

## World Congress on Family Law & Children's Rights Announces Call for Papers

As Chair and Deputy Chair of the World Congress on Family Law & Children's Rights Board, and on behalf of the Board, we are pleased to announce that the Call for Papers for the 9th Family Law & Children's Rights Conference is now open. The theme for the conference, which will be held in Cambridge from 27 - 30 July 2025, is "Children Caught in Conflict – Inspiring Positive Change".

The Congress is a major international event, held every 4 years, focusing on the rights of children and youth, and family law and family law processes. In the current geopolitical environment, nothing is more important than the rights of children caught in many conflicts including inter-familial conflicts, identity issues, environmental conflicts, online predators, bullying and those tragically caught up in theatres of war. There is no more important time to confront these challenges and try to find solutions. The World Congress provides a platform for the convergence of lawyers, judges, academics, government, non-government associations, psychologists, medical professionals, and social scientists with a common interest in the active protection of children and in sharing best practices to promote the rights of children and family law issues.

In addition, in a world of highly mobile families, the conference will give attention to the ways in which family law meets the various needs of families in whatever form, in order to provide a structure which can effectively and justly provide for its members who are the subject of relationship breakdown.

If you would like to present at the 9th Family Law & Children's Rights Conference, please read on for more information regarding how to do so.

If you would like to attend the conference, or be involved in another capacity, more information can be found at [World Congress 2025](#)

If you would like to enquire about sponsorship opportunities, please go to: [World Congress Sponsorship](#)

We hope you will join us in championing what is sure to be a stimulating and impactful congress and we look forward, together with the Board and our various committees, to welcoming you to the wonderful medieval city of Cambridge in July 2025. If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact us on [world.congress@nicholeslaw.com.au](mailto:world.congress@nicholeslaw.com.au) and we would be delighted to assist.

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### Call for Papers

The World Congress welcomes abstract submissions on the theme “Children Caught in Conflict – Inspiring Positive Change” for the 9th Family Law & Children’s Rights Conference, which will be held in Cambridge from 27 - 30 July 2025.

The conference will feature concurrent sessions held over three days.

**Papers:** Please submit your abstract in English. The abstract should be no more than 300 words. Submissions must include the title of the session, the presenter’s name, affiliation(s), email contact, and a short bio (150 words).

If your abstract is successful and you are invited to present at the conference, please note that your presentation must be between 15 – 20 minutes in duration. Due to conference programming, presentations definitely cannot exceed 20 minutes.

**Panels:** Proposals for panels are welcome. Panels should consist of three or four presenters and a moderator. When submitting your proposal, please include the title of the session and an abstract of no more than 300 words. Please ensure that the abstract includes an explanation of the overarching theme for the session. In addition, please include the name, affiliation(s), email contact, and a short bio (150 words) for each speaker and the moderator.

Abstract and panel proposals can be centred on a range of areas within the theme, such as (but not limited to):

- Children and the justice system
- Child protection
- Children’s rights and the modern family
- Children in situations of vulnerability
- Children and identity
- Gender, disability, equality and equity
- Children’s digital rights
- Transparency and innovation in family court proceedings
- Digital advances in resolving family disputes
- Non-court dispute resolution processes including for cross-border families and children
- Family violence and violence against women including coercive control
- Sustainable development, the environment and children’s rights
- Poverty and children’s rights

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- Child trafficking, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and exploitation of children
- Regional and international protection of children's rights
- Children affected by war and other interneceine conflicts.

For further details on abstracts, including important dates and submission guidelines, please visit the World Congress website at [World Congress call-for-papers](#)

For more information, go to <https://www.worldcongress.co/>

Warm regards,

The Honourable Diana Bryant AO KC

Sally Nicholes

**Chair of the World Congress on Family Law  
and Children's Rights**

**Deputy Chair of the World Congress on Family  
Law and Children's Rights**



Photo: Chair of the World Congress on Family Law & Children's Rights, The Honourable Diana Bryant AO KC, and Deputy Chair of the World Congress on Family Law & Children's Rights, Sally Nicholes, at the European Parliament in May 2023.