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**Chair:** John Stammers, Consultant, Holman Webb  
8.45am **Opening remarks**

**8.55am**  
**Topic 1:** Drafting Contracts: Laying the Foundations for effective, client-focused documents  
**Speaker:** Emeritus Professor Peter Butt, University of Sydney, Law Faculty  
- Planning before drafting  
- What is the best structure for this document?  
- Why use a deed?  
- Technical areas: recitals, definitions, consistency of terminology  
- Headings and punctuation (what you always knew, but were afraid to ask)  
- Common causes of ambiguity, and how to avoid them  
- Several ‘pesky’ principles of interpretation  
- Some plain language reminders

**10.35am**  
**Morning tea**

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**Topic 2:** Contractual interpretation  
**Speaker:** Susan Cirillo, Barrister, Seventh Floor Wentworth Chambers  
- Principles of contractual construction.  
- How courts have interpreted specific types of contractual clauses, including:

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| 12.15pm | **Topic 4** | Meeting the challenges of enforcement |
| **Contracts Damages and finding remedies** |
| **Speaker:** Francis Douglas QC, Barrister, New Chambers |
| | | - Damages |
| | | - Other remedies – rescission, specific performance |

**1.00pm** **Q&A & Close**

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