

## Episode 149: Guest bio

**Episode name:** The Devil's in the Details: Drafting Affidavits That Speak for Themselves

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**SONYA WILLIS**

**Senior Lecturer, Macquarie Law School**



Sonya is a senior lecturer at Macquarie University Law School who researches and teaches primarily in civil dispute resolution, taxation and private international law. Sonya is the author of *Civil Dispute Resolution: Balancing Themes and Theory 2022* (Cambridge University Press) and completed her PhD at the University of Sydney on the interaction between case management, justice and procedural fairness in civil litigation. Sonya was awarded a university medal in law at UTS and holds a masters of law from the University of Cambridge and a bachelor of Economics from the University of Sydney. Sonya has maintained a NSW Practising Certificate for over 25 years and was a senior associate in commercial dispute resolution at Ashurst (formerly Blake Dawson) prior to becoming an academic. Sonya is also an editor of the *Legal Education Review*, a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a member of the NSW Law Society's Litigation, Law and Practice Committee.

**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](#).