

Episode 135: Guest bio

Episode name: Strata Drama: Kicking Back the Curtain on NSW Disclosure Obligations

Guest(s): Allison Benson

ALLISON BENSON

Director, Kerin Benson Lawyers

Allison is a strata & community titles lawyer who has provided general advice, acted in disputes, including building defect disputes, and worked with clients in preparing and enforcing by-laws and strata management statements since 2008. From 2012, Allison has acted exclusively on behalf of owners corporations, associations and lot owners in respect of providing advice and acting in strata and community association disputes and also in respect of building and construction disputes.

Allison has extensive experience in commercial litigation and dispute resolution, having represented clients in contractual claims, interpretation of by-laws and rules, *Home Building Act 1989* claims and levy recovery claims at all levels of court proceedings, including in the Court of Appeal and in the former CTTT (now the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal known as NCAT).

Allison's knowledge across a variety of strata schemes matters enables her to advise owners corporations, lot owners and other interested parties on a range of issues and to represent their interests both informally and before the courts and NCAT.

Since the 2015 strata law reforms Allison has been providing advice on an increasing number of strata renewal matters and assisting owners corporations and lot owners with this process.

Allison seeks to provide pragmatic advice in a straightforward manner, focussing on the needs of her clients and the cost-effective resolution of each matter.

Allison is a member of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers, the Newcastle Law Society and the Society of Construction Law Australia. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Macquarie University and a Bachelor of Business from the University of Newcastle.

A regular author of blogs & vlogs on her Thoughts of a Strata Lawyer blog Allison has recently started a podcast of the same name. She has either authored or co-authored a number of articles for the NSW Law Society Journal and has recently assisted in the Lawfully Explained initiative of the NSW Law Society, QLD Law Society and the Law Institute of Victoria taking part in two podcasts on property law which are available on Listnr.



DAVID TURNER

Host



David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website [here](#).