

## Episode 41: Guest bios

**Episode name:** Migration conversation: the impact of COVID-19 on Australia's migration laws

**Guest(s):** Tamsin Johnston and Shamili Kugathas

### TAMSIN JOHNSTON

Co-founder of Australian Legal Presence

Tamsin is a dual-qualified commercial, employment and immigration lawyer who represents multinational entities, ASX listed companies and SMEs. Tamsin founded Australian Legal Presence (APL) alongside her partner Shanil Nanayakkara. APL clients are typically overseas based commercial entities, high net-worth & highly skilled individuals that come to APL for their expertise in practical commercial advice relating to incorporation and growth of business ventures in Australia. In her practice Tamsin provides expert legal advice in corporate, commercial, immigration, employment, property and planning law.

### SHAMILI KUGATHAS

Lawyer at Australian Legal Presence

Shamili is a lawyer practising in immigration and administrative law at Australian Presence Legal. She is one of Australia's shining lights in contentious immigration matters, delivering consistent, successful outcomes for clients at Court, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Immigration Assessment Authority.

Shamili advises on immigration pathways to Australia, and provides advice on visa cancellations, citizenship and appeals.

Shamili acts for clients who have received negative decisions from the department of immigration and IAA. She has experience providing legal advice and representation for clients in appeals to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, and the High Court of Australia.

She also provides advice and assistance to businesses wishing to bring overseas workers to Australia. Currently she is engaged by a number of industry leaders in the technology, construction, and not-for-profit sector to provide ongoing immigration support to their operations.

### 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](#).

