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Participant Guide

Therapeutic Jurisprudence Conference

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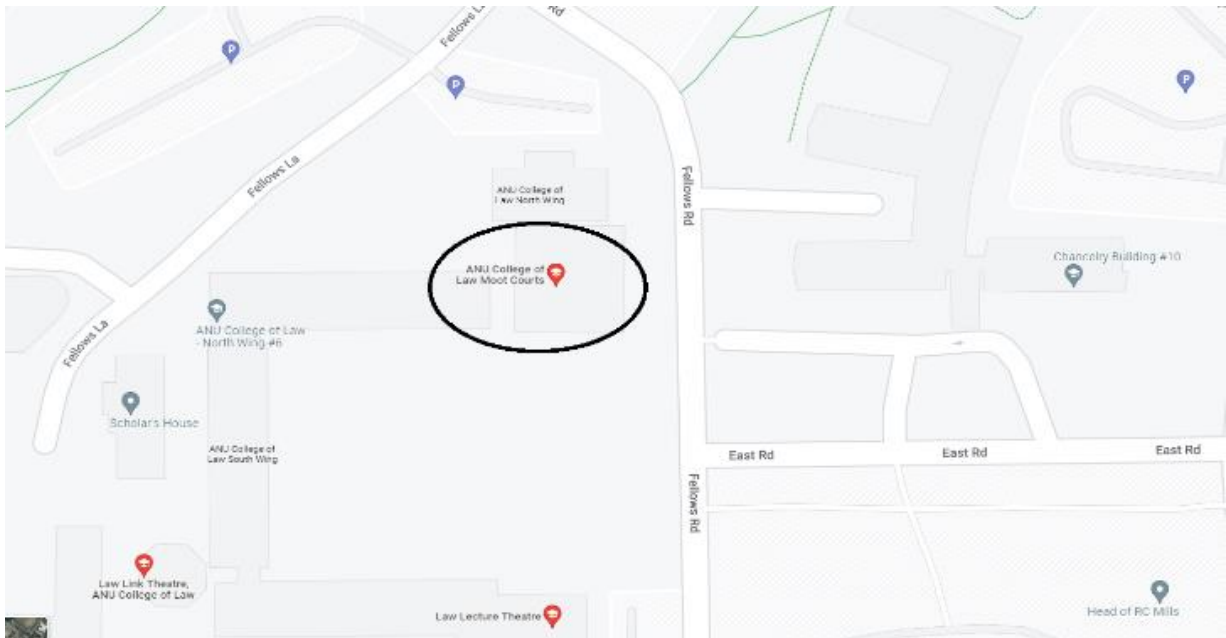
Participant Information

Venue



The Conference will be held on the ANU Campus, Acton, within the ANU College of Law Moot Court.

The ANU Moot Court is located within the beautiful grounds of the ANU, adjacent to the ANU Law School, on Fellows Road.



Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the registration fee. The following hotels are within a 15 to 20 minute walk of the venue.

QT Hotel

1 London Circuit, Canberra ACT

T: +61 2 6247 6244

W: <https://www.qthotels.com/canberra/>

Ovolo Nishi

Nishi, 25 Edinburgh Avenue, New Acton, Canberra

T: +61 2 6287 6287

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Dress

Dress is smart casual.

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Program Inclusions

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and a cocktail reception on Saturday evening.

Dinners/Social Events

Saturday 25 February 2023 5.00pm-7.00pm – Cocktail Reception

A cocktail reception on Saturday evening will be held from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm within the beautiful grounds of the ANU Law School courtyard.

Along with local wines, drinks and good conversation, there will live music by *Mirror Mirror*, a folk improvised duo from Canberra, known for their contemporary tunes and heartfelt harmonies.

We do
join us.



hope you are able to

Ally Hocking Howe and Tab Hart are Mirror Mirror. The duo has over a decade of gigging experience around the ACT, NSW and VIC.

Registration

Information on how to register for the Conference, can be found here:

<https://njca.com.au/course/anu-njca-joint-conference-therapeutic-jurisprudence/>

Program

Day 1 – Saturday 25 February 2023

8.30am **Registration** Tea and coffee will be provided upon arrival

9.00am **Official Welcome**

Chair Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker, *Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory*

Presenter Chief Justice Chris Kourakis, *Supreme Court of South Australia*

Description

- Welcome
- Acknowledgment of Country

9.15am **Session 1** I know TJ when I see it - or do I?

Chair Magistrate Pauline Spencer, *Magistrates Court of Victoria*

Presenters Magistrate Michael King, *Magistrates Court of Victoria*
Dr Stephane Shepherd, *Associate Professor of Forensic Psychology, Swinburne University of Technology*

Description Therapeutic jurisprudence (TJ) invites us to examine laws, legal processes and the roles of legal actors to see whether changes could be made to improve the wellbeing of people impacted by the law and legal systems. Many justice innovations acknowledge TJ as a guiding principle and many members of the judiciary and legal profession talk about taking a TJ approach to their roles. But what is TJ? In this session we bring together a member of the judiciary and a social scientist to explore what TJ is, and what it is not.

10.15am **Morning tea**

10.30am **Session 2** The law in action: A team perspective

Chair Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker, *Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory*

Presenters Ms Susie Cameron, *Drug Court, Magistrates Court of Victoria*
Mr Jesse Kennedy, *Forensic AOD Clinician*

Description Therapeutic justice frequently differs from traditional western legal justice in that it brings together the skills and experience of a team of professionals who are able to inform and advise the judicial officer directly in relation to the person, often with the benefit of ongoing engagement with the person in their various capacities.

This session will bring together professionals, including judicial officers, with experience in a therapeutic court process, along with a participant with lived experience, to discuss their roles, the benefits and challenges of such processes and how they differ from the traditional court process.

11.30am	Session 3	Intergenerational trauma, intergenerational strength
	Chair	Dr Anthony Hopkins, <i>Associate Professor, Australian National University Special Magistrate, Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory</i>
	Presenters	Magistrate Louise Taylor, <i>Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory</i> Ms Vanessa Edwige, <i>Consultant Psychologist</i> Judge Matthew Myers AM, <i>Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW</i> <i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Division 2</i>
	Description	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are grossly overrepresented in criminal justice and child protection systems. This overrepresentation is inexorably bound up with intergenerational and continuing experiences of trauma and systemic racism. Beginning with an understanding of intergenerational trauma and its presentation in the justice and the child protection systems concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, this session will consider the potential for the system and individual actors within it to respond more therapeutically. Realising this potential depends on recognising the importance of Indigenous led, culturally safe, strength-based approaches, built on truth-telling, shared identity and connection to a therapeutic web of cultural support.
12.30pm		Lunch
1.30pm	Session 4	TJ skills and principles, examples and application: – TJ as a cross-jurisdictional toolkit
	Chair	Magistrate Andrée Horigan, <i>Children's Court of Western Australia</i>
	Presenter	Magistrate Liz Langdon, <i>Marram-Ngala Ganbu and Family Drug Treatment Court, Children's Court of Victoria</i> Mr Tim Simmons, <i>Lawyer/Mediator (recently retired from Dept Justice WA)</i> Magistrate John Hardy, <i>Magistrates Court of Victoria</i> Ms Tina King, <i>Koori Services Coordinator, Children's Court of Victoria</i>
	Description	During this interactive session, you will hear from members of the judiciary, a barrister and a mediator about how they use their TJ tools in their roles in special lists and traditional courts.
3.30pm		Afternoon tea
3.45pm	Session 5	Keynote Address: Towards an evidence based criminal justice system
	Chair	Professor Lorana Bartels, <i>Australian National University</i>
	Keynote	The Honourable Robert Tickner AO, <i>Chair of the Justice Reform Initiative</i>
	Description	The Justice Reform Initiative seeks to reach out to people of goodwill across the political spectrum and a range of experiences to shift the public conversation and public policy in this country, away from the building an ever increasing number of prisons and instead to shift to evidence-based alternatives which will reduce recidivism and build safer communities. Robert Tickner, as the Chair of the Justice Reform Initiative, will update the conference on the growing movement for change in the public debate and in public policy related to criminal justice and prison reform in Australia.
4.45pm		Close
5.00 pm – 7:00 pm		Cocktail Reception – ANU Law School courtyard

Day 2 – Sunday 26 Feb 2023

9.00am

Optional mindfulness and compassion meditation session

Facilitator

Dr Anthony Hopkins, *Associate Professor, Australian National University; Special Magistrate, Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory*

Suffering is an ever present reality within the justice system. That is why compassion is an essential attribute of those who seek to engage therapeutically within that system. There is evidence to suggest that compassion has the capacity to prevent empathic exhaustion and overwhelm. There is also evidence that compassion is a capacity that we can cultivate through training. In this optional session, participants will be invited to use mindfulness to explore the difference between empathy and compassion, and to get a taste for the ways in which compassion can be cultivated in support of TJ practice.

9.30am

Arrival tea and coffee

9.45am

Session 5

On the steps of the court: Therapeutic jurisprudence and the role of alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

Chair

Dr Anne MacDuff, *Australian National University*

Presenters/Panel

Professor Tania Sourdin, *Dean and Head of School, Newcastle Law School*
Professor Rachael Field, *Centre for Professional Legal Education, Bond University*

Description

The goals of TJ are not limited to specific courts, court processes, or to specific areas of law. This panel session explores the potential of considering TJ in law as experienced beyond the court room and in civil contexts. It reviews the role of ADR, and its influence on the wellbeing of various legal actors within a range of contexts, including family law disputes. It addresses a range of questions including: Does ADR empower individuals by supporting parties to work through a solution focussed approach, thereby enhancing long term working relationships and improving the wellbeing of those involved in the dispute? What are the therapeutic limitations of ADR? For instance, does it assist women, those who have experienced family violence, Indigenous Australians and those with disabilities, amongst others? Further, how might conceptualising ADR as part of TJ prompt us to review the role of courts and litigation?

10.45am

Morning tea

11.15am

Session 6

Recognition, respect & support: Supporting justice for people with lived experience of disability

Chair

Magistrate Roslyn Porter, *Magistrates Court of Victoria*

Presenters

Mr Stan Winford, *Associate Director of Research, Innovation & Reform, Centre for Innovative Justice, Supporting Justice Project*
Ms Dorothy Armstrong, *Advisor and Peer Support Worker, Centre for Innovative Justice, Supporting Justice Project*

Description	People with lived experience of disability are over represented in the criminal justice system and our prisons. In this session we explore more effective ways of recognising, respecting and supporting people with disability in our justice system and how bringing people with disability to the centre of reform and ensuring their voices are heard can help us identify priorities for justice system reform.
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12.15pm	Session 7	Telling the TJ story: Establishing, maintaining, defending, and expanding TJ
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Chair	Professor Lorana Bartels, <i>Australian National University</i>
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Presenters	The Honourable Michael Hill, <i>International Associate of the Judicial Speakers Institute</i> Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg AM, <i>Monash University</i> Dr Karen Gelb, <i>University of Melbourne</i>
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Description	This session will explore the process of establishing, maintaining, defending and expanding TJ. The session will commence with the Honourable Michael Hill, patron of the Justice Reform Initiative, detailing the establishment of mental health and drug diversion programs in Tasmania. Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg will then provide the historical and political context for the evolution of TJ in Australia. The session will conclude with Dr Karen Gelb examining the role of evaluation in maintaining and expanding TJ models, including the challenges of undertaking such evaluations.
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1.15pm	Wrap up: - Where to from here?
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Presenter	Magistrate Pauline Spencer, <i>Magistrates Court of Victoria</i>
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Description	Concluding thoughts
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1.35pm	Lunch and close
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Program Committee Biographies

Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker, Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory (Co-Chair)

Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker holds a BA, LLB from the University of Sydney. She was admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales in 1987, working briefly as an employed solicitor until joining the Royal Australian Air Force later that year. She served as a legal officer for 3 years in Melbourne and the Northern Territory before relocating to her birthplace, the United Kingdom. She was employed by the Crown Prosecution Service as a prosecutor from 1990 to 1996. On returning to Australia, she practised as a solicitor in the ACT for one year prior to being made a partner in a national law firm. She commenced at the ACT Bar in 2000.

Chief Magistrate Walker was appointed to the ACT bench in 2010 with a dual commission as Coroner and Magistrate. She was subsequently appointed Chief Coroner and Chief Magistrate in 2011. During this time, she has held the roles of the Childrens Court and Industrial Court Magistrate.

In August 2019, she was appointed as an Acting Justice to implement commencement of the Drug and Alcohol Sentencing List Court. The court commenced in December 2019.

She recommenced as the Chief Magistrate in April 2020 amidst the early stages of the Covid-19 Crisis.

She has particular interests in the somewhat competing concepts of court efficiency and therapeutic justice. Outside work, she runs a rural smallholding and has an aspirational interest in a self-sustaining lifestyle.

Dr Anthony Hopkins, Associate Professor, Australian National University; Special Magistrate, Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory (Co-Chair)

Anthony is a Senior Lecturer and Director of Clinical and Internship Courses at the ANU Law School. He is also a criminal defence barrister who began his career in Alice Springs, working the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Anthony's research is focused on the question of inequality in the criminal justice system, and on the importance of understanding the experience of 'others'. More recently he has focused on exploring the links between equality and compassion, where compassion is understood as the foundation that enables turning towards those who are caught in the criminal justice system.

Magistrate Pauline Spencer, Magistrates Court of Victoria

Pauline Spencer was appointed as a Magistrate in Victoria in 2006. She currently sits at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court, Victoria, Australia and is the Head of Division, Specialist Courts providing judicial leadership across the court's therapeutic programs.

Prior to her appointment Magistrate Spencer worked as a lawyer in private practice in Queensland, as the Principal Legal Officer for the Fitzroy Legal Service and as Executive Officer of the Federation of Community Legal Centres the peak body for over 50 community legal centres in Victoria.

Magistrate Spencer has an interest in therapeutic jurisprudence, improved responses to family violence and how the court can improve links with the community it serves. Magistrate Spencer is on the Board of the International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence (intljtj.com).

Dr Anne Macduff, *Australian National University*

Dr Anne Macduff is a Senior Lecturer at the ANU College of Law. Drawing upon a range of critical theories, including feminist, postcolonial and queer theories, Anne Macduff's research explores how law devalues difference.

She has a particular interest in exploring issues of law and identity, including race, gender and sexuality. Anne's PhD thesis challenged the claim that Australian citizenship law is neutral and inclusive, and argues that the current laws construct a particular racialized and gendered citizen subject. Anne's interest in critically examining the way law excludes certain identities includes other areas of law, including tenancy, public law and family law.

Dr Macduff's research also explores the way that legal education devalues difference. Anne has published on critical thinking, reflection (with Marlene Le Brun) and portfolios (with Dr Chris Trevitt). She has also published on student workload (with Lynn Du Moulin).

Magistrate Andrée Horrigan, *Children's Court of Western Australia*

Magistrate Horrigan graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and Arts from the University of Melbourne in 1986. Her Honour completed Articles and relocated to Perth in 1988. She was employed at a firm from April 1990 until 29 October 1993. On 1 November 1993, Her Honour commenced sole practice, practising in crime and criminal injuries compensation, closing her practice on 1 November 2008.

Magistrate Horrigan became a part-time Magistrate of the Children's Court of Western Australia on 22 September 2004. On 8 December 2008, she was appointed a Magistrate of the Children's Court of Western Australia and a Magistrate of the Magistrates Court. Her Honour presides over criminal, protection and care and Drug Court matters in the Children's Court.

Professor Lorana Bartels, *Australian National University*

Lorana Bartels is Professor of Criminology at the Australian National University (ANU) and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Canberra (UC) and University of Tasmania. She was the Criminology Program Leader at the ANU and Head of the School of Law and Justice at UC. She has also worked at the Australian Institute of Criminology, Family Court of Australia, NSW Attorney-General's Department, NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and NSW Public Defenders Office.

She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, Co-chair of the ACT chapter of the Justice Reform Initiative and a member of its national board. She is also a member of the International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence Global Advisory Council, the Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Council, and the editorial boards of the *Alternative Law Journal*, *Criminal Law Journal* (ACT Editor and Sentencing Editor), *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* and *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. Professor Bartels was the inaugural co-recipient of the International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence Michael Perlin Award for Outstanding Therapeutic Jurisprudence Scholarship and Teaching.

Professor Bartels' publications include five books (including *The Methodology and Practice of Therapeutic Jurisprudence*) and over 110 refereed journal articles, book chapters and conference papers, as well as consultancy reports for the ACT Chief Magistrate, ACT Supreme Court, ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Corrections Victoria, Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse and Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Council.

Presenter Biographies

Robert Tickner, *Keynote Address, Chair of the Justice Reform Initiative*

Robert is the Chair of the Justice Reform Initiative which is a recently founded national organisation committed to shifting the public conversation and public policy in Australia away from reliance on incarceration as the primary response of the criminal justice system. The Patrons in Chief of the Justice Reform Initiative are two former Governors General Sir William Deane and Dame Quentin Bryce.

Robert is a former Acting Under Secretary General of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Federation and the former Chief Executive of Australian Red Cross - a position he held from February 2005 to August 2015.

Robert served as Federal Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs from 1990-1996 and is Australia's longest serving Minister of Indigenous Affairs. During his time in that portfolio Robert played a leading role in the passage of the Native Title Act, the initiation of the stolen generations inquiry, the creation of the national land fund and the national response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. In the Hawke Government he was responsible for the initiation of the reconciliation process and the unanimous passage of the reconciliation legislation through the Australian parliament.

Before being elected to the Federal parliament, he was a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the Institute of Technology as well as the Faculty of Business Studies. He later served as Principal Solicitor to the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service. Between 1977 and 1984 he served as a Councillor on the Sydney City Council including a very brief period as Acting Lord Mayor.

Robert holds Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Economics degrees and has undertaken the first stage of an Executive MBA. He has written two books. The first was "Taking a Stand" focussing on the politics of Indigenous rights and last year his second book "Ten Doors Down" was published telling the story of his adoption reunion.

Chief Justice Christopher Kourakis, *Supreme Court of South Australia*

Christopher Kourakis was admitted to practice 1982. He articulated at Johnston Withers McCusker, worked at the Legal Services Commission for several years then at a suburban practice before going to the Bar in 1989.

He was Legal Services Commissioner from 1993-1997 and took silk in 1997. He was President of the Law Society 2001, appointed as Solicitor-General for the State of South Australia on 3 February 2003.

On 21 August 2008, he was appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of South Australia. He was appointed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia on 25 June 2012.

Chief Justice Kourakis has been Chair of the National Judicial College of Australia since September 2020, Chair of the Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity to 2019-2022 and National Patron of the Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association since 2014.

He was conferred Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* by Flinders University April 2015.

Dr Stephane Shepherd, Associate Professor of Forensic Psychology, Swinburne University of Technology

Dr. Stephane Shepherd is Associate Professor of Forensic Psychology at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology. Dr. Shepherd's research explores cross-cultural issues at the intersection of psychology and the criminal justice system. His work identifies the needs of multi-cultural young people who are justice-involved and how services, programs and community can better support young people and their families through strengths-based approaches.

Dr. Shepherd was a Fulbright scholar in 2015. In 2020 he was announced as one of the ABC Top 5 researchers under 40, and he received the 2020 Victorian Government Multicultural Award for Excellence in Justice. He is also a member of the Victorian Youth Parole Board.

Vanessa Edwige, Consultant Psychologist

Vanessa is a Ngarabal woman from the Inverell region of NSW. She is a registered psychologist and has worked in the Redfern/Waterloo area of NSW for the last 20 years. Vanessa has worked on two programs with the NSW Attorney General's Department as the co-ordinator of Aboriginal Victims of Crime and the senior researcher for the Aboriginal Child Sexual assault report: Breaking the Silence Creating the Future.

Vanessa has developed training modules for the NSW Institute of Psychiatry on Aboriginal Grief and Loss and presented this training across NSW.

Vanessa is interested in forensic psychology and providing culturally sensitive psychological reports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people before the courts. Vanessa has a strong interest in intergenerational trauma and grief and loss.

Tim Simmons, Lawyer/Mediator (recently retired from Dept Justice WA)

Timothy Simmons was admitted as a solicitor in the UK 1974. He became a partner in various firms in private practice and in commerce until retiring in 2010. Tim Simmons specialised in advocacy in both civil and criminal courts until being appointed as senior legal counsel to an Insurance Group in 1996, sitting on the Board of Directors of a member companies of that Group.

Throughout his legal practice he took an active interest in young people in the justice system and their welfare in their involvement with social services. Tim Simmons represented children in criminal proceedings and in Care Proceedings, both prosecuting and defending. He was vice chair of four panels selecting foster carers for children in the care and protection system. Having retired to Australia in 2010 he was appointed as a mediator facilitating direct and indirect interaction between offenders and the victims of their offending, specialising in work within the Children's Court of Western Australia. Tim facilitated in excess of 600 referrals of young people by the Courts and personally supervised in excess of 150 face to face meetings between young people and the victims of their offending. Tim Simmons retired in 2019.

Tina King, Koori Services Coordinator, Children's Court of Victoria

Tina is a proud Awabakal women currently residing as a guest on Yorta Yorta nations in Victoria, having been employed in the Community services industry in both government and Aboriginal Co-operatives for over 10 years, for the past 3 years has been employed within the Childrens Court of Victoria as the Koori Services Co-Ordinator supporting the establishment of the Marram Nagla Ganbu process in Shepparton area.

Professor Tania Sourdin, Dean of the University of Newcastle Law School

Professor Tania Sourdin is the Dean of the University of Newcastle Law School.

Tania has been a mediator since 1991 and has mediated hundreds of disputes. She has also held senior Tribunal positions for more than 20 years and has a background as a litigation lawyer. She is the author of a number of more than 140 publications, that include books articles and papers, that are focussed on justice reform issues and has published and presented widely on a range of topics including ADR, justice innovation, justice issues, mediation, conflict resolution, collaborative law, artificial intelligence, technology and organisational change. She has led a range of research projects including a number that consider perceptions of dispute processes. Tania sits on a number of Boards, is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and is a visiting academic at Oxford University from October 2022 to January 2023.

Professor Rachael Field, Bond University

Rachael is a Professor of Law in the Bond University Faculty of Law, and Co-Director of the Bond Centre for Dispute Resolution and Bond's Centre for Professional Legal Education. Her areas of teaching and research expertise include dispute resolution, family law and domestic violence, lawyer and law student well-being and legal education.

Rachael has published widely in the field and completed a PhD on mediation ethics in 2011. She is co-author with Laurence Boulle of Australian Dispute Resolution Law and Practice and Mediation in Australia. Rachael founded the Australian Wellness Network for Law and co-founded the ADR Research Network. She has been involved with Women's Legal Service, Brisbane since 1993 and is now an Ambassador for the Service.

In 2013 Rachael was named Queensland Woman Lawyer of the Year and in 2020 she was elected as a life-long Honorary Academic Bencher of the Inner Temple in London.

Magistrate Roslyn Porter, Magistrates Court of Victoria

Appointed as a Magistrate since July 2010 sitting in the Children's and Magistrates' Courts of Victoria including the ARC the Assistance & Referral Court, a mental health court (aim of diverting people from disadvantaged background out of the justice system and into therapeutic supports) from 2018 until the present and the Children's Court (mid 2010 – 2016) including conducting Judicial Resolution Conferences (with the use of less-adversarial approaches to litigation), sitting in the Koori Children's Court at Melbourne;

Magistrate Porter is a member of the Judicial Wellbeing Committee for the Victorian Magistrates' Court, Education Committee & editor of the Induction Handbook for newly appointed Magistrates, Magistrates' Court representative on the NJCA – National Judicial Framework of Excellence Consulting Group and the Judicial College of Victoria (JCV) previous steering committees for programmes about Unconscious Bias in Decision Making, Children in Legal Proceedings.

Magistrate Porter is a former solicitor advocate (1990 – 2010) criminal law, children & youth and family law, commencing in private practice and then at Victoria Legal Aid, Managing Lawyer of Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) regional offices at Preston and Dandenong, Managing Lawyer of the Youth Legal Services - involved in Group Conferencing (victim-offender mediation), the establishment of Koori Court in the Children's Court, new ADR processes in the Children's Court.

Michael Hill, International Associate of the Judicial Speakers Institute

Michael Hill was educated at St Virgil's College and the University of Tasmania and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Tasmania in 1972. He was appointed the first Special Commissioner to sit in the Tasmanian Small Claims Court in 1985 and was appointed a Magistrate in January 1988. He was appointed Deputy Chief Magistrate in 1997 and Chief Magistrate in 2009.

He also served as an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court in 2005. He represented Australia on the Council of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association and served on the Council of the National Judicial College of Australia.

Michael retired in October 2015. In 2016 he was elected to the St Virgil's College Heritage Roll of Honour. He was, from 2016 to 2018, a Director on the Board of Southern Cross Care.

In 2017 he was appointed an Adjunct Professor at Law at the University of Tasmania and in the same year was a nominee for the Tasmanian of the Year in the Australian of the Year Awards. In 2018 he was appointed Chair of just Desserts a community group which supports the operations of the Tasmanian Drug Court

He is an International Associate of the Judicial Speakers Institute based in the United States and a Tasmanian patron of the Australia wide Justice Reform Initiative

He now enjoys playing golf and travels to see his grandchildren in Melbourne and Hamburg Germany as often as he can. His three children all graduated from the University of Tasmania with combined Law degrees.

Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg AM, Monash University

Professor Arie Freiberg was Dean of the Faculty of Law at Monash University between 2004 and 2012. Before this, he was Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne in 2003. He was appointed to the Foundation Chair of Criminology at the University of Melbourne in January 1991 where he served as Head of the Department of Criminology between January 1992 and June 2002. In 2013 he was appointed an Emeritus Professor of the University.

He is a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Australian Academy of Law. In 2009, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to law, particularly in the fields of criminology and reform related to sentencing, to legal education and academic leadership.

He was Chair of the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council between 2004 and 2022 and of the Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Council between 2013 and 2021. He has authored around 180 publications in areas such as sentencing, confiscation of proceeds of crime, tax compliance, corporate crime, juries, juvenile justice, sanctions, victimology, superannuation fraud, trust in criminal justice, commercial confidentiality in corrections, dangerous offenders, the role of emotion in criminal justice and public policy, drug courts, problem-oriented courts, non-adversarial justice, environment protection and regulatory theory.

Dr Karen Gelb, University of Melbourne

Dr Karen Gelb is a Consultant Criminologist who has spent 20 years researching Australian criminal justice systems, with a particular focus on the courts.

Dr Gelb has written on a range of issues, including specialist courts, family violence, public opinion on sentencing, bail and remand, and youth justice, and is currently working with colleagues on a book about juror perceptions of sex offenders. In addition to consulting, Dr Gelb lectures for the Monash University Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre and the Melbourne University Department of Criminology. She is a Board Director for Court Network, and is the Manager of Research and Policy at Penington Institute, where she writes about drug policy and harm reduction.

Magistrate John Hardy, Magistrates Court of Victoria

Magistrate John Hardy has been a Victorian Magistrate since 1999 after a career of more than 20 years at the Victorian Bar as a criminal defence barrister.

Magistrate Hardy has been involved in Bail support programs, CREDIT and CISP, sat in both the Koori Court of Victoria and the ARC LIST since their respective inceptions. He has given multiple papers on the both the Koori Court and ARC.

Judge Matthew Myers AM, Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Judge Matthew Myers AM is a Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in its Family Law Division.

Judge Myers was appointed as an ALRC Commissioner in February 2017 to lead the inquiry into the incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Judge Myers was appointed to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in 2011. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales and holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales, a Master of Applied Law (Family Law) from the College of Law and a Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution from Bond University.

Judge Myers is also an accredited and experienced Family Dispute Resolution practitioner and is active in a number of committees including the Federal Circuit Court Indigenous Access to Justice Committee, the Law Society of NSW Indigenous Issues Committee and Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Family Law Pathways network.

Judge Myers was awarded the NSW Law Society President's medal in 2011 and received the award of Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2013 for services to the community in the area of welfare and family law. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

Forthcoming NJCA Judicial Education Programs

Programs



Oral Decisions – Sydney 29 – 30 June 2023

This program contains some theory concerning oral decisions and a larger, practical component in which participants practise delivering oral decisions and then receive individualised feedback designed to enhance their skills. The program will assist judicial officers in determining when it is appropriate to deliver oral decisions; preparing for and delivering oral decisions; using a structured approach for oral decisions; and efficient use of hearing or trial time.



Jury Management – Canberra, 27 – 28 July 2023

This one and a half day residential program looks at ways of dealing with the many practical issues connected with managing a jury. Jury Management enables judges to develop more effective and efficient jury management practices. Participating judicial officers will gain an understanding of the juror's perspective, discuss the key aspects of jury directions, consider aides to directions and learn how to manage difficulties that arise at all stages of a

trial.



We, The Gatekeepers - Sydney 10-11 August 2023

The NJCA is pleased to announce its new two-day program, We, the Gatekeepers. In recent decades, the treatment of expert evidence, particularly in criminal trials, has attracted unprecedented attention. Much of the attention, especially from scientists, has been critical of the way lawyers and courts use (and misuse) forensic science and medicine evidence. This intensive program is designed to raise the awareness of judicial officers to modern scientific perspectives bearing on the admission, use and evaluation of expert evidence.

Participants will engage in two case studies and a series of target short presentations oriented toward issues raised by the case studies. The use of case studies will reinforce the kinds of information that are required to enable judges to more readily recognise “junk science” for what it is and make informed admissibility rulings. To that end, the program will take a much deeper dive into the substantive law.



Writing Better Judgments I – TBC, 11 – 13 October 2023

The Writing Better Judgments program is designed to enhance participants' judgment writing skills through analysis, discussion and rewriting of judgments in small groups. This program provides participants with practical tools and tips for better judgment writing; a high level of interactivity including group workshops; and individual feedback.

Topics include preparation and planning for judgments; issue identification and resolution; writing judgments that are clear, comprehensive, concise, coherent and convincing; and managing procrastination and competing priorities.

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