

# Page Provan

*family and fertility lawyers*

## Stephen Page

### Curriculum Vitae



Stephen graduated with Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in 1985 from the then Queensland Institute of Technology (now QUT).

In 1987 Stephen was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland. In 1989 Stephen was admitted as a solicitor of the High Court of Australia. In 2013 Stephen was admitted as a Barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

Stephen is a partner of Page Provan, family and fertility lawyers, Brisbane.

In 1988, Stephen made a decision to specialize in family law. Since that time, his practice has consisted solely or predominantly of family law, and increasingly over time the sub-specialty of fertility law. Stephen has represented clients and fertility law matters from throughout Australia and at last count 30 countries overseas.

In 1996, the Queensland Law Society introduced a scheme of Queensland Law Society Accredited Family Law Specialists. Stephen became accredited in 1996. He has remained accredited ever since.

Stephen has practiced in all areas of family law. Stephen has three sub-specialties in family law:

- surrogacy/assisted reproductive technology
- domestic violence
- acting for LGBTI people

He has also:

- Chaired the South Brisbane Immigration Community Legal Centre (now RAILS)
- Chaired the management committee of a domestic violence refuge for some years
- Co-founded a domestic violence service (WAVSS)
- Been the chairperson or secretary of the Mt Gravatt committee of Relationships Australia from 1996 to 2003
- Been a board member of Relationships Australia Queensland 2000-2003
- Been a committee member of a court based domestic violence service (Beenleigh DVAP) 1999-2013

- Been the Honorary Solicitor for the Gay and Lesbian Welfare Association and the Brisbane Gay and Lesbian Business Network.
- Acted as the pro bono solicitor for the Queensland AIDS Council (2017)
- Spoken at the launch of Diversity in Gender and Sexuality in 2014.
- Lobbied the Queensland Government in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 to legislate to remove gay panic defence and to add hate crime legislation
- Attended at Queensland Government roundtables about domestic violence in LGBTI relationships (2015); and LGBTI issues (2016)
- Lobbied the NSW and Victorian Attorneys-General in 2013 to alter practices to allow Victorian birth records to be altered for children the subject of NSW parentage orders.
- Presented papers and spoken at numerous conferences and presentations including:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>1999</b>	Gold Coast	State Conference on Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence
<b>2001</b>	Gold Coast	National Conference on Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	State Men's Conference	Family Law
<b>2002</b>	Townsville	Far North Queensland and North Queensland Law Association	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	Financial Counsellors Conference	Property Settlement
<b>2003</b>	Gold Coast	International Conference on Domestic and Sexual Abuse	Family Court and Sexual Abuse
	Brisbane	Queensland Magistrates Conference	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	Family Law Practitioners Association	Domestic Violence
	Gold Coast	Gold Coast Practitioners	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society	Domestic Violence
<b>2004</b>	Brisbane	Family Law Masterclass	Property Settlement
<b>2005</b>	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society	Domestic Violence
<b>2006</b>	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society	Domestic Violence
<b>2007</b>	Denver	National Conference on Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence and Immigration
	Brisbane	Australia's CEO Challenge	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	5 <sup>th</sup> National Health in Difference Conference	Gay Marriage; Same Sex Domestic Violence; LGBTI Property and Estate Issues
	Brisbane	National PFLAG Conference	LGBTI family law issues
	Brisbane	Australia's CEO Challenge	Family Court and Child Abuse
<b>2008</b>	Brisbane	LexisNexis	Property Settlement

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	Brisbane	Multicultural Family Law Workers' Forum	Family Law, especially how it impacts on NESB people
<b>2009</b>	Brisbane	Australia's CEO Challenge	Property Settlement
<b>2010</b>	Brisbane	Australia's CEO Challenge	Domestic Violence; Same Sex Domestic Violence
<b>2010</b>	Brisbane	LexisNexis	Chaired, Family Law
	Caboolture	Family support network	Training about file notes
	Brisbane	Multicultural Family Law Workers Forum, Multicultural Development Association	Family law/domestic violence
	Brisbane	Legalwise	Chair, Family Law Session
	Sydney	Surrogacy Forum	Surrogacy
<b>2011</b>	Sydney	Surrogacy Forum	Surrogacy
	Gold Coast	City Fertility Centre national training	Surrogacy
	Gold Coast	Fertility Nurses of Australasia conference	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	LexisNexis	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	Legalwise	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	Life Fertility	Surrogacy
	Gold Coast	Qld Law Society/Family Law Practitioners Association Family Law Residential	Surrogacy
	Sydney	Westmead Foundation Fertility Symposium	Surrogacy
	Las Vegas	American Bar Association Family Law Section ART conference	Surrogacy
	Melbourne	World Congress on Reproductive Medicine	Surrogacy
<b>2012</b>	Brisbane	Legalwise	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	City Fertility Centre	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	Australia's CEO Challenge	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	Australia's CEO Challenge	Family Law Act Amendments
	Brisbane	Queensland Family Law Pathways Network	Domestic Violence
	Melbourne	Surrogacy Australia conference	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	LexisNexis	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	Family Law Practitioners Association	Domestic Violence
	Boston	International Commission on Couple and Family Relations	Family Law Collaboration Between the Professions
	Glendale, AZ	Arizona State University	Guest lecturer to law students about domestic violence
	Brisbane	Caxton Legal Centre	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	Life Fertility Clinic	Surrogacy

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	Sydney	NSW ANZICA meeting	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	Queensland Domestic Violence Conference	Domestic Violence and Immigration
	Port Stephens	Hunter Valley Family Law Conference	Surrogacy
	Kingaroy	South Burnett Child Protection network	Domestic Violence
	Sydney	Presentation to NSW MP's	Surrogacy
	Sydney	Surrogacy Forum	Surrogacy
<b>2013</b>	Brisbane	Legalwise	Surrogacy
	Melbourne	Australian Psychological Society Family Law and Psychology Interest Group	LGBTI Family Law
	Melbourne	Surrogacy Forum	Surrogacy
	Melbourne	Surrogacy Australia	Moderating legal panel
	Sydney	Surrogacy Forum	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	Surrogacy Forum	Surrogacy
	Anchorage	American Bar Association Family Law Section Spring Training	Surrogacy
	Townsville	North Qld Law Association	Domestic Violence
	Brisbane	Presentation to Save the Children Fund	Keeping file notes
	San Francisco	LGBT Family Law Institute	Credentialed attendee
	Brisbane	Life Fertility Clinic	Surrogacy/ART issues
	Sydney	Fertility Society of Australia	Ethical and moral dilemmas of surrogacy
	Brisbane	Australian Association of Social Workers Professional Practice Group meeting	Keeping file notes
	Charleston, South Carolina	American Academy of Assisted Reproduction Technology Attorneys	The dirty dozen rules in international ART
<b>2014</b>	Brisbane	Queensland Counsellors Association	Keeping file notes
	Brisbane	Television Education	Presentation on behalf of Adam Cooper as to addbacks in property settlement
	Brisbane	Merck Sorono satellite conference to Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction Congress (ASPIRE) conference	US surrogacy law and practice
	Brisbane	So you want to make a baby forum, in conjunction with the LGBTI Legal Service	Surrogacy, egg and sperm donation
	Melbourne	Surrogacy Australia	Hague, NSW, WA and NHMRC

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		conference	surrogacy reviews; panelist as to State surrogacy laws
	Mooloolaba	Fertility Nurses of Australasia conference	Ownership of eggs, sperm and embryos after donation
	Brisbane	LGBTIQ families planning day	Egg and sperm donation, family formation, surrogacy
	Brisbane	Qld Program to Assist Survivors of Torture and Trauma	Keeping file notes
	Melbourne	Association of Family and Conciliation Courts inaugural Australian chapter conference	LGBTIQ people and the Family Law Courts
<b>2014</b>	Brisbane	Scientists in Reproductive Technology conference	Import and export of gametes and embryos
	Brisbane	College of Law	Lecture to graduate students about surrogacy
	Brisbane	College of Law	Lecture to graduate students about family formation
	Brisbane	Legalwise	Chair of Managing Financial Issues after Family Breakdown
	Queensland webinar	University of Southern Queensland, School of Psychology, Counselling and Community	Keeping file notes- avoiding the Rottweiler's bite
	Stowe, Vermont	Presentation to American Bar Association Family Law Section council	Concerning co-authored paper concerning proposed Hague Convention on private international law concerning children
	Brisbane	Domestic and Family Violence Summit	Attendee/participant at invitation of Dame Quentin Bryce
	Adelaide	Law Society of South Australia	Presentation about surrogacy in South Australia
	Brisbane	Community seminar on ethical surrogacy	
	Melbourne	Community seminar on ethical surrogacy	
	Sydney	Community seminar on ethical surrogacy	
<b>2015</b>	Canberra	Canberra Fertility Centre	Facilitated discussion concerning surrogacy and fertility issues
	Brisbane	Donor seminar	Presentation about implications of egg, sperm and embryo donation
	Brisbane	Legalwise	Children across borders
	Sydney	NSW ANZICA meeting	Surrogacy/fertility update
	Sydney	Canadian surrogacy seminar	
	Queensland	QAILS webinar	Surrogacy
	Brisbane	College of Law	Guest lecturer- surrogacy and fertility
	Brisbane	Australian Association of	Panellist- surrogacy

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		Women Judges- inaugural lecture: Whose rights are they anyway?- with Chief Justice Bryant	
<b>2015</b>	Carlsbad, California	American Bar Association family law section/ART stream	Ownership of eggs, sperm and gametes
	London	LGBT Family Law Institute	Session moderator
	London	International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers surrogacy symposium	Surrogacy law in Australia
	Gold Coast	Television Education Network 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual family Law Conference	Who is a parent
	Dunsborough, Western Australia	Family Law Practitioners Association of Western Australia	Surrogacy panel discussion with Chief Justice Bryant and Justice Crisford
	Canberra	Fertility Society of Australia	Post-Baby Gammy Surrogacy Regulation
	Queensland	Queensland Family Law Pathways Network	Webinar on ART and Family Law
	San Francisco	Bar Association of San Francisco surrogacy seminar	International surrogacy
	Chicago	American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys (AAARTA) conference	Australian surrogacy update
	Brisbane	Families Through Surrogacy seminar	Queensland and Australian surrogacy
	Brisbane	Australian Community Workers Association	The courage to effect change
<b>2016</b>	Online	Television Education Network audio interview	Who's a parent
	Melbourne	Television Education Network	Who's a parent; chaired afternoon session
	Brisbane	Legalwise family law conference	Dirty dozen rules of international family law
	Brisbane	LGBT Family Law Institute	Host- and moderator for sessions on surrogacy, and what's next
	Cape Town	University of Western Cape law school	Guest lecture as to surrogacy
	Cape Town	Miller du Toit Cloete Inc and University of Western Cape 19 <sup>th</sup> family law conference	Keynote speaker as to surrogacy
	Sydney	Marbury Chambers (my paper was delivered in my absence by Natalie Moffatt)	Qld and NSW surrogacy

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	Online	Circle Surrogacy webinar	Surrogacy/egg donation
	Denver	American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys annual meeting	Moderating panel of international surrogacy lawyers
	Nassau, Bahamas	American Bar Association Family Law Section/ART stream	Australian surrogacy overview
	Australia-webinar	Family Court of Australia	The ART of family law
<b>2016</b>	Brisbane	Out for Australia- legal panel	How the law relates to parenting and relationship recognition for LGBTI people
	Brisbane	US surrogacy seminar	
	Brisbane	Australian Surrogacy Conference	Moderated panel on role of lawyers, moderated panel discussion on role of surrogacy agencies
	Canada	Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society webinar	<i>Australians behaving badly- Australian surrogacy</i>
	Gold Coast	Television Education Network LGBTI family law seminar	<i>Understanding the de facto relationships rules in the context of LGBTI relationships</i>
	Melbourne	City Fertility Centre	Inhouse training on surrogacy and donor issues
	Brisbane	Launch of Rainbow Fertility	Speech/question and answer session on surrogacy and fertility issues for LGBTIQ people
	Brisbane	City Fertility Centre national conference	<i>A six point guide to surrogacy</i>
	Brisbane	Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Australian Chapter conference	<i>Panellist on Family Violence in Interim Hearings in the Federal Circuit Court</i>
	Melbourne	Television Education Network	TV taping of <i>Who is a parent</i>
	Brisbane	Legalwise family law seminar	<i>Makin' and breakin': LGBTIQ people and family law</i>
	Brisbane	College of Law	<i>Workshop on advanced family law</i>
	Brisbane	LGBTI Legal Service	<i>Presentation about families- civil partnerships, adoption, sperm donation, surrogacy</i>
	Sydney	Rainbow Fertility	Speech/question and answer session on surrogacy and fertility issues for LGBTIQ people
<b>2016</b>	Lismore	Rainbow Fertility	Speech/question and answer session on surrogacy and fertility issues for LGBTIQ people
<b>2017</b>	Gold Coast	Rainbow Fertility	Speech/question and answer session on surrogacy and fertility issues for LGBTIQ people

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	Brisbane	Legalwise Family Law Forum	<i>Third party property matters</i>
	Brisbane	Out for Australia mentoring discussion	Panellist on how to mentor
	Sydney	Television Education network live webinar	De facto relationships in the context of LGBTI relationships
	Brisbane	LGBTIQ parents to be information night	Panellist
	Australia	Circle Surrogacy: Surrogacy in the US- for Aussies- webinar	Presenter
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong University, Department of Social Work and Social Administration	Guest lecture on international ART, surrogacy and egg donation
	Hong Kong	Inaugural Asia-Pacific Rainbow Families Forum	Three presentations about international surrogacy, egg donation, ART issues
	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society seminar	Learning from the leaders- pursuing diversity in the legal profession- panellist
	Melbourne	Television Education Network- 1 <sup>st</sup> LGBTI Legal and Regulatory Conference	Access to IVF, ART and stored genetic materials
	International	American Bar Association: Commonwealth babies: international ART update	Webinar as to aspects of Australian surrogacy law especially as to <i>Re Halvard</i> and <i>Re Grosvenor</i>
	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society Essentials Conference	How to build a courageous career
	Gold Coast	Queensland Law Society/Family Law Practitioners Association Family Law Residential	Who's ya Daddy?- parentage presumptions
	Australia	Canadian Fertility Consulting webinar	Surrogacy in Canada for Aussies- when, not if you're parents
	Brisbane	University of Queensland Pride Alliance- function as to domestic violence	Keynote speaker/panellist
<b>2017</b>	Australian webinar	San Diego Fertility Center- US surrogacy for Australian intended parents	Speaker
	Sydney	LGBT Family Law Institute Australia	Director and moderator
	Sydney	International Bar Association conference	Presenter on surrogacy
	Brisbane	Pride in Law launch, Banco Court	Speech at launch
	Australia	US surrogacy for Australians webinar	Presenter



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	Phnom Penh	Asia-Pacific Rainbow Families Forum	Presenter
<b>2018</b>	Melbourne	The Equality Project, Better Together conference	Presenter: <i>The ten barriers to becoming parents through surrogacy</i> ; panellist: <i>Queer Families</i> ; panellist: <i>Queer Families and the Law</i>
	Brisbane	Iris Education	Presenter: <i>Transgender legal issues</i>
	Queensland webinar	Queensland Law Society	Presenter: <i>The impact of the Marriage Act amendments in family law issues</i>
	Sydney, webinar	Television Education Network	Presenter: <i>Defining best interests of children in family law parenting matters</i>
	Cape Town	Miller du Toit Cloete Inc and University of Western Cape 21 <sup>st</sup> family law conference	Presenter: <i>Australian and world developments in ART law</i>
	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society Symposium	Chairing of two family law sessions
	Brisbane	Legalwise	Presenter: <i>Lifting the corporate veil in family law: Revisiting Salome</i>
	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society Careers Expo	Panellist: <i>"Oh the places you'll go!"</i> as to career issues
	Nashville	American Bar Association ART Conference	Presenter, co-author *ART* <i>The Long Road Home: Overcoming Legal, Cultural, and Practical Challenges to International Surrogacy in the Pacific Region</i>
	Sydney	College of Law conference	Presenter: <i>Who's ya Daddy?</i>
	Brisbane	Legal Aid Queensland training	Presenter: <i>Marriage Act amendments and recent fertility law cases</i>
	Gold Coast	Fertility Nurses of Australasia conference	<i>My dance card is full- surrogacy</i>
	Brisbane	Queensland Law Society	<i>Family law 101- parenting</i>
	Adelaide	Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Australian Conference – Pre-Conference Institute	Presenter: <i>Workshop leader with Dr Philip Stahl – Domestic Violence and Alienation</i>
	Queensland	Queensland Law Society Live Cast	<i>Re Cresswell -death and reproductive technology – panellist</i>
	Brisbane	Pride in Law	<i>Pride and Prejudice- making the legal profession truly inclusive- panellist</i>
<b>2018</b>	Sydney	Monash IVF	Training as to surrogacy and fertility law issues
	Brisbane	LGBT Family Law Institute Australia meeting	Chaired all sessions, co-moderated session on family formation including surrogacy
	Brisbane	Greater Brisbane Family Law Pathways seminar	Who is a parent?

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	Adelaide	City Fertility Centre	Update on surrogacy and assisted reproductive treatment law
	Brisbane	Australian Human Resources Institute, Diversity and Inclusion Section	How workplaces can tackle domestic violence
<b>2019</b>	Sydney	Better Together conference	Surrogacy 101
	USA	American Bar Association webinar	Where there's a will, there's a way: minimising the risk of international surrogacy arrangements
	Melbourne	LGBT Family Law Institute Australia meeting	Chair of the meeting, co-facilitator on session on surrogacy/family formation
	Sydney	Independent Parents Advisory Network	Presentation about surrogacy options for intended parents

### **Evidence to Parliamentary/Government inquiries**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Form of evidence</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>2011</b>	Tasmanian Legislative Council, Government Administration A Committee	Written, oral	Surrogacy
<b>2014</b>	Western Australia <i>Surrogacy Act 2008</i> review	Written	Surrogacy
	Queensland Parliament	Written	As to a bill to continue advertising restrictions as to egg and sperm donors
<b>2014-2015</b>	New South Wales <i>Surrogacy Act 2010</i> review	Written	Surrogacy
<b>2015</b>	Queensland Parliament, Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Written, oral	Civil partnerships
	House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs	Written; oral	Surrogacy roundtable
<b>2016</b>	South Australian Law Reform Institute	Written; participation in roundtable	LGBTI discrimination, especially as to surrogacy and ART
	House of Representatives, Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs	Written	Surrogacy
	Queensland <i>Adoption Act 2009</i> review	Written	Adoption
<b>2017</b>	Senate inquiry as to proposed <i>Marriage Act</i> amendments	Written	Marriage
	Queensland Parliament, Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Written, oral	Amendments to <i>Criminal Code</i> to abolish gay panic defence
	Queensland Parliament, Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Written, oral	A Bill for the expungement of

Year	Inquiry	Form of evidence	Subject
	Committee		homosexual acts convictions.
2018	Queensland Parliament, Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Written	A Bill to amend <i>Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act</i> so that trans people no longer need to divorce to change their gender marker
	Australian Law Reform Commission, family law review	Oral	Family law review-submissions made in conjunction with LGBTI Legal Service
	Western Australian surrogacy review	Written, oral	Submissions about surrogacy and ART regulation in Western Australia
	South Australian surrogacy review	Written, oral	Submissions about surrogacy regulation in South Australia
	Victorian assisted reproductive treatment review	Written, oral	Submissions about ART regulation in Victoria, including regulation of surrogacy

Stephen currently is a member of:

- Queensland Law Society, including as a member of the Equity and Diversity Committee
- Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
- Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland Ltd
- Fertility Society of Australia
- International Academy of Family Lawyers, including as a member of the Parentage/Surrogacy Project Committee and the LGBT Committee
- American Bar Association, (associate), and one of three international representatives on the Assisted Reproductive Technologies Committee
- Fellow, Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, including the Australian Chapter (founding member)
- Chair, Greater Brisbane Family Law Pathways Network
- Founder, LGBT Family Law Institute Australia
- the Legal Aid Queensland panel for Independent Children's Lawyers
- City Fertility Centre, National Donor and Surrogacy Committee
- Asia-Pacific Rainbow Families Forum
- Queensland Alliance for Kids (legal advisor and member)

Stephen is a lecturer at the University of New South Wales in Ethics and Law in Reproductive Medicine (2017-).

## Authored works

These include:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Periodical/Organisation</b>
<b>2009</b>	<i>Changes to Stamp Duty for Family Lawyers</i>	<i>Proctor/Queensland Law Society</i>
	Update – <i>child protection chapter</i>	<i>Queensland Practice Manual/Thomson Reuters</i>
<b>2011</b>	Co-author and principal researcher- <i>State by State surrogacy guide</i> - with Alexandra Harland	<i>Family Law Review</i>
<b>2012</b>	<i>Trends as to International Surrogacy</i>	<i>Family Law Review</i>
<b>2013-2016</b>	Co-author with Bruce Hale and principal advocate- Resolution 112B: <i>Position paper as to proposed Hague surrogacy convention</i> - adopted by House of Delegates, American Bar Association, February 2016	<i>Artificial Reproductive Technologies Committee/American Bar Association</i>
<b>2015</b>	<i>The right to be a parent- regulating surrogacy in Australia</i>	<i>Rightnow</i>
<b>2015</b>	Principal author- <i>Think Local-Act Global, 10 must-knows about International Surrogacy</i> - with Brian Esser	<i>Family Advocate/ American Bar Association, Family Law Section</i>
	<i>Avoiding Another Baby Gammy</i>	<i>Australian Family Lawyer/Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia</i>
	<i>Surrogacy Down Under</i>	<i>American Society for Reproductive Medicine Newsletter</i>
<b>2015</b>	<i>The patchwork quilt: the surrogacy landscape in Australia</i>	<i>Family Law News, Special Edition on International Surrogacy, International Bar Association</i>
	<i>Review of Surrogacy, the Law and Human Rights</i>	<i>Alternative Law Journal</i>
<b>2016</b>	<i>Surrogacy in Australia- a missed opportunity</i>	<i>BioNews</i>
	<i>Is surrogacy legal in Australia?</i>	<i>O &amp; G Magazine</i> (magazine of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists)
	<i>Whose rights are they, anyway?(with Bruce Hale)</i>	<i>The SciTech Lawyer, American Bar Association, Science and Technology Section</i>
	<i>Family Court requires wife to refund over AUD\$200,000 in spousal maintenance to husband</i>	<i>Family Law Update, International Bar Association</i>
	<i>Queensland allows LGBTI couples, singles to adopt</i>	<i>Alternative Law Journal</i> (2016) 41(4) AltLJ 287

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<b>2017</b>	<i>Family Court recognises parents under US surrogacy order</i>	<i>Proctor</i> , April 2017, Queensland Law Society
	<i>Family Court tells Australian couple they are not the parents</i>	<i>Family Law Update</i> , International Bar Association
<b>2018</b>	<i>Australian Family Law in a State of Flux</i>	<i>Family Law Update</i> , International Bar Association

Stephen is author of the Australian Divorce Blog, the Australian Gay and Lesbian Law Blog and the Australian Surrogacy and Adoption Blog. He tweets about family law issues as *stephenpagelaw*.

## **Media**

Stephen has spoken extensively in the media about family law, domestic violence and surrogacy issues including to:

## **TV**

### International

- Xinhua TV (China)
- Deutsche Welle (Germany)
- Fuji TV (Japan)
- Russia Today

### Network Seven

- *The Morning Show*
- *7 News*

### Nine Network

- *National Nine News*
- *Today*
- *A Current Affair*
- *60 Minutes*

### Network Ten

- *The Project*
- *Wake Up* (pilot episode)

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

- *ABC News*
- *The 7.30 Report*
- *ABC 24*

### SBS

- *SBS News*
- *Insight: "Baby Business" (2011), "Surrogacy" (2014)*

Sky News

- *Paul Murray Live*

## **Newspapers/Websites/Magazines**

### **International**

- The New York Times
- The Wall Street Journal
- The Guardian
- Reuters
- The Daily Mirror Australia
- The Daily Beast
- Abovethelaw.com
- Phnom Penh Post
- The Cambodia Daily
- Stuff.co.nz
- The Australian
- News.com.au
- The Herald Sun
- The Daily Telegraph
- Huffington Post Australia
- The Courier-Mail
- The Western Australian
- Lawyers Weekly
- Crikey.com.au
- Brisbane Lawyer

### **Australia/New Zealand**

- The Age
- Sydney Morning Herald
- The Sun Herald
- Brisbane Times
- ABC Online
- Cosmopolitan
- Australia.creditcards.com

## **Radio**

### **International**

#### **Radio NZ**

- *Afternoon drive*
- *Checkpoint* (current affairs show)

#### **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)**

- News Radio
- *PM*
- *The Law Report*
- *The World Today*
- Radio National's *Life Matters*
- Radio National's *Background Briefing*
- *Triple J's Hack*
- ABC Toowoomba
- ABC NSW
- ABC Gold Coast
- ABC Brisbane
- ABC Mt Isa
- ABC Perth

- ABC Darwin

#### **Sydney radio**

- 2GB
- Hope FM *Open House*
- 2SM

#### **Brisbane radio**

- 4BC
- B105
- 101FM
- 99.7FM

#### **Melbourne radio**

- 3AW

- MMM
- Mix101.1

Adelaide radio

- Radio Adelaide

Perth radio

- 6PR

### **LGBTI media**

- 4ZZZ QueerRadio
- JoyFM
- Samesame.com.au
- Qld Pride
- Star Observer
- QTV
- Qnews and before that Brother/Sister (for which Stephen has contributed a column since about 2000)

### **Media recognition**

Stephen has been recognized by the media for his expertise:

“One of Brisbane’s most respected gay and lesbian friendly lawyers.”	Brisbane Lawyer	April, 2008
“Stephen Page is one of Australia’s leading surrogacy lawyers.”	National Nine News	9 April, 2013
“Stephen Page, a leading Australian surrogacy lawyer”	Daily Telegraph	4 April, 2014
“Stephen Page, one of Australia’s leading surrogacy lawyers”	Sydney Morning Herald	1 August 2014
“Prominent Australian surrogacy lawyer Stephen Page”	Sydney Morning Herald	3 August 2014
“Stephen Page, one of Australia’s most eminent surrogacy lawyers”	Sun Herald	10 August, 2014
“Stephen Page, one of Australia’s leading surrogacy lawyers”	Mix101.1 FM	11 August, 2014
“Stephen Page, a leading Australian surrogacy lawyer”	The Age	11 August, 2014
“Leading Australian surrogacy lawyer Stephen Page”	The Guardian	15 August, 2014
“Leading surrogacy lawyer Stephen Page”	The Courier-Mail	7 September, 2014
“Brisbane-based lawyer, Stephen Page, a family law expert”	Star Observer	June, 2015
“An internationally regarded expert on family law”	Brisbane Times	17 July, 2016
“A leading Australian surrogacy lawyer, Stephen Page”	The Guardian	11 September, 2016
“Seasoned practitioner... family law expert”	Lawyers Weekly	16 September, 2016
“Leading family law expert”	60 Minutes	18 September,

		2016
“Australia’s foremost expert in surrogacy laws”	Radio National, Background Briefing	12 February, 2017
“leading Australian surrogacy lawyer Stephen Page”	Essential Baby	6 April 2017
“Australia’s most prominent surrogacy attorney Stephen Page”	The Public Discourse, Witherspoon Institute	19 April, 2017
“Stephen Page, an Australian lawyer specializing in surrogacy”	The Cambodia Daily	4 August, 2017
“prominent Australian fertility attorney Stephen Page”	Abovethelaw.com	9 August, 2017
“Australian surrogacy attorney Stephen Page”	Abovethelaw.com	16 August 2017
“family lawyer Stephen Page, who is an expert on surrogacy”	The Australian	21 September, 2017
“Stephen Page, a prominent Australian family law attorney”	Abovethelaw.com	8 November, 2017
“family law expert Stephen Page”	The Australian	11 November 2017
“surrogacy lawyer Stephen Page”	ABC Perth	15 January 2018
“renowned Australian solicitor Stephen Page”	Abovethelaw.com	27 June 2018
“family lawyer Stephen Page”	The Australian	28 July 2018
“this column’s favorite assisted reproductive technology-specialized Aussie solicitor, Stephen Page”	Abovethelaw.com	8 August 2018
“family partner Stephen Page”	The Australian	4 January 2019
“Lawyer Stephen Page is one of Australia’s leading legal voices on donor conception.”	60 Minutes Australia: “Babies at first sight”	17 February 2019

### Peer recognition

Stephen has been endorsed as the leading surrogacy lawyer in Australia by:

When	Who	Role
April, 2014	Mr Steve Snyder, Minneapolis	Then Chair, Artificial Reproductive Technologies Committee, American Bar Association
April, 2014	Mr John Weltman, Boston	Founder and President, Weltman Law Group and Circle Surrogacy, one of the world’s oldest and largest surrogacy agencies
December, 2014	Dr Kim Bergman, Los Angeles	Psychologist, co-founder and co-owner, Growing Generations, one of the world’s oldest and largest surrogacy agencies
January, 2015	Mr Rich Vaughn, Los Angeles	Chair, Artificial Reproductive Technologies Committee, American Bar Association
May, 2015	Hon John	South Australian Legislative Council: “A



	Dawkins MLC	<i>lawyer who has extraordinary expertise in surrogacy legislation”.</i>
June, 2015	John Gardner MP	South Australian Legislative Assembly: <i>“An expert surrogacy lawyer from Queensland.”</i>
May, 2017	Scott Buckley, Weltman Law Group	<i>“world renowned attorney in Australia”</i>
July, 2017	Rodney Chiang-Cruise, convenor, Gay Dads Australia	<i>“Stephen Page is one of Australia’s and the world’s most respected and knowledgeable lawyers when it comes to Surrogacy.”</i>
August, 2017	Andy Vorzimer, Vorzimer/Masserman	<i>“Stephen is universally regarded as the preeminent legal expert in Australia when it comes to surrogacy”</i>
September, 2017	Sara Cohen, Fertility Law Canada	<i>“Stephen is the leading lawyer in Australia working with parents through surrogacy.”</i>
October 2017	South Australian Law Reform Institute <i>Surrogacy: a legislative framework</i>	<i>“an experienced Queensland lawyer who practises in this area” and “a leading lawyer in this field”</i>

### **White Ribbon activities**

Stephen has been a White Ribbon Ambassador since 2008. His activities include speaking extensively to community groups about domestic violence. He has been a partner of Australia’s CEO Challenge from 2003, and a director and deputy chair from 2008 to 2013.

### **Awards**

2001	Certificate of appreciation, Gold Coast Sexual Assault Support Service
2005	Co-recipient, Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, State and Territory Business Award
2010	Certificate of appreciation from the Queensland Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma
2011	Finalist, White Ribbon Ambassador of the Year
	Winner, Professional Services, Quest Business Awards
2015	LGBTIQ Activist of the Year, Brisbane Queen’s Birthday Ball, Brisbane Pride Awards
	Rainbow Key Award by LGBTI Legal Service, for five years volunteering service
2016	Queensland Law Society, Equity and Diversity Awards to Harrington Family Lawyers for Small Firm Practice Initiative

## Queensland Law Society representative as to domestic violence matters

Stephen has represented the Queensland Law Society in relation to the following domestic violence issues:

2011	Queensland Law Society representative and White Ribbon Ambassador representative to two day intensive as to community consultation as to draft domestic violence laws
2014	Queensland Law Society representative on a panel as to proposed <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules</i>
	Queensland Law Society representative as to research undertaken by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General concerning private protection order applications

## Career highlights

These have included:

1985-	Helping keep clients and their children safe
1994	Co-founding a domestic violence service
1998	Obtaining protection in a domestic violence trial, having been the subject of stalking
2002	Successfully lobbying singlehandedly to change domestic violence laws to protect children
1999-2002	Assisted Queensland Association of Gay and Lesbian Rights in drafting proposed laws to remove discrimination. The efforts culminated in the repeal of most discriminatory laws in Queensland in 2002.
2011	Giving evidence at Tasmanian Parliament inquiry as to its Surrogacy Bill. The evidence resulted in changes to the bill.
2011	Speaking at the world's first international surrogacy legal conference (in Las Vegas)
2012	Being the lawyer for the surrogate in the world precedent case as to what constituted "conception": <i>LWV v. LMH</i> [2012] QChC 26
2012-2013	Convening Queenslanders for Equality, and stopping proposed discriminatory surrogacy laws
2012	Being appointed as one of two international representatives on the Executive Council, American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Artificial Reproductive Technologies Committee.
2014	Becoming a Fellow of International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers [now International Academy of Family Lawyers], and first international Fellow of the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive treatment Attorneys [now American Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys]
	In one week appearing in surrogacy cases in courts in three States: Victoria, Queensland and South Australia
Nov 2014- Jan 2015	In three months I obtained parentage orders in four States: Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia
May 2015	I attended two history making conferences back to back in London: the first meeting of the LGBT Family Law Institute outside the US (including moderating a session), and the first surrogacy symposium of

	the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (including speaking at)
September, 2015	Speaking at the Brisbane Pride Rally, and then being one of the leaders in the Brisbane Pride March
February, 2016	The ruling body of the American Bar Association, the House of Delegates, unanimously endorsed resolution 112B, as to a proposed Hague convention about private international law, including surrogacy, in accordance with a position paper of which I was co-author and principal advocate. Subsequently the working group of The Hague conference adopt the same philosophical position.
May, 2016	I gave expert evidence on Australian surrogacy law in <i>In the matter of Z (A Child) (No 2)</i> [2016] EWHC 1191- which ruled that UK law that prohibited singles from obtaining surrogacy orders was incompatible with human rights law.
August, 2016	I spoke at the announcement by the Queensland Government to amend the <i>Adoption Act 2009</i> to allow same sex couples, singles and those undergoing IVF to be able to adopt.
August, 2016	The Hon. Michael Kirby and I were the speakers at the 6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LGBTI Legal Service, held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland
May, 2017	Acting for the parents in <i>Re Grosvenor</i> [2017]- the first registration in Australia of a US surrogacy order when there was commercial surrogacy
October, 2017	Organising <i>Lawyers Marching for Equality</i> - the first time lawyers marched as a group in Brisbane Pride March
November, 2017	Speaking at the launch of Pride in Law, Australia's first LGBTIQ lawyers networking association

### Volunteering

Stephen has volunteered providing advice at community legal centres:

1988-1990	South Brisbane Community Immigration Legal Centre
2005-2010	Caxton Legal Centre
2010-2015	LGBTI Legal Service

### Other

Stephen has trained counsellors on many occasions about keeping file notes and risk management with file notes.

For several years Stephen was a guest lecturer at Griffith University to post-graduate law students about domestic violence issues. Stephen has previously lectured counselling students at the Ashby Allan Institute about counselling and ethics.

Stephen was for some years the chair of the QUT Law Alumni Group.

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