

## Episode 40: Guest bios

**Episode name:** Happy Lawyer, Happy Life: how to create an authentic personal brand

**Guest(s):** Clarissa Rayward

**CLARISSA RAYWARD** Family lawyer and director

Clarissa is a wife, mum to two, Divorce Lawyer and lover of chocolate, coffee and anything colourful! She loves to write, dance and spend any free moment she has 'crafting' (or as she likes to call it #bedazzling!)

By day she is an accredited specialist family lawyer and the Director of the Brisbane Family Law Centre, a multidisciplinary practice where her team of lawyers work alongside counsellors and financial planners to ensure that clients receive the holistic support they need through divorce. She specialises in working with families through separation in a way that keeps them away from the Courts and ideally enables them to remain friends for the future.

She published her first book, Splitsville – How to separate, stay out of court and stay friends in 2015 and has since spent countless hours training family lawyers in Australia and around the world in better ways we can help our clients through divorce.

She didn't set out to be a happiness advocate in law but it seems that is just how it has all come together and in 2019 she was recognised as the 2019 Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards Wellness Advocate of the Year and the inaugural winner of the Minds Court Individual Wellness Advocate in Law.

These days she still works with families all around Australia helping them through divorce and separation and all the bits in between. But in her 'free time' she is working hard to change the way lawyers practise law, to reduce our overly high rates of anxiety, depression and psychological ill health just in case one of her girls decides this crazy career might be for her too!

**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](#).