

## Episode 19: Guest bios

**Episode name:** Sentencing Considerations

**Guest(s):** Michael Vo and Matthew McAuliffe

**MICHAEL VO**

**Principal Solicitor**

Michael Vo is the principal solicitor at Austere Legal, a boutique firm focussing on criminal and family law that services Sydney Courts as well as any Local Court, District Court and Supreme Court throughout country New South Wales and Australia. Prior to establishing Austere Legal in 2016, Michael worked at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and prior to that, in private practice. He has experience in both ends of the bar table, allowing him to consider points and arguments from all perspectives. He appears regularly in Court, Federal Circuit Courts and Family Law Courts.

You can access Michael's bio on the Austere Legal website [here](#).

**MATTHEW MCAULIFFE**

**Barrister**

Matthew is a barrister at Wardell Chambers specialising in criminal defence and prosecution before judges and juries, industrial relations, work health and safety, intentional torts and inquests and commissions of inquiry. He draws on the extensive knowledge and experience he gained as a solicitor at the New South Wales Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Prior to his admission to practise as a solicitor in 2013, Matthew worked in in-house roles at Screen Australia, the Chartered Insurance Institute London and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation.

You can access Matthew's bio on the Wardell Chambers 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](#).