



AsPacEd

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From the Chapter President

Kia ora koutou katoa (greetings everyone),

Welcome to October. Here in the Southern Hemisphere, spring is in the air, the weather is finally showing signs of improvement, and there is a growing sense that the silly season is not far away. Before long, we'll all be navigating the familiar mix of looming deadlines, overflowing calendars and last-minute tasks that seems to precede the long summer break that many of us have at the end of each year.

Asia Pacific Management Committee for the IAFL 2026/2027 year

I'm delighted to confirm the Asia Pacific Chapter Management Committee for the coming year. We have a talented and dedicated group of Fellows who have generously agreed to serve the Chapter, and I am very much looking forward to working alongside them;

President – Inger Blackford (New Zealand)

President-Elect – Caroline McNally (Hong Kong)

President-Elect Designate – William Sloan (Australia)

Immediate Past President – John Spender (Australia)

Secretary – Eleanor Lau (Australia)

Treasurer – Derek Ho (Hong Kong)

Elected members – Jemma McKenzie (Australia), Lavanya Fischer (India)

Co-opted members – Tomoko Takase (Japan), Shu Mei Hoon (Singapore) and Mingyue Gao (China).

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our very capable Vice President, Ivan Cheong of Singapore, who has decided to step down from the role due to an exciting expansion of his responsibilities at Withers. While we are naturally sorry to lose him from the Vice President position, this is a wonderful

professional achievement and one on which I know the entire Chapter joins me in congratulating him.

Thankfully for us, Ivan has agreed to remain on the Management Committee for the balance of the year, and I am very pleased that we will continue to benefit from his experience and insight during that time.

The Committee is currently considering arrangements for the Vice President role, and I hope to be able to provide a further update in my next newsletter once those discussions have been concluded.

On behalf of the Chapter, thank you to all of our Management Committee members for their willingness to serve. The strength of our Chapter rests on the commitment and enthusiasm of Fellows who are prepared to give their time and energy, and I am grateful to each of them for doing so.

New Fellows

I am delighted to welcome two new Fellows to the Asia Pacific Chapter. Please join me in extending a very warm welcome to **Soyi Kim** of Korea and **Laura Johnston** of Melbourne, Australia.

Soyi and Laura, it's great to have you join our Chapter and we look forward to getting to know you both in the years ahead. We hope you will take every opportunity to become involved in Chapter activities, connect with Fellow members from across the region, and make the most of all that the Asia Pacific Chapter has to offer.

Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting - Auckland, 17-21 February 2027

As the Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting in Auckland draws ever closer, the excitement continues to build. I am delighted to report that registrations have been exceptionally strong, and we are anticipating an outstanding turnout. The good news is that there is still room for more.

We appreciate that the timing of the meeting falls relatively close to Chinese New Year. In planning the event, we made every effort to schedule it as late as possible to create some breathing room between the celebrations and the meeting, with the hope that Fellows celebrating Chinese New Year would still be able to join us, and we very much hope to welcome as many of you as possible to Auckland.

While I know many of you are looking forward to the social programme, given the extraordinary demand for the Waiheke winery tour, whale-watching excursion and America's Cup sailing experience, I would also like to take a moment to highlight just a small part of what promises to be an exceptional educational programme.

We are honoured to have secured a fireside conversation with New Zealand's Chief Justice, Dame Helen Winkelmann. The discussion will be led by our own

Margaret Casey KC. Dame Helen's remarkable journey to New Zealand's highest judicial office, together with her insights into leadership and the law, will make this a truly special plenary session.

We are also fortunate to welcome a distinguished judicial panel featuring New Zealand's Principal Family Court Judge, Judge La-Verne King (Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa and Ngāti Pāoa), Judge Abby Abinanti of the Yurok Tribal Court in California, and Justice Tafaoimalo Leilani-Warren, Dean of the University of Waikato School of Law, Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa and recently appointed Judge of the Kiribati Court of Appeal. In conversation with our own Suzanne Todd. These eminent jurists will explore justice, community-led initiatives, and innovative approaches to engaging Indigenous families within family justice systems.

This is only a glimpse of the programme that awaits. We are looking forward to what promises to be an outstanding meeting and to sharing with you not only a first-class educational experience, but also the warmth, hospitality and distinctive character of Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland and New Zealand. We cannot wait to welcome you here.



LAWASIA – Seoul

The Chapter was well represented at the 39th LAWASIA Conference in Seoul, Korea by John Spender, William Sloan, Eleanor Lau and Kai Yun Wong.

Our sincere thanks go to John, William, Kai Yun, and Eleanor for so admirably flying the IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter flag in Seoul. I am also grateful to John for

preparing a report on the conference for this edition of *AsPacEd*. Special thanks to William Sloan for providing the photographs featured in this edition, which help capture both the energy and success of what was clearly a memorable conference.



Manila

The Asia Pacific Chapter was delighted to host the International Family Law Conference 2026 in Manila on 12 October 2026, in collaboration with the University of the Philippines - College of Law, at its Bonifacio Global City campus. The event was led by John Spender who in conjunction with the efforts of Jaerey Valasco and Stephen Peaker.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for their generous support, which helped make the conference possible, and the team at the University of the Philippines College of Law for their warm hospitality and partnership.

John and Jaerey have taken the time to prepare a report highlighting the success of the Manila event, and I encourage everyone to read it. Our sincere thanks go to John and all those involved in organising such a successful outreach initiative.

AP Hour

In what was another standout success, we had Jamie Burreket from Australia talk to us on the 6th of October about AI in family practice. Everyone was glued to the screen and took in absolutely everything that Jamie had to say during the

session, offering insights and observations about the practicality of AI in family law practice, and, helpfully, giving direction to practitioners about how best to consider the use of AI in our practices, thinking beyond the obvious drafting and research perspectives. If you haven't already viewed the recording of the event, I highly recommend that you do so.

Next month, Shu Mei Hoon will be bringing us a session on law firm management. Yet another excellent AP hour to put onto your calendar, don't miss it !

Ngā mihi nui,

Inger Blackford

LAWASIA - Seoul

Shortly after the IAFL's Annual Conference in Dublin, several Fellows of the Asia-Pacific Chapter went to represent the Chapter and develop and strengthen their contacts in the Asia-Pacific Region, by attending the LawAsia's annual conference in Seoul, South Korea, between 14 and 16 September 2026.

Those in attendance from the Chapter included LawAsia President, T L Yap (Singapore), Immediate Past President, John Spender (Australia), former Chapter President, Kai Yun Wong (Singapore), President-Elect-Designate, William Sloan (Australia), Secretary, Eleanor Lau, (Australia), as well as Will Jones (Australia), Keiko Imazato (Japan), Mrinalini Sen (India), Masami Kittaka (Japan), Pinky Anand (India), Geeta Luthra (India), as well as newly admitted Fellow, Soyi Kim (South Korea).

It was a great opportunity in particular to get to know better our local and host colleagues from South Korea.

Soyi Kim generously hosted Eleanor Lau, William Sloan and John Spender to lunch on Monday 14 September.

The business and travel commitments of local Fellow, Yeon Ho Kim, sadly prevented him from taking part, but he kindly met with John Spender and William Sloan at his office on Thursday 17 September.

Local lawyer, In Sup Cho, also hosted a small group (including John and William) to dinner on Thursday 17 September, delighting everyone with examples of her wonderful Instagram page, including graphic illustrations and cats. We are very pleased that In Sup has already agreed to join us as a lawyer

guest at the chapter meeting in Auckland in February.

In terms of education, on the morning of Wednesday 16 September, TL moderated a panel (including John and Mrinalini) on “Protecting Family Rights in Times of Global Uncertainty”. Joining them were Jacqueline Dawson (Australia), In Sup Cho, Anisha Ramanathan (Hong Kong), Rajashree Suppiah (Malaysia). This covered several fascinating topics, including implementation and interpretations of both the 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions, the merits of collaborative practice, enforcement of foreign judgments, treatment of inheritances, prenuptial agreements and surrogacy.

Following that session, Kai Yun moderated a session, including Eleanor, Soyi and William, on “21st Century Family Law Issues and Challenges including AI and Digital Assets”. Joining them were Kajal Aswani (Hong Kong), Malavika Rajpotia (India), and Wei-Wu Lu (Taiwan). This covered several modern and challenging issues, including the use of AI, dealing with cryptocurrency in family law property matters, and whether, and to what extent, frozen embryos can be assets.

The Asia-Pacific Chapter was also represented in other sessions, with each of Geeta and Pinky also speaking on the morning of Wednesday 16 September on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

John and William also participated in judging sessions of the International Moot Competition, being very impressed with the quality of the various international student teams.

The event cemented the strong bond between the Chapter and LawAsia, which we seek to repeat at the LawAsia Family Law Conference in Nagoya, Japan, next June.



Manila event

The IAFL Asia-Pacific Chapter had its inaugural conference on Introduction to International Family Law in Manila, Philippines on 12 October 2026 in collaboration with the University of the Philippines – College of Law.

The Chapter had a great turn out of more than 50 attendees from the Philippines from members of the Judiciary and Legal Profession, including academics and lawyers attending from other parts of the country. There were also 17 attendees from other jurisdictions such as Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, England and Wales, and Australia.

The conference had three panel discussions: Child Abduction and the Hague Convention (Moderator: Jaerey Velasco; Speakers: Sasha Allison (Hong Kong), Tomoko Takase (Japan), Undersecretary Raul Vasquez (Philippines)); Financial Support and Property Relations (Moderator: John Spender; Speakers: Linda Ong (Singapore), Olivia Grobtuch (Australia), Atty. Soledad Margarita Deriquito-Mawis (Philippines)) ; and Domestic Violence on Spouse and Child, and Protection (Moderator: Stephen Peaker; Speakers: Simon Bruce (England and Wales), Azan Marwah (Hong Kong), Atty. Minerva June Ambrosio (Philippines)). The Chapter was delighted that it was possible to involve a Filipino lawyer on each of three panels so that we can learn from them as much as they may learn from us.

Supreme Court Associate Justice Maria Filomena Singh delivered the keynote address on the issues of family law in the Philippines, including inter alia efforts to combat the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children, and the most

recent update on rules on Recognition of Foreign Divorce. Her Honour's speech, and her genuine interest and passion in her topic, was inspiring.

Following education, we had a very enjoyable evening cocktail function on Floor 62 of the Grand Hyatt in Manila, enjoying each other's company while overlooking the wonderful views of the city. One of the most pleasing aspects of the event was the warmth and genuine interest in sharing ideas among the local Filipino legal community.

We had highly positive feedback with attendees praising the calibre and diversity of the local and international speakers. The comparative, cross-jurisdictional format was widely regarded as one of the programme's greatest strengths. Senator Risa Hontiveros, Chair of the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, also shared a video message supporting the Symposium with the hopes of working closely in the future to promote fair, just, and effective legal mechanisms to protect families in globalized relationship and cross-border proceedings.

The Chapter has also had strong interest from several of the local Filipino lawyers and attendees, including Justice Singh, in relation to being involved in future IAFL events.

We hope that this will be the beginning of stronger connections between the IAFL and the Philippines.





Navigating the Cross-Border Family: Parallel Proceedings, Enforcement and International Financial Complexity



Keturah Sageman, Principal Lawyer, Nicholes Family Lawyers

As families become more globalised, so too does the number of international family law disputes. Couples who hold assets, citizenship, and family connections across multiple jurisdictions often require advice on family law issues in more than one country. For practitioners, advising these families often involves coordinating strategies across jurisdictions that may result in noticeably different legal outcomes if the dispute is determined in different countries on the same facts. Drawing on our practice in Australia, this article considers three common challenges in international family law: parallel proceedings and anti-suit injunctions, the recognition and enforcement of overseas parenting and financial orders, and the complexities that arise when international finances and tax are involved in the dispute.

Parallel Proceedings and Anti-Suit Injunctions

Parallel proceedings arise where the same parties litigate the same dispute in two or more countries at the same time. This creates a real risk of inconsistent orders, escalating costs, and prolonged uncertainty for the families involved. Such proceedings arise where couples have connections to multiple jurisdictions, for example through dual citizenship, overseas assets, or children who have moved overseas.

Where one party pursues or threatens to pursue overseas proceedings for their personal advantage, an anti-suit injunction may be available. This is an order directed at the person, not the foreign court, restraining them from commencing or continuing proceedings abroad. Australian courts apply the test from *Voth v Manildra Flour Mills Pty Ltd* ¹, asking whether Australia is a “clearly inappropriate forum”, and whether continuing the overseas proceedings would be oppressive or vexatious. This sits within the broader doctrine of *forum non conveniens*, which allows a court to decline jurisdiction where another country is clearly the more appropriate forum. In *Yeo & Huy (No 2)* ², the Family Court identified relevant factors including whether each jurisdiction will recognise the other’s orders, which forum can most effectively resolve the dispute, the order

in which proceedings were filed, costs already incurred, and the parties' connections and resources.

In *Underwood & Underwood*,³ the wife filed first in the United States. However, an anti-suit injunction was later granted in Australia once the husband commenced proceedings. In Australia, the Full Court giving significant weight to the family's strong Australian connections. Our own firm was involved in a matter involving parallel Australian and Chinese proceedings, where an anti-suit injunction was obtained in Australia to restrain a parent from continuing Chinese parenting proceedings, and the resulting Australian order was apostilled for use before the Chinese court. Even where the foreign jurisdiction gives limited weight to concurrent proceedings, a properly authenticated Australian order can carry real practical force.

Recognition and Enforcement Overseas

Once made, Australian parenting and financial orders often need active assistance to operate overseas. Mirror orders – orders made by a foreign court in substantially the same terms as the Australian order – are an important tool, particularly where a child is relocating internationally. Early consultation with lawyers in the receiving country is essential, as practitioners risk seeking mirror orders in terms the foreign jurisdiction is unable to make. Where a party is perceived to be a flight risk, it is prudent that they are not responsible for registering the mirror order, and that relocation be made contingent on registration occurring within a defined timeframe.

The Hague Apostille Convention 1961 supports this process by certifying the authenticity of Australian public documents for use in other Convention states⁴. It is worth noting that an apostille is a procedural mechanism only. It does not itself secure recognition or enforcement, which continues to depend on the receiving country's own laws, whether foreign judgment legislation, specific family law registration provisions, other applicable Hague conventions, or common law principles.

International Financial Complexity

Binding financial agreements (BFA) are a valuable tool for international couples, but they are not necessarily enforceable across international borders. An agreement drafted under Australian law will not automatically be recognised or enforceable overseas. Equally, a foreign agreement which is valid where it was signed may not satisfy the provisions of the Australian Family Law Act 1975 (Cth) if proceedings are later brought in Australia.

BFA's in the form of pre-nuptial agreements also bind only the parties to them, not third parties such as companies, trustees, or creditors unless they are added as third parties, and if the agreement is weighted heavily in favour of one party a analogous to cases such as the High Court case of *Thorne v Kennedy*

this could result with the Binding Financial Agreement being set aside for unconscionability.⁵

In *Cole v Abati*,⁶ we acted for a wife whose Australian pre-nuptial agreement was challenged when her husband commenced proceedings in Indonesia seeking to reopen the divorce and property settlement. The Australian court granted an anti-suit injunction and upheld the enforceability of the BFA, a reminder that a well-drafted agreement can hold firm even against a determined attempt to circumvent it through a foreign forum.

International tax exposure adds a further layer of risk, particularly where trust or corporate structures span jurisdictions. We have advised in matters involving foreign grantor trusts where a party's true financial position, and their tax obligations in the country where the trust was established, became central to the issue of ownership and control. Specialist tax advice in each relevant jurisdiction should be sought early, rather than treated as an afterthought once a relationship breaks down, or an agreement is being implemented.

Conclusion

International family law disputes can often lead to litigation in more than one country. Anti-suit injunctions protect the integrity of proceedings already on foot, mirror orders and the Apostille Convention may support the practical effect of Australian orders abroad. Cross-border financial arrangements demand coordinated planning across jurisdictions with mirror agreements in some cases and specialist tax advice. For practitioners, the consistent theme is the same: early, jurisdiction-specific advice, sought before a dispute begins, remains the most effective safeguard for clients who live in more than one country. As international mobility continues to grow, family lawyers who can identify these cross-border issues early and connect clients with trusted colleagues in the relevant foreign jurisdiction, will be best placed to protect their clients' interests wherever those interests are based.

¹ *Voth v Manildra Flour Mills Pty Ltd* (1990) 171 CLR 538.

² *Yeo & Huy (No 2)* [2012] FamCA 541.

³ *Underwood & Underwood* (2017) FLC 93-815.

⁴ Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents (Hague Apostille Convention).

⁵ *Thorne v Kennedy* [2017] HCA 49.

⁶ *Cole v Abati* [2015] FamCA 185.

In the news

Article 1: Paid-for global surrogacy destinations shrink

Law Society Gazette (Ireland), 8 Oct 2026

A recent Gazette report finds that commercial international surrogacy is becoming concentrated in fewer countries, as long-standing destinations restrict access and agencies close or scale back. India, Nepal, Thailand and Cambodia have already restricted commercial surrogacy for foreign intended parents. Greece and Kazakhstan have tightened eligibility, and access to Ukraine has been heavily affected by the war. The US, Georgia, Colombia and Mexico remain the main destinations, but arrangements that once took around 15 months can now take up to three years. The collapse of the agency World Center of Baby in February 2026 left intended parents out of pocket, surrogates without payments or support, and providers unpaid.

For Australian families, who rely heavily on overseas surrogacy, these changes bring greater cost, delay and legal risk. The report also notes a recent UN report calling for a global ban on surrogacy. Together with the Australian Law Reform Commission's review of surrogacy laws, this is a reminder that intended parents should get specialist legal advice in both jurisdictions before entering any international arrangement.

To read the full article, click here: <https://www.lawsociety.ie/gazette/top-stories/2026/october/paid-for-global-surrogacy-destinations-shrink/>

Article 2: EU Parenthood Debate Puts Children's Cross-Border Rights Back on the Table

The European Times, 5 Jun 2026

EU justice ministers met in Luxembourg to debate a proposed regulation that would require parenthood legally established in one member state to be recognised across the EU. First proposed by the European Commission in December 2022, the regulation would also create an optional European Certificate of Parenthood. It would not change national rules on who can become a parent. Instead, it aims to stop a child's legal relationship with a parent being lost when the family moves or travels within the EU. Progress has been slow because the proposal needs unanimous agreement, and some governments are concerned about indirect pressure on their family law, particularly for same-sex parents, adoption, assisted reproduction and surrogacy.

At its heart, the debate is about children. Without recognition, a parent may be unable to consent to medical treatment, enrol a child in school, or secure maintenance and inheritance rights. Australian courts face similar questions

when recognising overseas parentage, and this debate is a reminder that a child's legal identity should not depend on which border they have crossed.

To read the full article, click here: <https://europeantimes.news/2026/06/eu-parenthood-debate-puts-childrens-cross-border-rights-back-on-the-table/>

AP Hour on 6 October 2026 with Jamie Burreket

Jacky Campbell

A window into the rest of the world: International Family Law and AI

Jamie Burreket had the audience in the palm of his hands as he presented at the IAFL AP Hour on "A window into the rest of the world: International Family Law and AI" on 6 October 2026.

Jamie demonstrated how he uses AI to perform complex tasks and how to use and control AI rather than allowing AI to control.

His tips from using AI to perform a task included:

- Prompting is dead. We need to give context.
- When giving data to AI tell AI that you are giving it a closed set so it does not look elsewhere.
- Never let AI build without asking AI what it is going to do.
- If there is no data on a topic tell AI that, so it does not hallucinate.

Lawyers like reasoning. The "who" rather than the decision/outcome. AI is only interested in the outcome.

Jamie compared lawyers to AI to show the differences in how we think. Lawyers and people generally think lineally whereas AI thinks exponentially and can take a multitude of paths. As lawyers, we like reasoning and knowing how the ratio decidendi was reached. AI is only interested in the outcome and making sure that there is one.

Jamie listed the types of tasks AI is being used for in his firm, including drafting subpoenas and objections and affidavits, budgeting, analysing performance and capacity of lawyers and their capacity for further work, objections to affidavits, appeal watch list on certain topics, building parts of the firm website, and trust deed analysis.

For the future, we need to accept AI is here and make sure we harness it to do what it is good at, and use such as repetitive tasks and will get our time back to do what we are good at, such as:

- Think without constant interruption by email;
- Complicated problem solving;
- Our natural questioning instinct;
- Our dataset of experience that AI does not have access to. For example, in Sydney only 20% of property settlement cases go to trial and only 20% of those go on appeal. We know a lot about the cases that settle. AI doesn't have access to that information unless, like Jamie's firm we start feeding it to AI.

In future we need to be able to be creative and use our executive functions. We need to be good at mathematics but philosophy, science and knitting are also good skills.

To view the recording, click here: [AP Hours, October 2026 | International Academy of Family Lawyers | IAFL](#)

The AP Hour: Beyond Billables

16 November 2026 UTC 08:00	Washington D.C. Virginia New York Florida	London	Hong Kong Taiwan Singapore Beijing	Japan	Brisbane	Sydney Melbourne	New Zealand	Malaysia
Start time	03:00	08:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	21:00	16:00
End time	04:00	09:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	22:00	17:00

Intended Audience: All IAFL Fellows welcome!

Duration: 1 Hour

Location: Zoom (please register above)

Cost: Complimentary

Date & Time

16 November 2026

UTC 8:00am-9:00am

What does success really look like in a modern law firm? While revenue and billable hours remain important metrics, sustainable success is increasingly

defined by a broader range of factors including talent development, firm culture, client relationships, and long-term growth.

In this AP Hour session, Marco Raccuia of Hugill & Ip and Robert Russell of Cage & Miles will share their perspectives as law firm leaders on how law firms can grow in clients, talent, and profitability while remaining true to their values and culture.

Drawing on their experiences across different jurisdictions, they will discuss the challenges of attracting and retaining talent, developing future leaders, involving younger lawyers in business development, and balancing commercial success with meaningful professional fulfilment.

Through a moderated conversation, the speakers will explore how law firms can measure success beyond traditional financial metrics, examining the role of mentorship, culture, client service, and people development in building resilient and thriving practices.

Whether you are in a family law boutique or a full serviced firm, you will find this session relevant. Participants will also have the opportunity to contribute their own experiences and questions as part of an interactive discussion.

Moderator

Shu Mei Hoon

Speakers

Marco Raccuia

Robert Russell

See you on 16th November 2026!

- NB: When you log-in for the AP Hour, you may have to use your Zoom password first, then enter the Meeting ID & passcode.

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**IAFL ASIA PACIFIC CHAPTER MEETING, AUCKLAND,
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Join us in Auckland in Feb 2027

Hot on the heels of what was a truly outstanding Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, we're already looking forward to what's next, **Auckland, 17–21 February 2027**. Kuala Lumpur truly raised the bar with its energy, connections, and memorable moments, so no pressure... but we know there are some pretty big shoes to fill ! That said, we're excited to take on the challenge and create something just as special (and a little bit different). Auckland will bring its own unique flavour, incredible scenery, a warm welcome, and plenty of opportunities to reconnect, catch up, and build on the conversations we started. We're working on putting together something fresh, engaging, and genuinely worthwhile for everyone coming along. Until then...Nau mai, haere mai, we look forward to welcoming you to Aotearoa in February 2027, we can't wait to see you there.

The Auckland Sponsorship Prospectus can be found at this link:

<https://www.iafl.com/media/k0rpxiv3/20260921-auckland-sponsorship-opportunities-v14.pdf>

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Upcoming Events

2 - 6 December 2026 [USA & Canadian Chapter's Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, USA](#)

17 - 21 February 2027 [Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting, Auckland, New Zealand](#)

12 - 15 May 2027 [USA & Canadian Chapter Meeting, New York City](#)

31 May - 2 June 2027 IACP Collaborative Practice Training, Nagoya, Japan

3 - 5 June 2027 [LawAsia Family Law & Children's Rights Conference, Nagoya, Japan](#)

15 - 19 September 2027 [IAFL Annual Meeting, Mumbai, India](#)

1 - 5 December 2027 [IAFL European Chapter Meeting, Vienna, Austria](#)

Please note the dates, times, and topics may change and are not finalised. We hope to see you at as many of the events as possible!

AsPacEd would love to hear from Fellows!

What will 2026 bring to the practice of family law on an international level? The Asia-Pacific Chapter AP Hour is an excellent and exciting opportunity for us as family lawyers in the Asia-Pacific region to meet and continue to learn and grow from one another.

If you have an article or a news item for publication in AsPacEd, please contact one of our editors:

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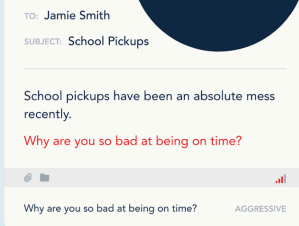
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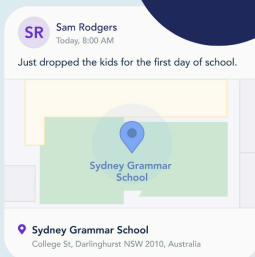


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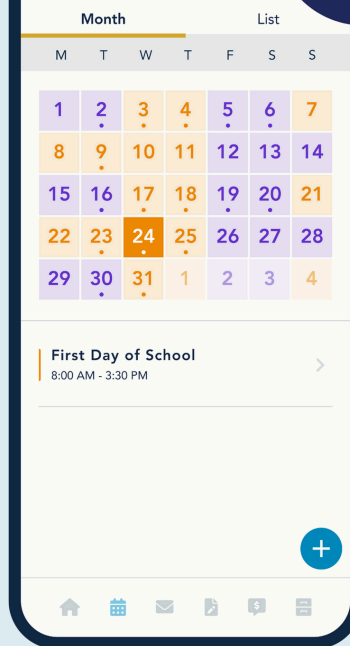
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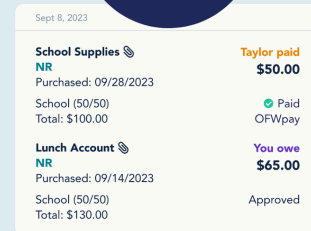


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