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# Trusts Intensive

6-7 June 2024

Online

8 CPD hours

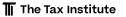


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### Welcome

This year's Organising Committee are excited to bring you the 2024 Trusts Intensive.

Running over two days from 6-7 June 2024, this online intensive will feature expert presenters who will help you navigate practical issues when dealing with trusts in 2024, including:

- Trust distributions and the flow of income through trusts
- Division 7A and trusts
- Trusts and integrity
- Section 99B
- Trust variations
- Restructures and rollovers involving trusts
- The current state of play and a refresher for state taxes
- Investment trusts from the perspective of investors

A special thank you to our speakers and committee for their commitment and effort in putting together this fantastic program.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming event!



**Greg Judd, CTA** Chair, Event Organising Committee

Early bird pricing offer Register on or before Friday, 5 May 2024 to save!

Day 1	Thursday, 6 June 2024
Time AEST	Session
10:25-10:30am	Welcome and opening address
10:30-11:30am	Session 1: Distributions and flow Speaker: Warren Smith, CTA, Brentnalls NSW
	There are various issues that can arise for trustees and tax advisors in the ongoing administration of a trust. As well as the proper treatment of trust income and capital, complications may arise from succession issues, and corporate/family group planning considerations. Various integrity measures and current ATO administrative practices may add further complexity. This session will explore some of these issues and how to deal with them, for attendees who are involved in or advise on the administration of trusts.
11:30am-12:30pm	Session 2: Division 7A – How well do you think you know the provisions? Speaker: Alexis Kokkinos, ATI, Pitcher Partners
	It has been more than 26 years since Division 7A was introduced into the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936. One would think that basic principles about Ioans, distributions and payments by companies would be well established by now. However, recently the ATO have been forced to reconsider some of these basic principles and how Division 7A applies. This includes the release of TD 2022/11 concerning the ATOs view of unpaid entitlements and the recent AAT decision in Bendel which challenges that interpretation.
	We have also seen the ATO recently take different approaches on its application of Division 7A to partners in partnerships, and on how section 109R (the loan repayment provision) applies where there are interposed entities. This session will explore some of these key developments and discuss Division 7A risk management issues in light of these many current uncertainties.
12:30-1:00pm	Delegate break

Day 1	Thursday, 6 June 2024 continued			
Time AEST	Session			
1:00-2:00pm	Session 3: Trusts and tax integrity provisions Speaker: Mark West, CTA, West Garbutt			
	The use of trusts in Australia is becoming increasingly complex from a revenue law perspective – even the most fundamental act of distributing income from trusts raising complex revenue law considerations.			
	This session will look at the myriad of integrity measures applicable to trusts, by reference to recent case law – in particular:			
	<ul> <li>The application of Part IVA to trust distributions (as was considered in Minerva Financial Group Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2022] FCA 1092 and the subsequent full Federal Court decision Minerva Financial Group Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2024] FCFCA 28) and how the principles considered by these cases might apply more broadly to small businesses or investments held via a family trust; and</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Consideration of the application of the dividend stripping provisions, by reference to the recent decisions in BBlood (B&amp;F Investments Pty Ltd as trustee for the Illuka Park Trust v Federal Commissioner of Taxation [2023] FCAFC 89) and Michael Hayes (Michael John Hayes Trading Pty Ltd as trustee for the MJH Trading Trust v Commissioner of Taxation [2023] AATA 3005).</li> </ul>			
	The session will also consider the current state of play in relation to the application of 100A.			
2:00-3:00pm	Session 4: Down the s99B rabbit hole			
	Speakers: Kaitilin Lowdon, Sladen Legal, Neil Brydges, Sladen Legal			
	Much like Lewis Carroll's whimsical tale Alice in Wonderland, s99B is fraught with intricate rules, curious exceptions, unexpected twists and turns, and puzzling interactions with other provisions. Through a series of case studies, this session will consider:			
	<ul> <li>When s99B applies, including:         <ul> <li>Which non-resident entities (including foreign superannuation funds) s99B applies to; and</li> <li>When Australian entities need to give careful attention to s99B</li> </ul> </li> <li>The reductions to s99B(1) and the interaction between s99B, the CGT provisions and Division 855</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>When an asset is applied for the benefit of a beneficiary for the purposes of s99C; and</li> <li>The ATO's guidance on s99B.</li> </ul>			
	So, put on your (mad) tax-hat and join us down the rabbit hole as we embark on a tax adventure where s99B becomes less of a mystery and more of a comprehensible path through the intricacies of s99B, when it applies, when it doesn't apply, and the grey in-between.			

Friday, 7 June 2024 Day 2 Time AEST Session 10:30-11:30am Session 5: Trust variations Speaker: Dr Philip Bender, ATI, Victorian Bar Much has been said about resettlement, but what about trust variation more broadly? This session will consider how a trust deed may be varied while staying true to the substratum of the trust (with resettlement still a relevant consideration) and examine jurisprudence from different states when court ordered variations were sought. 11:30am-12:30pm Session 6: Restructures and rollovers Speaker: Sally Preston, CTA, Smart Solutions Tax & Business Advisory In this presentation, Sally will explore key considerations for restructuring businesses that operate through trusts. This presentation will include practical case studies and include consideration of: Overview of common trust structures and why they are chosen Problems with these structures, and why you may wish to restructure Explanation of CGT Roll-Overs available on restructures Division 615 complexities; and Common traps to avoid. 12:30-1:00pm Delegate break 1:00-2:00pm Session 7: State Taxes (duties) and Trusts - State of play Speaker: Rachel O'Donnell, CTA, O'Donnell Tax Law Dealings with trusts can be fraught with danger when it comes to transfer and landholder duties. Amongst other things, we need to consider declaration of trust duty, potential changes of beneficial ownership, and the various landholder duty regimes, which vary between jurisdictions and are regularly the subject to legislative amendments and tweaks. That's before we even delve into the complexities of the 'trust acquisition duty' regime which (unlike landholder duty) has no thresholds! This session will consider some recent amendments and case law, as well as some of the aspects of duties that catch advisors out when they're working with trusts, including: Refresher on land holding trusts and other duty issues for trusts across the states and territories

- Varying interests in a landholding trust (with reference to the recent 'GLDT' case in the ACT)
- What are many practitioners unaware of that they really need to know, and what are they getting wrong in relation to duties issues for trusts? and
- Declarations of trusts and dissolutions of partnerships of trusts drawing from Rojoda, Benidorm, and (more recently) Leemhuis Investments Mitchell Pty Ltd v
  Cmmr for ACT Revenue.

Day 2 Friday, 7 June 2024 continued

Time AEST	Session
2:00-3:00pm	Session 8: Investment Trusts for investors
	Speaker: Andrew Sharp, Alvarez & Marsal
	Understanding the nature of investment trusts is just as important for investors as it is for the trustees that manage them.
	This session looks at investment trusts, including MITs and AMITs, from the eyes of the investor, exploring:
	Differences between unit trusts, MITs and AMIT
	<ul> <li>Implications for different investor holding structures, e.g., "widely held"</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>"Fixed entitlement", "clearly defined rights" and "safe harbour"</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>What they can do and invest in. Control of businesses, "negative control" and when a trust can be taxed like a company</li> </ul>
	Licensing
	Distributions of income and capital from the different vehicles. "Present entitlement" and "attribution"
	<ul> <li>Implications of exit by disposal to a third party or redemption, and issues for the "last person standing"; and</li> </ul>

• Approaches to drafting the trust deed, including for periods when the trust is (or is not) an MIT/AMIT.



### **Presenters**

Dr Philip Bender, ATI, is a barrister at the Victorian Bar. He is the author of Bender's Australian Stamp Duties, published by the Tax Institute. He acts in Federal and State taxation. superannuation, and trusts and estates matters for taxpayers and revenue authorities. In the trusts area, he has acted in many taxation disputes involving trusts issues, and has acted in many trusts matters involving, amongst other topics, trust deed and will interpretation, alleged breaches of trust; trustee removal applications; judicial advice; charitable trusts; and superannuation death benefits disputes.

**Neil Brydges, CTA,** is a Principal Lawyer in Sladen Legal's Tax group. Neil practises in all areas of direct and indirect tax, with a particular focus on the taxation of trusts, property, corporate tax, M&A and Div 7A. Neil has also advised extensively on cross-border taxation issues. Neil is an Accredited Specialist in Taxation Law and a member of the Tax & Revenue Law Committee with the Law Institute of Victoria, a member of the Tax Committee of the Law Council of Australia, and a Chartered Tax Adviser and member of Dispute **Resolution Technical Committee with** The Tax Institute.

Alexis Kokkinos, ATI, has over 28 years' experience providing taxation advice to a large number of corporate and private clients. He leads the Pitcher Partners' national association's Tax Technical division and is heavily involved in consultation with the Australian Taxation Office and the Federal Treasury. Alexis specialises in finance, investment and trust provisions relating to MITs, corporate taxation issues particularly relating to large corporate entities, tax consolidation, and Division 7A. He is the Chair of CPA Australia's Taxation Centre of Excellence, and a member of the Tax office's National Tax Liaison Group (NTLG). Alexis is a prior member of the Board of Taxation Advisory Panel and was involved in the review and advice provided to Government on the new Managed Investment Trust Regime, the Collective Investment Vehicle Regime, the review of the Trust Provisions. the Tax Consolidation Regime review (including the Rights to Future Income interim review) and the review of Division 7A. Alexis is a Fellow member of both the CPA and the CAANZ.

**Kaitilin Lowdon, ATI,** is Special Counsel at Sladen Legal. Kaitilin has acted on a variety of high-profile and complex tax audits and disputes with the ATO, advising clients on all stages of the dispute process, including negotiation outcomes with the ATO. Kaitilin advises a range of clients, including high net wealth individuals, some of Australia's largest family groups and public companies.

Sally Preston, CTA, is a partner of Smart Solutions Tax and Business Advisory. Sally has an extensive compliance and advisory background, specialising in tax consulting and transaction advisory. With a diverse career background, Sally has worked across various industries and offers a wide range of services to both small and large organisations. These services have included tax advisory, compliance, complex group structures including structuring for listed inbound and privately owned businesses, and assistance with ATO and Revenue office audits.

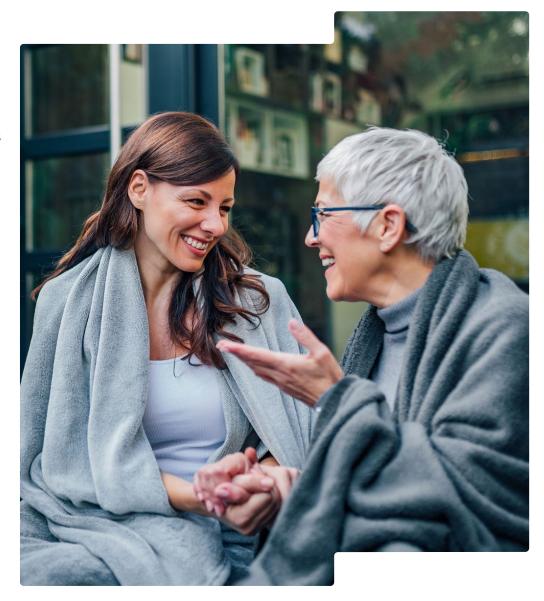
Rachel O'Donnell, CTA, of O'Donnell Tax Law, specialises in GST, and duties, land tax and payroll tax across all Australian states and territories. Rachel has significant experience advising large listed and unlisted corporates, high net worth individuals and small to medium enterprises. With 20 years of experience advising on tax law, she has a broad range and depth of experiences and is very familiar with the operation and technicalities of the GST and various state and territory tax regimes, which are constantly evolving. Rachel's clients have included major international and national companies / trusts / groups in the property development, property funds management, infrastructure, superannuation, and retirement living / aged care industries, as well as high net wealth family groups.

Andrew Sharp is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal Tax in Sydney and leads the firm's Private Equity Tax team in Australia. He specializes in providing transaction tax advice on the deployment of capital and advising fund managers with the tax structure of their funds under management. With nearly 20 years of experience, Mr. Sharp has advised private capital fund managers spanning private equity, venture capital, credit and family offices on their investment activity. He provides end-to-end tax advisory services, assisting managers with the tax structure of their funds management business, the design of the funds under management, due diligence and tax structuring on the investments being made by the fund, as well as tax advice on the realization of investments.

### **Presenters**

Warren Smith, CTA, has been advising business owners and accountants on a broad range of commercial and taxation issues over his 18 years in practice. Warren is the lead tax partner at Brentnalls NSW, and looks after a number of high wealth families and their business interests. He has extensive experience in business structures, trusts, deceased estates, ATO engagement including private rulings, objections and audits, property transactions including development and joint venture agreements, and retirement village and aged care taxation including GST. Warren holds a Master of Taxation, is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser.

Mark West, CTA, of West Garbutt, is a qualified as a lawyer, Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser. He provides advice across the spectrum of taxes. Mark assists with all legal matters involving taxation law. He advises on appropriate business or investment structures/restructures and on making applications for rulings from the ATO. He assists with tax audits and with related settlement negotiations with the ATO and state revenue authorities. He has acted for clients in tax cases before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Full Federal Court. Mark been listed as a Leading Tax Lawyer in Queensland by Doyles Guide and The Best Lawyers™ in Australia.



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#### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

Attendance at the intensive counts for 8 CPD hours with The Tax Institute.

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## Registration

#### **Registration inclusions**

Online access to presentations and technical papers

#### **Full registration**

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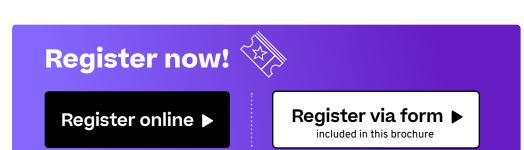
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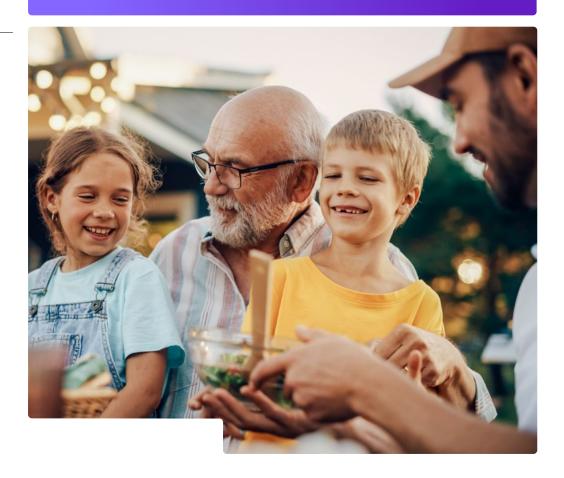
All registrations received and paid on or before Friday, 5 May 2024 will be entitled to an early bird discount.

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Please see page 11 for registration inclusions.

#### Full registration – 8 CPD hours

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□ I understand that the registration fees do not include printed materials. Access to materials will be electronic.

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**Registration fees** 

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