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Dialogues on being a Judge Program 2012

Dates: 10-12 October 2012

Location: Mount Lofty House, Adelaide

The Program

This is a new program which has been specifically developed for experienced judges in mid-career. Its purpose is to give them an opportunity to examine their approach to their work through the exploration of four key contemporary themes

- *Being a Judge.* An exploration of the obligations and challenges faced by judicial officers and the fundamental principles governing the performance of the judicial function.
- *Media/Social Media and its Influence on the Judiciary.* This theme aims to expand participants' awareness of the potential for new media to influence current law and practice.
- *Decision-Making in the Twenty -First Century.* This will explore the demographic composition of 21st century Australia, and how it affects the work of the courts and the decisions they make.
- *The Impact of Developments in Neurobiological Research on Judging.* This aims to provide judges with new information about rapidly developing scientific research which illuminates practical difficulties encountered in judging in areas such as giving evidence, (including children's evidence), and the effect of cognitive impairment on witnesses, practitioners and potentially judges themselves.

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