

Episode 19: Guest bios

Episode name: Stop, Collaborate and Listen: Collaborative Law

Guest(s): Leona Bennett and Shelby Timmins

SHELBY TIMMINS

Director & Mediator

Shelby is a former family lawyer with a passion for resolving family law disputes in a different way. She stepped away from legal practice to establish the dispute resolution business 'Divorce Done Differently' which specialises in mediation, family dispute resolution, collaborative practice, parenting coordination and conflict coaching. Shelby is a lawyer, a nationally accredited mediator, a family dispute resolution practitioner, parenting coordinator and a conflict coach. She is Vice-President of Collaborative Professionals NSW and President of the Southern Sydney Collaborative Professionals. She has been recognised by Doyles as a leading mediator in the family law space in 2020. She is an international trainer in the area of collaborative practice and is a regular presenter and author on dispute resolution in family law. She is currently writing a book for children on 'everything they want to know about their parents' separation and divorce but were too afraid to ask'.

You can contact Shelby on the Divorce Done Differently site [here](#).

LEONA BENNETT

Solicitor & Head of Family Law

Leona heads up the family law team at Southern Waters Legal. With degrees in Psychology (Honours) and Law (Honours), she is also an accredited specialist in family law and is a trained family law collaborative solicitor. Leona has practiced in the area of family law within the Sutherland Shire since 2001. Dedicated to helping her clients get through one of the toughest times in their lives, Leona believes that the right lawyer can help someone get through a separation by listening to what they need from an emotional and financial perspective and applying the ever-changing law to their individual circumstances.

You can access Leona's bio on the Southern Waters Legal website, [here](#).

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](#).

