

### What is the aim of the conference ?

The conference is designed to bring together people interested in the development of the Australian justice system over the next decade. The main themes of the conference are:

- the impact of future demographic and social changes on the legal system;
- the effect on the legal system of likely developments in technology;
- the impact that advances in understanding of the human brain are likely to have on the development of the law;
- managing the cost and complexity of long trials;
- the impact of the increasing interrelationship of State and Commonwealth law;
- the implications of these changes for court resources, for the skills required of judicial officers and for the legal profession.

### The style of the event ?

In each session two speakers will present papers. This will be followed a period of questions, comment and discussion.

### Who should attend?

The conference program is designed to be of interest to the judiciary, legal practitioners, court officers and court support workers, health and welfare professionals involved in court proceedings, legal academics, and people interested in the future of the legal system.



### Registration

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## National Judicial College of Australia

### The Australian Justice System in 2020

Saturday  
25 October 2008



The Mint Building  
Macquarie St, Sydney NSW

# Program Saturday 25 October 2008

8.30 Registration

8.55 Opening

Magistrate Hugh Dillon

NSW Regional Convenor, National  
Judicial College of Australia

9:00 Session 1: **The Australian Justice system – what is right and what is wrong with it ?**

*What will the justice system look like in 2020 ? what impact will demographic and other changes have ? What choices need to be made now to secure a fair and efficient court system for 2020 ?*

Speakers:

The Hon. John **Hatzistergos** MLC  
Attorney General NSW

Justice Mark **Weinberg**  
Court of Appeal Victoria

Chair: Justice Stephen Rothman  
Supreme Court NSW

10:30 Morning tea



11:00 Session 2: **Courts in 2020: should they do things differently ?**

*How should the courts respond to the demands of a changing society ? How should they respond to concerns about cost, delay, formality and responsiveness? Is there a role for mediation in criminal matters ?*

Speakers:

Chief Justice Wayne **Martin**

Supreme Court of Western Australia  
Justice Peter **McClellan**, Chief Judge at  
Common Law, Supreme Court NSW

Chair: Judge John Nicholson  
District Court NSW

12:30 Lunch

1.30 Session 3: **The Mind and the Law**

*Advances in understanding of the human brain and its influence on behaviour have clear implications for the development of the law, particularly the criminal law. Notions of what constitutes free will may be influenced by greater understanding of the effect of substance abuse, brain injury and the role of genetics in human behaviour.*

Speaker: Professor Max **Bennett**

Brain & Mind Research Institute NSW

Commentary: Justice David **Hodgson**  
Court of Appeal NSW

Chair: Magistrate Hugh Dillon  
Local Court NSW

3:00 pm Afternoon tea

3.30 pm Session 4: **Complex Litigation**

*As Australia's economic and social environments become more complex, so do the court processes required to resolve disputes. Increasing complexity usually means increasing costs and time. Can this be sustained ? Will the growing interrelationship of Commonwealth and State law require change ?*

Speakers:

Justice James **Allsop**, President  
Court of Appeal NSW

Judge Felicity **Hampel**

County Court Victoria & member  
Victorian Law Reform Commission  
Civil Justice System Review 2008

5.00 pm Close

