fusion Procedures | Post-Traumatic Arthritis

Presented by Dr Ameya Kamat, Neurosurgeon

2:25 PM - 2:45 PM | Afternoon Tea

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM | Session 8

Case Law Updates | Serious Injury Cases that Involve Scarring and Disfigurement

Presented by Mr Robert Paoletti, Barrister

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM | Session 9

Getting the Most out of Your Expert

Presented by A/Prof Abdul Khalid, Psychiatrist & Ms Melissa Mahady, Barrister

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM | Closing Address

4:15 PM | Post-Conference Networking Drinks - Robert Flower Terrace