



Australian Legal Convention

20-22 November 2025

High Court of Australia
Canberra

WELCOME MESSAGE

Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Australian Legal Convention (ALC), an initiative of the Council of Chief Justices (CCJ) hosted by the High Court of Australia at the High Court building in Canberra.

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which the High Court building stands. As is appropriate to a national convention held at the seat of national government to discuss matters of nationwide importance, I acknowledge too the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands in all parts of the continent of Australia, of Tasmania, of the Torres Strait Islands and of other coastal islands.

The Australian justice system is comprised of many individuals, organisations and institutions with diverse ideas, experiences, perspectives and cultural nuance. The system can only gain strength from dialogue between them, challenging assumptions and deepening understandings. The ALC is designed to provide a forum for dialogue of that nature to set a trajectory towards formulating practical solutions to current challenges of national concern.

Without constraining the breadth of the discussions that might occur, the ALC has been structured by reference to seven broad themes. In relation to each theme, the questions open to be explored through a combination of plenary addresses, workshops and informal conversations will be:

1. What are the challenges?
2. What are the impediments to meeting those challenges?
3. What are the solutions?
4. What can be achieved within a realistic timeframe?

I extend my sincere thanks to the other members of the CCJ for their work in bringing this event to life and to my colleagues on the High Court for their facilitation of it. Most importantly, I thank each of you in advance for contributing your insights, experience and intellectual curiosity to this important gathering.

WELCOME RECEPTION



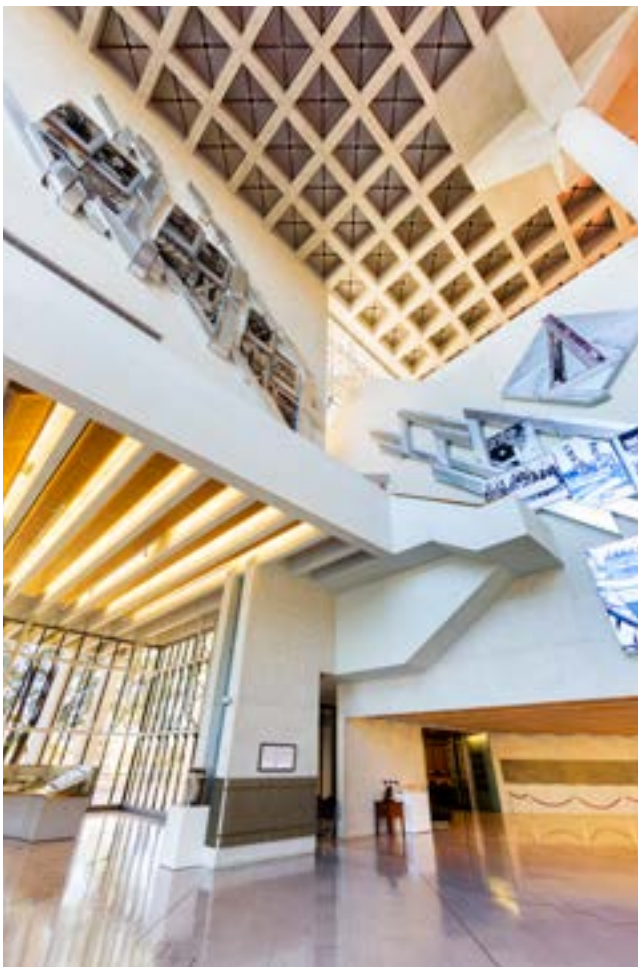
Thur, 20 November 2025



5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



**Great Hall
High Court of Australia
Canberra**



The Australian Legal Convention will commence with a reception hosted by the Council of Chief Justices. Delegates will be welcomed by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC and Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Honourable Stephen Gageler AC.

AUSTRALIAN LEGAL CONVENTION 2025

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2025

Time	Location	Topic	Chair/Facilitator	Speaker/Panellists
8:00 AM	Great Hall	Coffee and Registration		
8:45 AM	Court 1	Welcome Address and Welcome to Country		Aunty Violet Sheridan, Ngunnawal Elder
9:00 AM	Court 1	State of the Judicature Address		Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC
Session 1: Legitimacy				
9:45 AM	Court 1	Plenary Addresses	Chief Justice Andrew Bell	Dr Ruth Higgins SC Ms Rachel Doyle SC
10:20 AM	Court 1	Courts and Declining Public Trust: Causes and Solutions	Chief Justice Andrew Bell	Chief Justice Helen Winkelmann GNZM Justice James Stellios Dr Ruth Higgins SC
	Court 2	Open Justice: Courts and the Media	Dr Matt Collins AM KC	Justice Jeremy Kirk Justice Natalie Charlesworth Ms Rachel Doyle SC
	Court 3	Diversity and Inclusion: Judicial and Other Species of Bias	Chief Justice Michael Grant AO	Judge Dženita Balić Justice Hament Dhanji Justice Ingmar Taylor
11:20 AM	Great Hall	Morning Tea		
Session 2: Artificial Intelligence				
12:00 PM	Court 1	Plenary Addresses	Chief Justice Richard Niall	Professor Edward Santow Dr Kaye Ballantyne
12:35 PM	Court 1	Harnessing AI by Courts	Justice Nye Perram	Professor Lyria Bennett Moses Professor Kimberlee Weatherall Ms Sarah Carney
	Court 2	AI in Legal Practice	The Honourable Anthony North KC	Mr Angus Lang SC Ms Kathleen Foley SC Ms Lisa Kozaris
	Court 3	AI in Legal Education, AI and Ethics	Professor Tania Sourdin	Justice François Kunc Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson Professor Will Bateman
1:35 PM	Great Hall	Lunch		

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Time	Location	Topic	Chair/Facilitator	Speaker/Panellists
Session 3: Family and Sexual Violence				
2:35 PM	Court 1	Plenary Addresses	Chief Justice William Alstergren AO	Justice Jacoba Brasch Judge Liesl Kudelka SC
3:10 PM	Court 1	Court-based Approaches to Family Violence	Chief Justice William Alstergren AO	Judge Kylie Beckhouse Magistrate Lisa O'Neill Ms Meaghan Bradshaw
	Court 2	Coercive Control and the Courts	Justice Belinda Baker	Professor Heather Douglas AM Justice Jacoba Brasch Magistrate Therese McCarthy
	Court 3	Children and Youth in the Legal System	Judge Jack Vandersteen	Justice Elizabeth Boyle Ms Thelma Schwartz
	Level 1 Atrium	Courts and Vulnerable Witnesses: Trauma-Informed Court Practices	Chief Justice Lucy McCallum	Justice Dina Yehia Ms Ffyona Livingstone Clark Judge Kate Hughes
4:10 PM	Great Hall	Afternoon Tea		
Session 4: Institutional Well-Being				
4:35 PM	Court 1	Well-Being in the Courts	Ms Sally Ryan	Dr Carly Schrever Mr Sandy Horneman-Wren SC Magistrate Pauline Spencer
	Court 2	The Well-Being of the Profession	Ms Julie Taylor SC	The Honourable Linda Dessau AC CVO Ms Rebecca Fogerty Mr Richard Wilson SC
	Court 3	The Well-Being of Students and Academics	Professor Rufus Black	Associate Professor Judith Marychurch Ms Rebecca Ferguson
5:30 PM	Day One Close			

CONVENTION DINNER



Fri, 21 November 2025



7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



**Gandel Hall
National Gallery of Australia
Canberra**

The Convention Dinner will be held at Gandel Hall, National Gallery of Australia, on **Friday, 21 November 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Dress Code: Business



AUSTRALIAN LEGAL CONVENTION 2025

SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025

Time	Location	Topic	Chair/Facilitator	Speaker/Panellists
8:30 AM	Great Hall	Coffee		
Session 5: First Nations Justice				
9:00 AM	Court 1	Plenary Addresses	Chief Justice Debra Mortimer	Justice Lincoln Crowley Justice Louise Taylor
9:35 AM	Court 1	Truth Telling, Treaty, Land Justice and Native Title Reform	Mr Anthony McAvoy SC	Commissioner Travis Lovett Mr Jamie Lowe Mr Joshua Creamer
	Court 2	Cultural Competence and Safety in the Legal System	Mr Timothy Goodwin	Mr James Parfitt Ms Jaime Parriman Ms Vanessa Edwige
	Court 3	Criminal Law, Indigenous People and Therapeutic Justice	Mr Damian Beaufile	Maggie Munn Ms Nerita Waight Magistrate Rose Falla
10:35 AM	Great Hall	Morning Tea		
Session 6: Access to Justice				
11:15 AM	Court 1	Plenary Addresses	Chief Justice Christopher Kourakis	Chief Justice Peter Quinlan Judge Anastasis Liveris
11:50 AM	Court 1	Legal Aid, the Community Legal Sector and Pro Bono Practice	Ms Kate Jenkins AO	Ms Rowan McRae Ms Mary Corina Martin OAM Ms Famin Ahmed
	Court 2	Unrepresented Litigants	Chief Magistrate Steven Heath	Deputy Chief Magistrate Anthony Gett Justice Paul Freeburn Ms Rachel Holt
	Court 3	Rural, Regional and Remote Justice	Justice Jenny Blokland AO	Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris AM Mr David Connoley Mr Nicholas Broadbent SC Professor Amanda Kennedy
	Level 1 Atrium	Sovereign Citizens and Court Security	Justice Richard O'Brien	Professor Michele Pathé Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO Ms Tracey Hall PSM
12:50 PM	Great Hall	Lunch		

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SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025				
Time	Location	Topic	Chair/Facilitator	Speaker/Panellists
Session 7: Legal Education and Training				
1:50 PM	Court 1	Plenary Addresses	Chief Justice Lucy McCallum	Justice Debra Mullins AO Professor Catherine Renshaw
2:25 PM	Court 1	The Legal Syllabus in the 21st Century: the Future of Legal Education 2030 Project	Justice Elisabeth Peden	Professor Nick James Dr Andrew Henderson Professor Eddie Cubillo
	Court 2	Pre- and Post-Admission Training: Educating a Practice Ready Profession for the 21st Century	Justice Julie Ward	Ms Juliana Warner Professor Andrew Lynch Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan
	Court 3	Judicial Education	Chief Justice Helen Bowskill	Ms Samantha Burchell Ms Una Doyle Ms Karen Gregory
3:30 PM	Court 1	Closing Remarks	Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC	
4:15 PM	Convention Close			

SESSION 1: LEGITIMACY

PLENARY ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

At a time when it is regularly observed that trust in public institutions is in decline, it is vital for the rule of law and the health of our democracy that the legitimacy of our legal system - its courts, tribunals and the legal profession more generally - is actively reinforced and enhanced. Public confidence must be built on public understanding of what courts do, including the complexity, challenges and importance of their work and the role played by the legal profession in it.

To state that the maintenance of legitimacy is important is perhaps trite but we need clearly to identify the causes of its erosion (if erosion there in fact is) and the means of enhancing trust. That includes sceptical self-examination and a consciousness of changes in society more generally.

Dr Ruth Higgins SC will ask and explore what it means to speak of trust in institutions and how it is built and lost. She will introduce and emphasise the importance of candour as a unifying key to securing and maintaining legitimacy. Ms Rachel Doyle SC will explore the question of legitimacy from within legal institutions and how it may be affected, positively and negatively, by extraneous forces, including government and media.

The means of maintaining legitimacy may also change over time: scrutiny of common practices and traditions may reveal that what was once acceptable and reinforced trust in and respect for the legal profession either no longer does so, or indeed may be a source of diminution of trust.

The plenary addresses will set the scene for panel discussions on causes and solutions to declining public trust; open justice: courts and the media; and diversity and inclusion, focussing on judicial and other species of bias. The second and third panels will be considered through the lens of legitimacy.

*Chief Justice Andrew Bell, Supreme Court of New South Wales, will chair the plenary addresses.
The plenary addresses will be followed by concurrent workshops.*

Workshop 1: Courts and Declining Public Trust: Causes and Solutions

Facilitator

Chief Justice Andrew Bell

Panellists

Chief Justice Helen Winkelmann GNZM
Justice James Stellios
Dr Ruth Higgins SC

Court 1

Workshop 2: Open Justice: Courts and the Media

Facilitator

Dr Matt Collins AM KC

Panellists

Justice Jeremy Kirk
Justice Natalie Charlesworth
Ms Rachel Doyle SC

Court 2

Workshop 3: Diversity and Inclusion: Judicial and Other Species of Bias

Facilitator

Chief Justice Michael Grant AO

Panellists

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Court 3

SESSION 1: LEGITIMACY

PLENARY ADDRESSES



Speaker

**Dr Ruth Higgins SC,
New South Wales Bar**

Dr Ruth Higgins SC is a leading commercial silk practising nationally in competition law, constitutional law, class actions, energy, media, corporate criminal and corporations law.

Ruth is a member of the Takeovers Panel and a Visiting Fellow at the Julius Stone Institute at the University of Sydney. She is a former President of the New South Wales Bar Association and former Director of the Australian Bar Association and the Law Council of Australia.

Ruth is the author of various books, including, *'The Moral Limits of Law'* (OUP, 2004), three collections of essays co-edited with Justin Gleeson SC, *'The Humanity of Law'* (Federation Press) and a forthcoming monograph, *'Law's Candour'* (all through Federation Press). She is the contributing editor of Trade Practices Law (Thomson Reuters).

Ruth won the Glasgow University medal in law. She then completed a doctorate in legal philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford University, lectured at Corpus Christi College, Oxford and was a visiting Scholar at Columbia University.



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In 2021, Rachel published the book *'Power and Consent'*, which was part of the Monash University Publishing series *'In the National Interest'*. The book considered the question of sexual harassment in the workplace and is now a prescribed text for new barristers who join the Victorian Bar.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rachel was associate to Sir Daryl Dawson AC KBE CB KC at the High Court (1994 – 1996). She worked part time for the Director of Public Prosecutions (South Australia) between 1992 and 1994.

SESSION 1: LEGITIMACY

WORKSHOP 1 - Courts and Declining Public Trust: Causes and Solutions



FACILITATOR

**Chief Justice Andrew Bell,
Supreme Court of New South Wales**

The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Bell was sworn in as Chief Justice of New South Wales on 7 March 2022. Prior to being appointed as Chief Justice, his Honour was President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. His Honour is also Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales and President of the Judicial Commission.

His Honour graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws, receiving the University Medal in both degrees. His Honour was awarded the University of Sydney Convocation Medal. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University where he graduated in 1993 with First Class Honours and was the top student in the Bachelor of Civil Law, for which he was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship.

His Honour completed his doctorate the following year, with his thesis forming the basis for his subsequent book, *'Forum Shopping and Venue in Transnational Litigation'*. He is also co-author of *'Nygh's Conflict of Laws'* in Australia and has taught and published extensively, especially in relation to private international law and transnational litigation.



PANELLIST

**Chief Justice Helen Winkelmann GNZM,
Supreme Court of New Zealand**

The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann GNZM was sworn in as New Zealand's 13th Chief Justice on 14 March 2019.

A graduate of Auckland University, Justice Winkelmann began work as a law clerk with the Auckland firm Nicholson Gribbin (now DLA Piper). She was admitted to the bar in 1985. In 1988, she became the firm's first female partner. Justice Winkelmann remained at the firm until 2001, when she began practice as a barrister. In 2004, she was appointed as a High Court Judge, followed by Chief High Court Judge in 2010. She was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2015.

Justice Winkelmann was the New Zealand representative on the Board of The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration until October 2020 and from November 2012 to November 2019 was Chair of Te Kura Kaiwhakawā | The Institute of Judicial Studies.

As Chief Justice, she has identified facilitating access to justice, connecting the courts to the community and supporting a representative and diverse judiciary as her priorities.

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PANELLIST

Justice James Stellios,
Federal Court of Australia

Justice James Stellios was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia on 19 December 2024. Justice Stellios graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Economics in 1991 and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons, University Medal) in 1995. He holds a Master of Laws from Cornell University and a Doctor of Philosophy from the Australian National University.

In 1995, he was admitted as a legal practitioner to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. In 2013, he was called to the New South Wales Bar.

Prior to his appointment to the Federal Court, Justice Stellios was Professor and Head of School at the Australian National University Law School. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. He is the author of *'The Federal Judicature: Chapter III of the Constitution'* and *'The High Court and the Constitution'*.



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SESSION 1: LEGITIMACY

WORKSHOP 2 - Open Justice: Courts and the Media



FACILITATOR

**Dr Matt Collins AM KC,
Victorian Bar**

Dr Matt Collins AM KC is a past President of the Australian Bar Association and of the Victorian Bar, a member of the Board and Council of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School. In 2019, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the law, to legal standards and to education. In 2020, he was named one of Australia's 50 Outstanding LGBTI+ Leaders by Deloitte Australia.

Matt holds a PhD from Melbourne Law School. He is the author of all three editions of *'The Law of Defamation and the Internet'* and *'Collins on Defamation'*, a generalist text on the law of defamation of England and Wales. He has also written many peer-reviewed articles on aspects of media law.

Matt has acted in many significant defamation cases for both plaintiffs and defendants over the past three decades, including celebrities like Michael Jackson, Rebel Wilson and Jim Carrey, politicians from all sides of politics and all of Australia's major media organisations and internet platforms.



PANELLIST

**Justice Jeremy Kirk,
Supreme Court of New South Wales**

The Honourable Justice Jeremy Kirk was sworn-in as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and as a Judge of Appeal on 21 April 2022. His Honour graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws in 1994, receiving a University Medal in Law amongst numerous other academic accolades. His Honour was subsequently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at the University of Oxford, where he was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship for being top student of the Bachelor of Civil Law, he then completed a doctorate. His Honour was called to the bar in 2002, joining Eleven Wentworth chambers and took silk in 2011.

In his 20 years as a barrister in Sydney, his Honour specialised in public and commercial law and general appellate advocacy.

His Honour is currently the Deputy Presiding Member of the New South Wales Legal Profession Admission Board.

SESSION 1: LEGITIMACY

WORKSHOP 2 - Open Justice: Courts and the Media



PANELLIST

**Justice Natalie Charlesworth,
Federal Court of Australia**

Justice Natalie Charlesworth graduated from the University of South Australia with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 1991, the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours in 2001 and the Australian National University with a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice in 2002. She also has a Diploma of Creative Writing awarded by the University of Edinburgh.

Justice Charlesworth worked as a television journalist and producer for more than 12 years. As a journalist she worked in different capacities for all of the free to air television networks in news and current affairs roles. She began her legal career in 2002.

Justice Charlesworth was appointed to the Federal Court on March 1 2016. Justice Charlesworth is a judge of the Federal Court of Australia sitting in most of the Court's National Practice Areas and an additional Judge of the Australian Capital Territory Court of Appeal.

She has too many hobbies to mention.



PANELLIST

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WORKSHOP 3 - Diversity and Inclusion: Judicial and Other Species of Bias



FACILITATOR

**Chief Justice Michael Grant AO,
Supreme Court of the Northern Territory**

The Honourable Michael Grant AO was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in July 2016. Immediately prior to his appointment, he had held the position of Solicitor-General for the Northern Territory since September 2007. Before his appointment as Solicitor-General, Chief Justice Grant practised at the private bar and was appointed as one of Her Majesty's Counsel in 2006.

Before joining the private bar, Chief Justice Grant was the Director of Litigation with the Solicitor for the Northern Territory (formerly the Crown Solicitor's Office). Chief Justice Grant also lectured on Torts and Taxation Law at Charles Darwin University while working as a solicitor. Chief Justice Grant's other appointments have included Statutory Supervisor of the Northern Territory Legal Profession, President of the Health Professional Review Tribunal and Bar Association representative on the Council of the Law Society.

His Honour was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in June 2021 for his distinguished service to the law and to the judiciary.



PANELLIST

**Judge Dženita Balić,
District Court of Queensland**

Judge Dženita Balić emigrated to Australia in 1996 following conflict in her country of birth, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her Honour arrived in Australia with very limited English and finished her law degree in 2004. She commenced her employment with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in 2005. She commenced as a Crown Prosecutor in 2008 and prosecuted many District and Supreme Court trials.

In 2019 and 2020, her Honour was the lead Appellate Counsel at the ODPP. Her Honour prosecuted more than 150 criminal trials to verdict and more than 120 appeals in the Court of Appeal. Her Honour also regularly appeared in the Mental Health Court jurisdiction.

In 2022, her Honour was appointed a Magistrate, sitting in Southport. In 2024, her Honour was appointed as a Judge of the District Court.

Her Honour is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Justice Network and is a former Diversity Chair on the Committee of the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland (2020-2022).

SESSION 1: LEGITIMACY

WORKSHOP 3 - Diversity and Inclusion: Judicial and Other Species of Bias



PANELLIST

Justice Hament Dhanji,
Supreme Court of New South Wales

Justice Hament Dhanji was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 20 September 2021.

Justice Dhanji graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts. He was admitted as a legal practitioner in 1990 and practised as a solicitor, working exclusively in criminal law before being called to the Bar in 1997. He took silk in 2010.

He was a barrister in private practice at Forbes Chambers, engaged predominantly in criminal defence work. In addition to first instance work across a range of criminal matters, including complex corporate crime matters, he had a substantial appellate practice. He appeared as lead counsel in a number of important cases in the High Court and appeared in approximately 350 cases in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Since 2022, Justice Dhanji has been a Member of the Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion and since 2023, has been the patron for the Pacific Legal Association New South Wales Inc (PLAN).



PANELLIST

Justice Ingmar Taylor,
Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales

The Honourable Justice Ingmar Taylor was sworn in as the President of the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales and Justice of the Industrial Court of New South Wales on 1 July 2024.

Justice Taylor holds the qualifications of BA, LLB (University of Adelaide) and LLM (University of Sydney). His Honour was admitted to practice as a solicitor in New South Wales in 1990, as a barrister in 1997 and appointed Senior Counsel in 2012.

Before his appointment, his Honour was nationally recognised as a preeminent counsel in employment, industrial law and work health and safety.

His Honour held several leadership roles, including Treasurer and Executive member of the New South Wales Bar Council, Director of the Law Council of Australia and the New South Wales Bar Association, Chair of a Professional Conduct Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association and Editor of the New South Wales Bar's journal, Bar News.

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

PLENARY ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly the use of generative AI tools, continues to disrupt many aspects of the legal profession. Some courts and professional bodies have now issued guidelines on the appropriate use of AI. The continuing improvement, prevalence and use of AI raise questions of policy and ethics.

Professor Edward Santow will explore how our growing reliance on AI is changing the way we think. Increasingly, we are relying on AI systems to draw inferences from vast quantities of data. This can enable powerful, new insights that would have been impossible prior to the rise of AI. But our reliance on AI also can lead us astray. Professor Santow will reflect on some of the implications for the legal profession.

Dr Kaye Ballantyne will give insights into how AI will alter the evidence – and the experts – relied on by the legal profession. AI may drive significant efficiency and capability gains, giving more information faster than ever before. But it also raises questions regarding the legitimacy of some types of evidence, raising concerns of integrity, bias and reliability.

The plenary addresses will set the scene for panel discussions on where AI is headed, what the opportunities will be, where courts, legal practitioners and law students will be expected to utilise AI and what the fundamental challenges will be.

Chief Justice Richard Niall, Supreme Court of Victoria, will chair the plenary addresses. The plenary addresses will be followed by concurrent workshops.

Workshop 1: Harnessing AI by Courts

Facilitator

Justice Nye Perram

Panellists

Professor Lyria Bennett Moses
Professor Kimberlee Weatherall
Ms Sarah Carney

Court 1

Workshop 2: AI in Legal Practice

Facilitator

The Honourable Anthony North KC

Panellists

Mr Angus Lang SC
Ms Kathleen Foley SC
Ms Lisa Kozaris

Court 2

Workshop 3: AI in Legal Education, AI and Ethics

Facilitator

Professor Tania Sourdin

Panellists

Justice François Kunc
Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson
Professor Will Bateman

Court 3

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

PLENARY ADDRESSES



Speaker

Professor Edward Santow,
University of Technology Sydney

Professor Edward Santow is Co-Director of the Human Technology Institute and Industry Professor – Responsible Technology at the University of Technology Sydney. He is also a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

Ed is an expert in human rights law and artificial intelligence. His focus areas include digital government, the future of Artificial Intelligence regulation, Artificial Intelligence assurance, facial recognition technology and digital identity.

Ed serves on a number of government advisory bodies, including the Australian Government's Artificial Intelligence Expert Group, Government Service Independent Advisory Board and National Quantum Advisory Committee, as well as the New South Wales Government Artificial Intelligence Review Committee.

Ed serves on a number of boards, including CareerSeekers. He is a patron of the Refugee Advice and Casework Service and a Fellow of the UTS Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion. From 2016-2021, he served as Australia's Human Rights Commissioner. Ed previously served as CEO of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (which is now known as the Justice and Equity Centre).



Speaker

Dr Kaye Ballantyne,
Victoria Police Forensic Services Department

Dr Kaye Ballantyne is the Chief Forensic Scientist for Victoria Police Forensic Services Department. In this role, Kaye is responsible for ensuring all scientific evidence the Department produces meets scientific and legal standards, that research, development and innovation is targeted towards improved service delivery to Victorian and forensic communities, that staff are trained to deliver expert scientific services and that practices used in investigations and criminal justice processes are robust, reliable and transparent.

Kaye has previously been Senior Research and Development Officer at Victoria Police, Senior Project Officer at the Australia New Zealand National Institute of Forensic Sciences, adjunct Senior Researcher in the University of Tasmania's College of Arts and Law and adjunct Associate Professor at La Trobe University School of Psychology and Public Health.

Kaye has published extensively in the fields of forensic science and molecular genetics. Her research interests include cognitive forensics, validity and risk in forensic science and maintenance of expertise and evidence interpretation and communication. She has also provided seminars and workshops across Australia and internationally.

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WORKSHOP 1 - Harnessing AI by Courts



FACILITATOR

Justice Nye Perram,
Federal Court of Australia

Justice Nye Perram is a judge of the Federal Court, to which he was appointed in 2008. He is also the President of the Copyright Tribunal and a former part-time commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Prior to his appointment he practised as senior counsel at the New South Wales Bar and was also a member of the New South Wales Bar Council. He commenced legal practice in 1993 and was called to the Bar in 1994. Since then, Justice Perram has also served on the board of the Law and Justice Foundation and in 2005, became a director of the Public Interest Law Clearing House. He has specialised in constitutional law, administrative law, commercial law and equity.

Justice Perram holds a BCL (Dist) from Oxford University, specialising in European and comparative laws. He also holds an LLB (Hons) from the University of Sydney together with a BA majoring in pure mathematics and English literature.



PANELLIST

Professor Lyria Bennett Moses,
University of New South Wales

Lyria Bennett Moses is a Professor and Head of the School of Law, Society and Criminology in the Faculty of Law and Justice at the University of New South Wales.

Lyria's research explores the relationship between technology and law, including legal issues that arise as technology changes, how these issues are addressed in various jurisdictions and problems with treating 'technology' as an object of regulation. Recently, Lyria has focused on legal and policy issues surrounding artificial intelligence usage and the appropriate legal framework for enhancing cyber security.

Lyria is a member of the editorial boards for Technology and Regulation; Law, Technology and Humans; Journal of Cross-Disciplinary Research in Computational Law; and Law in Context. She is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, the Australian Academy of Law and the Royal Society of New South Wales. Lyria is also co-lead of the Law and Policy Theme in the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre and a member of the Standards Australia committee for Artificial Intelligence standards.

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WORKSHOP 1 - Harnessing AI by Courts



PANELLIST

Professor Kimberlee Weatherall,
University of Sydney

Kimberlee Weatherall is a Professor of Law at the University of Sydney and co-director of their Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Trust and Governance. She specialises in the relationship between law and technology and in intellectual property law.

Kimberlee is a node and project leader within the ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society, a multi-university, multi-disciplinary research body, where she co-leads projects on synthetic data and generative agents for modelling multi-stakeholder decision-making and on the governance of Artificial Intelligence. She previously led a major multidisciplinary research project, in partnership with the New South Wales Ombudsman's office, into the development and deployment of automated decision-making across New South Wales.

Professor Weatherall is also a Fellow of the Gradient Institute and in 2024, she was a member of the Commonwealth Government's AI Expert Group. She has advised a range of regulators and Parliamentary Committees at a state and federal level, including the Victorian Law Reform Commission in its inquiry into AI in Victorian Courts and Tribunals.



PANELLIST

Ms Sarah Carney,
Microsoft in Australia and New Zealand

Ms Sarah Carney is the National Technology Officer for Microsoft in Australia and New Zealand. In this role, she is responsible for identifying and understanding emerging technical trends, building technical strategies that will enable Microsoft to leverage these trends and for supporting the company's most significant customers across enterprise and government sectors to understand the risks, implications and pathways to the adoption of cutting-edge technology. Prior to Microsoft, Sarah served in the Australian Army, followed by a decade travelling the world and working across a broad range of industries in both Europe and the Middle East.

Sarah is passionate about education and learning and serves as an advisor to the Institute of Applied Technology - Digital, and sits on the Advisory Boards of the Australian National University, Swinburne University and Chisholm TAFE. Sarah also serves on the board of DoxAI as a non-Executive Director. In 2025, B&T, the leading publication for Australia's advertising, marketing and public relations industries, named Sarah as the fourth most powerful woman in technology in Australia.

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WORKSHOP 2 - AI in Legal Practice



FACILITATOR

**The Honourable Anthony North KC,
Victorian Law Reform Commission**

Anthony North KC is a former judge of the Federal Court and the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. In 1976, he was admitted to the Victorian Bar, in 1989 he was appointed Queen's Counsel and in 1995, Anthony was made a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, where he served until his retirement in 2018. He also served, from 2004, as additional judge of the Supreme Court of the ACT.

During his time as judge, Anthony presided over cases involving constitutional and commercial law, industrial and employment law, taxation, intellectual property and native title. He was the judge at first instance in the Waterfront Dispute in 1998 and the Tampa case in 2001.

Anthony holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Laws from the University of London. In 2019, Anthony was appointed Chair of the Victorian Law Reform Commission, but took leave from January 2024 until March 2025 to be Commissioner of the Yoorrook Justice Commission.



PANELLIST

**Mr Angus Lang SC,
New South Wales Bar**

Mr Angus Lang SC is a senior counsel at the Sydney Bar practising in intellectual property and commercial law. He has appeared in many of the leading intellectual property cases in the Federal Court and High Court over the last two decades. He was appointed by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources as a member of the Artificial Intelligence Expert Group providing advice in relation to the proposed mandatory guardrails for the safe and responsible use of AI and by the Attorney-General's Department as a member of the Steering Committee of the Copyright and Artificial Intelligence Reference Group.

Angus has been the National Chair of the Intellectual Property Committee of the Law Council of Australia, is a member of the Federal Court's IP User Group and was a member of the committee recently convened by the Federal Court to develop new standard directions in patent cases. He has taught international, comparative and domestic intellectual property law subjects at universities in Australia and Europe.

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WORKSHOP 2 - AI in Legal Practice



PANELLIST

Ms Kathleen Foley SC,
Victorian Bar

Kathleen is a Victorian barrister with a broad trial and appellate practice. Kathleen principally works in commercial law, public law and common law matters. Prior to coming to the Victorian Bar, Kathleen was employed as an Associate in the litigation group of the New York office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. She passed the New York Bar exam in 2006, having completed her Master of Laws at Harvard Law School. From 2004 to 2005, Kathleen was Associate to Justice Hayne of the High Court of Australia.

In November 2020 Kathleen was appointed to the Victorian Law Reform Commission as a part-time commissioner. In 2023 she was appointed Chair of the Board of Inquiry into Historical Child Sexual Abuse in Beaumaris Primary School and Certain Other Government Schools (the report was delivered in February 2024).

As a member of the VLRC, Kathleen is working on a reference concerning the use of AI in Victoria's courts and tribunals.



PANELLIST

Ms Lisa Kozaris,
Allens

Ms Lisa Kozaris has been the Chief Innovation and Legal Solutions Officer at Allens since 2021 and is Chair of the firm's generative Artificial Intelligence steering committee. Prior to this, in 2018, she was Director of Allens' Integrated Legal Solutions practice.

Lisa leads a large, multi-disciplinary team responsible for developing and executing the firm's digital transformation agenda and delivering technology-enabled services to clients. Her areas of expertise include disputes and investigations, innovation and legal technology solutions, restructuring and insolvency and risk and compliance advisory.

Lisa provides advice on managing large scale discovery, regulatory investigations and due diligence exercises, as well as the application of artificial intelligence, analytics and automation tools for the delivery of legal services. Lisa also consults with courts, regulators and broader industry on the use of complex technologies in a legal context and is a thought leader in the profession, regularly presenting at conferences across Australia and globally.

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WORKSHOP 3 - AI in Legal Education, AI and Ethics



FACILITATOR

Professor Tania Sourdin,
University of Newcastle

Professor Tania Sourdin is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Newcastle. She is the author of more than 160 publications including books, articles and papers, that are focussed on justice reform issues. She has presented on a range of topics including, justice innovation, AI, technology and law.

She has had a number of projects that have explored the use of AI in the justice system since 2003 and the role of a human judge. Her book *'Judges, Technology and AI'* was published in 2021. She has recently focussed on regulation and AI with several articles that consider governance and risk assessment and she is retained by a number of professional organisations and often presents her work to judges and lawyers internationally and within Australia.

She is currently an expert advisor on the Victorian Law Reform Commission Artificial Intelligence in Victorian Courts and Tribunals project and has been involved in the Human Rights Commission project on Neurotechnology and Human Rights. She has maintained a busy practice and undertakes work for the Commonwealth and State governments as a mediator and adjudicator.

Since 2014, she has been the NBN Industry Dispute Resolution Advisor and a Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney.



PANELLIST

Justice François Kunc,
Supreme Court of New South Wales

The Honourable Justice François Kunc was appointed to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in April 2013 and sits in the Equity Division. After graduating with degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney he practised as a solicitor with the firm then known as Allen Allen and Hemsley from 1986. He was called to the Bar in 1992 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2007. He had a national practice in commercial and equity matters.

Justice Kunc is the General Editor of the Australian Law Journal and a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Equity. He is the Chair of the Legal Services Council Admissions Committee and the Law Admissions Consultative Committee and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. His Honour was a member of the expert panel which prepared the Recommended National Standards for Working with Interpreters in Courts and Tribunals under the auspices of the Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion.

SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WORKSHOP 3 - AI in Legal Education, AI and Ethics



PANELLIST

Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson,
University of Melbourne

Jeannie Marie Paterson is a Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics at the University of Melbourne. Jeannie's research and teaching focuses on consumer protection law, law and technology and regulation and law. Her work has been cited by the High Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of Canada, the law reform reports of the Australian Government, the Competition and Consumer Commission and the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Jeannie's current projects cover responses to misleading AI (including deep fakes and misinformation), the normative, legal and regulatory obligations attaching to AI agents, companions and assistants and the place of AI in the civil justice system.

Jeannie is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. She is a member of the Consumer Committee of the Victorian Legal Services Board, the Artificial Intelligence Committee of Beyond Blue and the Research Committee of the Consumer Policy Research Centre. In 2024 she was a member of the Commonwealth Government's Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee.



PANELLIST

Professor Will Bateman,
Australian National University

Professor Will Bateman is a Professor of Law at the Australian National University (ANU). His research concentrates on legal aspects of advanced technology, economic institutions, financial markets and public administration. He leads multi-jurisdictional projects on the legal regulation of public and private finance, with a special focus on central banking, sovereign debt markets, national budget formulation and sustainable investing.

Professor Bateman also leads research projects on the regulation of artificial intelligence, with a focus on regulatory frameworks governing artificial intelligence in the public sector. He collaborates with scholars from a range of other disciplines, including computer scientists, economists, philosophers and political scientists.

Before academia, Professor Bateman worked in appellate litigation, commercial disputes and banking as a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills, Associate to the Honourable Justice Stephen Gageler AC of the High Court of Australia and the Honourable Justice Steven Rares of the Federal Court of Australia. He holds a PhD and LL.M from the University of Cambridge and a LL.B/BA from the ANU.

SESSION 3: FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

PLENARY ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

Family and sexual violence remain largely unreported in Australia. Matters that do enter the justice system are complex, traumatic and lengthy. The demands on the legal system continue to grow as society and the law comes to terms with the physical, emotional, social and legal impact of violence against women and children.

Justice Jacoba Brasch will explore the question: if we know so much more about family violence now, why are more women (primarily) being killed each year?

Judge Liesl Kudelka SC will focus on the criminal justice response to sexual violence, the imperative of reforming the way we reform and practical ways to move forward.

The plenary addresses will set the scene for panel discussions on children and youth in the legal system, court-based approaches to family violence, courts and vulnerable witnesses; trauma informed court practices and coercive control and the courts.

Chief Justice William Alstergren AO, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, will chair the plenary addresses. The plenary addresses will be followed by concurrent workshops.

Workshop 1: Court-based Approaches to Family Violence

Facilitator
Chief Justice William Alstergren AO

Panellists
Judge Kylie Beckhouse
Magistrate Lisa O'Neill
Ms Meaghan Bradshaw

Court 1

Workshop 2: Coercive Control and the Courts

Facilitator
Justice Belinda Baker

Panellists
Professor Heather Douglas AM
Justice Jacoba Brasch
Magistrate Therese McCarthy

Court 2

Workshop 3: Children and Youth in the Legal System

Facilitator
Judge Jack Vandersteen

Panellists
Justice Elizabeth Boyle
Ms Thelma Schwartz

Court 3

Workshop 4: Courts and Vulnerable Witnesses: Trauma-Informed Court Practices

Facilitator
Chief Justice Lucy McCallum

Panellists
Justice Dina Yehia
Ms Ffyona Livingstone Clark
Judge Kate Hughes

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SESSION 3: FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

PLENARY ADDRESSES



Speaker

Justice Jacoba Brasch,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
(Division 1)

Prior to her elevation, Justice Brasch had a national practice in family law and a Queensland-wide practice in child protection, domestic violence matters and coronial inquests.

Her Honour is a Chair of the Family Law Council for the 2025-2028 term, having served as a member of Council in its immediate past term. Until her appointment as Council Chair, her Honour was a long-term member of the AIJA Board.

In 2021 her Honour was President of the Law Council of Australia, having previously served as the Inaugural Chair of the LCA's Family Violence Taskforce and a long-time member of the Family Law Section Executive. Her Honour was also the Inaugural Chair of the Australian Bar Association's Family Law Committee and Chair of its Access to Justice Committee.

Justice Brasch completed an LLB from Queensland University of Technology with first class honours and then an LLM at New York University as a Fulbright Scholar and NYU Graduate Merit Scholar. Her Honour completed a PhD at the University of New South Wales in 2010 and took silk in 2014.



Speaker

Judge Liesl Kudelka SC,
District Court of South Australia

Judge Liesl Kudelka practised as prosecuting and defence counsel in sexual assault trials prior to her Honour's appointment to the District Court of South Australia.

She has a strong interest in law reform. She was author of the *'Review of South Australian Rape and Sexual Assault Law'* (Discussion Paper, 2006) and Counsel Assisting the *'Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry: Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Death from Criminal Conduct (SA)'* (reported March 2008).

In 2024, she was a Commissioner in the Australian Law Reform Commission's 12-month inquiry which culminated in the *'Safe, Informed, Supported: Reforming Justice Responses to Sexual Violence'* report. As a judge, she worked with the trial allocations officer to devise a pilot programme for the prioritisation of sexual assault trials. One of the main objectives of the programme is to minimise trial delay for child and cognitively impaired complainants. An independent evaluation of the programme by Ms Jemma Holt reported that the programme's four month listing window was 'not merely aspirational but realistic and achievable'.

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WORKSHOP 1 - Court-based Approaches to Family Violence



FACILITATOR

**Chief Justice William Alstergren AO,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia**

The Honourable Chief Justice William Alstergren AO is the Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2).

His Honour was appointed Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and a Justice of the Family Court of Australia on 13 October 2017. On 15 December 2017, his Honour was appointed Deputy Chief Justice and on 10 December 2018, his Honour was appointed Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia.

After graduating from Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne, Chief Justice Alstergren undertook articles with Kenna Croxford & Co. From 1991, he practised as a barrister and took silk in 2012.

His Honour is a former Chairman of the Victorian Bar. Immediately prior to coming to the Bench, His Honour was the President of the Australian Bar Association. His Honour is the Head of Jurisdiction for two national courts, which include 126 judges, 120 registrars and 700 staff across Australia.



PANELLIST

**Judge Kylie Beckhouse,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)**

Judge Kylie Beckhouse practised as a solicitor and legal manager until her appointment to the Federal Circuit Court in 2020. An Accredited Family Law Specialist and Independent Children's Lawyer, she was honoured as the New South Wales Women's Lawyer of the Year in 2017.

A Churchill Fellow, Judge Beckhouse published research in 2016 on international child legal representation schemes. During her tenure at Legal Aid New South Wales, she played a pivotal role in establishing family law services, including a national family violence scheme that has since been implemented in all Australian family law courts. She continues to be a prominent voice in educating on family violence law through writing and speaking engagements.

Her Honour has contributed to numerous influential bodies, including the Family Law Council of Australia and the New South Wales Children's Court Advisory Committee and was an active member of Law Society of New South Wales committees.

Judge Beckhouse chairs the Court's Family Violence Committee, serves on its Children's Committee and is the Case Management Judge for Division 2 in the Sydney Registry.

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WORKSHOP 1 - Court-based Approaches to Family Violence



PANELLIST

Magistrate Lisa O'Neill,
Magistrates Court of Queensland, Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court

Magistrate Lisa O'Neill was appointed as a Magistrate in September 2024 after experience as an acting Magistrate over a number of years. She is currently sitting in the specialist Domestic Violence Court at Southport. Prior to her appointment, Lisa was a Senior Judicial Registrar in the FCFCOA sitting in the Evatt List, the courts' high risk parenting list.

Lisa conceptualised and developed The Lighthouse, an innovative response to domestic and family violence which uses risk screening to provide targeted case management to parenting cases based on the level of risk. No other court has undertaken risk screening on this scale using an online risk screen or for this purpose. The information collected from the screen and the Notice of Risk reveals that 80% of litigants disclose family violence as a risk factor and 70% disclose four or more risks. Having sat across jurisdictions, Lisa is uniquely placed to consider the intersections and gaps in the response to family violence between the State and Commonwealth courts.



PANELLIST

Ms Meaghan Bradshaw,
Women's Legal Services Australia

Meaghan lives and works in Meanjin on the lands of the Turrbul and Yuggera people.

Meaghan is the Chair of the Women's Legal Service Australia Family Law and Domestic and Family Violence Committee and a Legal Practice Director at Women's Legal Service Queensland (WLSQ).

Women's Legal Service Australia is the national peak for thirteen women's legal services in Australia. As the chair of the committee, Meaghan is involved in national advocacy to amplify women's voices and promote a legal system that is safe, supportive, non-discriminatory and responsive to the needs of women.

Meaghan also serves on several committees and working groups including the Queensland Law Society Access to Justice and Pro Bono Committee, National Women's Safety Alliance Policy and Advocacy Advisory Committee and the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Family Violence Reference Group.

Prior to joining WLSQ, Meaghan worked as a solicitor in government and private practice, including Principal at Legal Aid Queensland and acting as independent children's lawyer.

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WORKSHOP 2 - Coercive Control and the Courts



FACILITATOR

Justice Belinda Baker,
Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Justice Belinda Baker was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory on 25 November 2022.

Her Honour graduated from Macquarie University with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with the University Medal in 2000. In 2003, her Honour was awarded a Sir Robert Menzies Scholarship for study at Harvard University, where she completed a Masters in Law in 2004.

Prior to her appointment at the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. Her Honour worked as Counsel Assisting the New South Wales Solicitor-General and Crown Advocate, as a senior solicitor and solicitor advocate in the New South Wales Crown Solicitor's Office and as a barrister in private practice.

Her Honour practised predominantly in constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, inquests and inquiries. As a barrister, her Honour also served on the New South Wales Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee, Bar News Committee, Mooting Sub-Committee and on a Professional Conduct Committee.

Her Honour was appointed a New South Wales Crown Prosecutor in 2016 and a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor in 2020.



PANELLIST

Professor Heather Douglas AM,
University of Melbourne

Heather Douglas AM is a Professor at the Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne. She teaches and researches in the area of criminal law and procedure with a focus on domestic and family violence. Recent projects have focussed on strangulation, legal systems abuse and fire related injury in the context of domestic and family violence.

She is Deputy Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and coordinates the National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book. She was an Australian Research Council Future Fellow from 2015-2019. Her book, *'Women, Intimate Partner Violence and the Law'* (Oxford University Press, 2021), was awarded the 2021 Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand (LSAANZ) book prize.

In 2022 Heather was awarded an Order of Australia in the General Division (AM) for her service to tertiary law education and the community. Heather is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Australian Academy of Law.

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WORKSHOP 2 - Coercive Control and the Courts



PANELLIST

Justice Jacoba Brasch,

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)

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Her Honour is a Chair of the Family Law Council for the 2025-2028 term, having served as a member of Council in its immediate past term. Until her appointment as Council Chair, her Honour was a long-term member of the AIJA Board.

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Justice Brasch completed an LLB from Queensland University of Technology with first class honours and then an LLM at New York University as a Fulbright Scholar and NYU Graduate Merit Scholar. Her Honour completed a PhD at the University of New South Wales in 2010 and took silk in 2014.



PANELLIST

Magistrate Therese McCarthy,

Coroners Court of Victoria

In 2017, Therese McCarthy was appointed a Magistrate of the Magistrates Court of Victoria from the Victorian Bar where she had had a broad practice in family law and family violence, discrimination law and public and administrative law. In 2025, Magistrate McCarthy was appointed to the Coroners Court of Victoria.

In 2021 Magistrate McCarthy was appointed to the Board of the Victoria Law Foundation as the representative of the Victorian Courts' Council. In 2022, she was appointed to the Victoria-wide role of Supervising Magistrate, Family Violence and Personal Safety Intervention Orders. In this role, Magistrate McCarthy had oversight of the establishment of Specialist Family Violence Courts following the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Magistrate McCarthy has worked with the United Nations at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in the Hague, Netherlands; the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Syria; with AUSAID and the Director of Public Prosecutions in Papua New Guinea and with Action Aid International in Pakistan. This work has focussed upon gender-based violence, human rights, victims of crime and access to justice.

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WORKSHOP 3 - Children and Youth in the Legal System



FACILITATOR

Judge Jack Vandersteen,
Children's Court of Victoria

Judge Jack Vandersteen was first admitted to practice in 1994. He was in private practice until 1998 and lectured in criminal justice from 1998-1999, while working at the Australian Institute of Public Safety.

Following this he was employed at the Office of Public Prosecutions, holding several management positions including, Acting Manager of the Drug Section, Manager - General Prosecutions, Manager of Eastern and Western Regional Victoria, Manager - Advocacy and Early Resolution Unit and was key in establishing the Specialist Sexual Offences Unit as the Manager of Solicitors.

In 2009, his Honour was appointed a Magistrate of the Magistrates Court of Victoria and was assigned to the Melbourne and Western Region of the Court. In 2014 he was appointed Regional Coordinating Magistrate (RCM) at Dandenong where he initiated the fast tracking of criminal family violence matters. His Honour also sat regularly in the Criminal Division of the Children's Court and worked closely with court stakeholders, including Youth Justice.

In 2021, Judge Vandersteen was appointed as President of the Children's Court of Victoria.



PANELLIST

Justice Elizabeth Boyle,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)

Justice Elizabeth (Liz) Boyle graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney in 1988. She worked as a solicitor with the Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales in their Family Litigation Section from 1990 to 1999 and was a solicitor advocate for 4 years. In 1999, Liz became a Senior Registrar of the Family Court of Australia.

In 2001, her Honour was called to the bar and she commenced practice as a barrister at Frederick Jordan Chambers, where she specialised in family law and children's care and protection.

Her Honour was instructed by the Legal Aid Commission for the independent children's lawyer in a number of important matters and has presented conference papers regarding the role of independent children's lawyers.

Her Honour was appointed as a Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia on 29 February 2016. On 5 August 2024, she was appointed as a Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1).

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PANELLIST

Ms Thelma Schwartz,
Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service

Thelma Schwartz is the Executive Director Legal of the Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS), an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisation and Family Violence Prevention Legal Service, which provides legal and non-legal support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors of family violence and/or sexual assault. Thelma identifies as a Torres Strait Islander, alongside her German Samoan and Papua New Guinea heritage. She has worked as a legal practitioner for over 25 years.

In 2021, Thelma was appointed a member of the Queensland Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce. Thelma is a member of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council (QSAC) and is the Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Advisory Panel to the QSAC. Thelma is the current co-chair of the Queensland Justice Policy Partnership Cross Agency Working Group.

In 2023, Thelma was awarded the Queensland Law Society (QLS) Excellence in Law Awards – Access to Justice Award. In 2024, she was awarded the QLS' Dame Quentin Bryce Domestic Violence Prevention Advocate Award.

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WORKSHOP 4 - Courts and Vulnerable Witnesses: Trauma-Informed Court Practices



FACILITATOR

**Chief Justice Lucy McCallum,
Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory**

Chief Justice Lucy McCallum graduated with a BA/LLB from the University of New South Wales in 1986, majoring in philosophy. She commenced her legal career as a commercial litigation solicitor in Sydney before moving to Canberra to take up a position as a prosecutor in 1988. In 1990, her Honour joined the Queensland DPP as a trial advocate. She returned to Sydney in 1991 to become a barrister, taking silk in 2005.

In 2008, her Honour was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the Common Law Division. In 2016, Chief Justice McCallum was appointed Chair of the New South Wales Judicial Commission Ngara Yura Committee, which works to educate judicial officers on contemporary socio-cultural issues impacting Aboriginal people in the justice system. In February 2019, she was elevated to the New South Wales Court of Appeal. Her Honour was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Australian Capital Territory on 8 March 2022.



PANELLIST

**Justice Dina Yehia,
Supreme Court of New South Wales**

Justice Yehia obtained a Bachelor of Arts/Law from the University of New South Wales and a Master's in International Criminal Law at University of Sydney. Her Honour was admitted as a solicitor in 1989 and worked with the Western Aboriginal Legal Service until 1996.

Her Honour worked as a Solicitor Advocate with the Legal Aid Commission and was called to the Bar in 1999. Her Honour took silk in 2009 and became the first female Deputy Senior Public Defender in 2013. Her Honour was appointed a Judge of the District Court in May 2014.

Between 2019 and 2022, her Honour was the Chairperson of Diverse Women in Law. Her Honour is the current Chair of the Ngara Yura Committee and a member of the Bugmy Bar Book Committee.

On 23 June 2022, her Honour was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. In 2023, her Honour became an Adjunct Professor at the Law School of the University of New South Wales, where she teaches a newly devised sentencing course.

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WORKSHOP 4 - Courts and Vulnerable Witnesses: Trauma-Informed Court Practices



PANELLIST

**Ms Ffiona Livingstone Clark,
Victorian Bar**

Ms Ffiona Livingstone Clark is a member of the Victorian Bar and an interstate member of the ACT Bar Association, practising primarily in criminal and public law. She appears regularly in complex contested matters, jury trials (for both prosecution and defence) and inquests. At the time of writing, she is a member of the Victorian Bar Council, having served consecutively since first being elected in November 2022.

Before coming to the Bar, Ffiona worked as a solicitor advocate and in legal policy and law reform. She has a Master of Laws (Criminal Practice) with Distinction from the University of Wollongong; her thesis, marked by the Honourable Terry Buddin, considered issues with the pre-recorded evidence of child complainants in sex offence proceedings.

Prior to her legal career, Ffiona predominantly worked in performing arts (stage management) and as a child and adolescent social worker in her native Scotland. She lives in Melbourne's inner North with her wife (sadly, also a lawyer) and their two (non-legally qualified) springer spaniels.



PANELLIST

**Judge Kate Hughes,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)**

Judge Kate Hughes graduated with degrees in Economics and Law from the Australian National University. She was appointed to the (now) Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia in January 2006.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Hughes worked for 15 years in the legal aid sector, practising in areas of crime, family violence, family law and child protection. Her Honour was the head of the family law practice at both the ACT Legal Aid Commission and the NT Legal Aid Commission.

Judge Hughes is the current chair of the Federal Circuit and Family Courts' Family Violence Committee. She is also a member of the Courts' Legal and Case Management Committees.

Her Honour is also a member of the National Judicial College of Australia's Program Planning Committee for the 'Family Violence and the Courts' Judicial Education Program.

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

The topic of institutional well-being, in all its forms, has increasingly become a feature of modern Australian life.

How can courts and other institutions of government view wellness and plan to protect and consolidate the future of institutional wellness?

What practical steps can organisations within the legal system and organisational leaders take to improve the provision of wellness for actors within the legal system?

There are no plenary addresses for this session. Participants are invited to attend one of the concurrent workshops as follows:

Workshop 1: Well-Being in the Courts

Facilitator

Ms Sally Ryan

Panellists

Dr Carly Schrever
Mr Sandy Horneman-Wren SC
Magistrate Pauline Spencer

Court 1

Workshop 2: Well-Being of the Profession

Facilitator

Ms Julie Taylor SC

Panellists

The Honourable Linda Dessau AC CVO
Ms Rebecca Fogerty
Mr Richard Wilson SC

Court 2

Workshop 3: The Well-Being of Students and Academics

Facilitator

Professor Rufus Black

Panellists

Associate Professor Judith Marychurch
Ms Rebecca Ferguson

Court 3

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

WORKSHOP 1 - Well-Being in the Courts



FACILITATOR

Ms Sally Ryan,
Human Ethos

Ms Sally Ryan is a psychologist, family therapist and Director of Human Ethos. She specialises in building the capacity of people and organisations working in trauma-exposed environments.

Over the last 25 years, Sally has worked as a therapist, manager and trainer in a range of settings, including community health, education and youth justice. She works with the local and international legal profession and judiciary.

Sally works to engage groups in reflective conversation to discuss shared challenges and goals. She has delivered interactive presentations on topics such as vicarious trauma, judicial stress and well-being and systemic well-being responses.

Sally provides both brief and longer term therapy to individuals. She is a certified practitioner of Leadership Circle Profile and a professional coach. She works with leaders to build their own and their teams' well-being and potential. Sally has a particular focus on working with leaders to reduce the risks of vicarious and cumulative trauma in teams. Sally has been a member of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) since 2000.



PANELLIST

Dr Carly Schrever,
Human Ethos

Dr Carly Schrever is a lawyer, psychologist, empirical researcher and Director of Human Ethos. She has worked in and around the legal profession for 20 years. Since 2015, she has focussed on judicial and lawyer well-being. She completed her Articles of Clerkship at Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens) in 2004 and was admitted to the legal profession in 2005.

As part of her combined Master of Psychology (Clinical) / PhD at the University of Melbourne, Carly conducted Australia's first empirical and psychologically grounded research into the sources and nature of work-related stress among the Australian judiciary. This research has been published in peer-reviewed journals and textbooks and the findings presented to judicial audiences around the globe.

From 2014-2022, Carly was the inaugural Judicial Well-being Advisor to the Judicial College of Victoria. In 2024, she worked to draft the Nauru Declaration on Judicial Well-being – a statement of universal principles to guide judicial well-being reform globally. She is also an Associate Professor (Principal Research Fellow) in Law at the University of Western Australia.

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

WORKSHOP 1 - Well-Being in the Courts



PANELLIST

Mr Sandy Horneman-Wren SC,
Formerly of the District Court of Queensland

Mr Sandy Horneman-Wren SC graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Business from Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education (now the University of Central Queensland) and later graduated in Law from the Queensland University of Technology. He was in private practice at the Queensland Bar for 19 years and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2009.

His practice at the Bar included administrative, industrial and employment law in both federal and state jurisdictions. He was also a member of the Law Council of Australia's Industrial Law Committee and the Bar Association of Queensland's Professional Conduct Committee.

Sandy was appointed to the District Court of Queensland in November 2012. He was also appointed Deputy President of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) for the next three years. He was also a judge of the Children's Court of Queensland and the Queensland Planning and Environment Court.



PANELLIST

Magistrate Pauline Spencer,
Magistrates Court of Victoria

Magistrate 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 and Programs providing judicial leadership across the court's therapeutic justice programs in both mainstream and specialist Courts.

Prior to her appointment Magistrate Spencer worked as a lawyer in private practice, the community legal sector and in non-profit executive roles. Pauline was the Executive Officer of the Federation of Community Legal Centres, the peak body for over 50 community legal centres in Victoria. Pauline has an interest in solutions-focussed sentencing practices, improved responses to family violence and improving connections between the court and the community. She is a member of the Advisory Group for the International Therapeutic Jurisprudence in the Mainstream.

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

WORKSHOP 2 - The Well-Being of the Profession



FACILITATOR

Ms Julie Taylor SC,
Western Australian Bar Association

Ms Julie Taylor SC has practised as a barrister for approximately 18 years and currently practises as a barrister at Shoreline Chambers in Perth. Julie has an LLB (Hons) from the University of Western Australia and a bachelor of Civil Law and Master of Philosophy in Law from the University of Oxford. Between 2007 and 2016 she practised at the New South Wales Bar and from 2016 she has been at the Western Australian Bar. She was appointed senior counsel in 2019.

Julie accepts briefs in all areas of commercial law. She has appeared in proceedings involving the liquidation or receivership of large corporate groups, in proceedings involving commercial disputes and in class actions. She has also advised on and appeared in arbitrations for international corporations.

She is currently the president of the Western Australian Bar Association. Julie has two primary school aged children. She has a keen interest in issues relating to well-being and diversity in the profession.



PANELLIST

The Honourable Linda Dessau AC CVO,
Beyond Blue

The Honourable Linda Dessau AC CVO became the 29th Governor of Victoria on 1 July 2015, the first female in the role. In 2019, her five-year term was extended for a further three years, to 30 June 2023.

Previously, Linda was a solicitor, a barrister at the Victorian Bar and Senior Crown Counsel in Hong Kong, until appointed as a magistrate at the age of thirty-three. She spent 18 years as a judge in the Family Court of Australia.

In 2010, Ms Dessau was made a Member of the Order of Australia and in 2017 she was made a Companion of the Order of Australia. In 2022, Linda was awarded an honorary doctorate in Law by La Trobe University.

In 2023, she was appointed as a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by His Majesty King Charles III. Throughout her career, she held key positions, including AFL Commissioner, President of the Melbourne International Arts Festival and Trustee of the National Gallery of Victoria.

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

WORKSHOP 2 - The Well-Being of the Profession



PANELLIST

Ms Rebecca Fogerty,
Queensland Law Society

Ms Rebecca Fogerty is nationally recognised as a leading Queensland criminal law and domestic violence lawyer. She was President of the Queensland Law Society in 2024 and is a past Chair of the Criminal Law Committee. She is a founding partner of Jasper Fogerty Lawyers. She is a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist and has appeared as a Doyle's Guide Leading Lawyer since 2017.

Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) from the University of Queensland. She has written various articles for publication on criminal law issues and has presented internationally about legislative responses to domestic violence and regularly appears as an expert witness before Queensland Parliamentary Committees in relation to criminal law and domestic violence policy.

Rebecca is currently a Director of the Law Council of Australia, a member of the Queensland Law Society's Executive, Finance and Risk and Practice Management Committees, as well as a member of the LAWASIA Criminal Law Committee.



PANELLIST

Mr Richard Wilson SC,
Senior Public Defender, New South Wales

Mr Richard Wilson SC practised as a solicitor for 11 years, starting in private practice in Canberra, before working for The Western Aboriginal Legal Service in Walgett and the Sydney Regional ALS in Blacktown and Redfern.

In 2004 he was called to the bar. At 7th Floor Garfield Barwick Chambers he practised in crime – largely as defence counsel but sometimes prosecuting for the Commonwealth DPP.

In 2012 Richard was appointed a Public Defender and in 2018 was appointed Deputy Senior Public Defender. He took silk in 2019. In February this year he was appointed Senior Public Defender. He has a trial and appellate practice appearing for legally aided clients in serious criminal matters.

Richard has a keen interest in law reform and served for 17 years on the Criminal Law Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association. He is presently Co-Chair of the Bugmy Bar Book Project Committee and Co-Chair of the National Criminal Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

WORKSHOP 3 - The Well-Being of Students and Academics



FACILITATOR

Professor Rufus Black,
University of Tasmania

Professor Rufus Black is the Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Tasmania. Rufus holds degrees in law, politics, economics, ethics and theology from the University of Melbourne and Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

Rufus' educational and social sector experience includes being President of Museums Victoria, the Deputy Chancellor of Victoria University, Strategic Advisor to the Secretary of Education in Victoria, the founding Chair of the Board of Teach for Australia and a Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research.

Rufus' work has included being a partner at McKinsey & Company, being a Board Member of the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia, a Board Member of Innovation Science Australia and a Director of Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

Rufus' work for government has included conducting the Black Review into Governance and Accountability in the Department of Defence, Co-Leading the Prime Minister's Independent Review of the Australian Intelligence Community and being a member of the Afghanistan Inquiry Implementation Oversight Panel.



PANELLIST

Associate Professor Judith Marychurch,
University of Melbourne

Associate Professor Judith Marychurch is an Associate Professor and the Assistant Dean, Teaching & Learning at Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne. She has a long-standing interest in student well-being and inculcating practices and strategies that provide the foundation for successful studies and for transition from law school to their professional careers.

Judith is an award-winning teacher and an education specialist, with a passion for engaging students through curriculum and assessment design. Judith has co-chaired the Legal Education Associate Deans' (LEAD) Network since 2015 and also chairs the Australasian Law Academics Association (ALAA). Judith specialises in the law of evidence and is a co-author of *'Uniform Evidence in Australia'* (Lexis Nexis, 4th ed, 2023).

Judith has also co-edited two collections of work presented at the Wellness for Law Forum, *'Wellness for Law: Making Wellness Core Business'* (Lexis Nexis, 2019) and *'Wellness for Law: Reflecting on the Past Shaping the Future'* (Lexis Nexis 2024).

SESSION 4: INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING

WORKSHOP 3 - The Well-Being of Students and Academics



PANELLIST

Ms Rebecca Ferguson,
Australian Law Students' Association

Rebecca Ferguson is the 2024/25 President of the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA), the national peak representative body for over 40,000 Australian law students. Rebecca is in her final year of a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Government and International Relations at Griffith University.

Rebecca leads a national ALSA team that advocates for student well-being, creates professional development opportunities and strengthens connections between students and the legal profession. Under her leadership, ALSA delivers flagship initiatives including the annual National Conference, national legal competitions, advocacy campaigns and student policy submissions on legal reform.

ALSA has an international presence, facilitating collaboration with law student bodies around the world. Rebecca is committed to building cross-border connections that allow Australian law students to engage in global conversations on legal education and professional standards.

Rebecca's leadership is grounded in a strong belief in the role of student associations to act as a collective voice for emerging professionals and to bridge the gap between study and practice in the legal sector.

CONVENTION DINNER



Fri, 21 November 2025



7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



**Gandel Hall
National Gallery of Australia
Canberra**

The Convention Dinner will be held at Gandel Hall, National Gallery of Australia, on **Friday, 21 November 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Dress Code: Business



SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

PLENARY ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

A fundamental principle of the rule of law is equality for all before the law and yet history continues to show that substantial equality remains an illusion for many First Nations people who find themselves in the legal system.

Justice Louise Taylor will give insights into what the law has said about First Nations people since colonisation and, given First Nations people have always had law, what does authentic resolution through the law look like.

Justice Lincoln Crowley will explore the ongoing trauma the increasing over-representation of First Nations people within the criminal justice system signifies for Australia's national and global identity, the complexities of legal services funding in a Federation and how to harness the confluence of interests of all Australians in the quest for real and longer-term solutions.

The plenary addresses will set the scene for panel discussions on the complexities of cultural differences and decision making and the power and potential impact of truth telling through legal system processes and procedures.

Chief Justice Debra Mortimer, Federal Court of Australia, will chair the plenary addresses. The plenary addresses will be followed by concurrent workshops.

Workshop 1:
Truth Telling, Treaty,
Land Justice and Native
Title Reform

Facilitator

Mr Anthony McAvoy SC

Panellists

Commissioner Travis Lovett
Mr Jamie Lowe
Mr Joshua Creamer

Court 1

Workshop 2:
Cultural Competence
and Safety in the
Legal System

Facilitator

Mr Timothy Goodwin

Panellists

Mr James Parfitt
Ms Jaime Parriman
Ms Vanessa Edwige

Court 2

Workshop 3:
Criminal Law, Indigenous
People and Therapeutic
Justice

Facilitator

Mr Damian Beaufile

Panellists

Maggie Munn
Ms Nerita Waight
Magistrate Rose Falla

Court 3

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

PLENARY ADDRESSES



Speaker

Justice Lincoln Crowley,
Supreme Court of Queensland

The Honourable Justice Lincoln Crowley holds a Bachelor of Laws from James Cook University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New England.

His first role was as a solicitor with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service in Queensland. After several years he moved to New South Wales, where he worked as a senior solicitor within the Crown Solicitor's Office and later was called to the Sydney private bar.

There he practised in both civil and criminal fields before becoming in-house Counsel with the Sydney office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. His Honour then returned to Queensland to take up a position as a Principal Crown Prosecutor for the Queensland Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), before practising at the Queensland private bar.

In 2018, his Honour became the first Indigenous person appointed as Queen's Counsel in and for the State of Queensland. On 13 June 2022, Justice Crowley was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, becoming the first Indigenous judge appointed to a superior court in Australia.



Speaker

Justice Louise Taylor,
Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

The Honourable Justice Louise Taylor was sworn in as a Judge of the ACT Supreme Court on 16 August 2023. Justice Taylor, a Kamilaroi woman, was the first Aboriginal woman in Australia to be appointed to a superior court.

In 2018, Justice Taylor was appointed as a Magistrate and Coroner after almost two decades of legal practice in the ACT. This included a period as a specialist family violence prosecutor for the ACT and Commonwealth Offices of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Her Honour was also the Deputy CEO of Legal Aid ACT. For 10 years, Justice Taylor was Chair of the Women's Legal Centre ACT board.

Justice Taylor has also had appointments to the ACT Domestic Violence Prevention Council, the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council for Women and the Law Council of Australia's Indigenous Legal Issues Committee. In 2009, her Honour was awarded the ACT Woman of the Year.

Justice Taylor has a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from the Australian National University.

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 1 - Truth Telling, Treaty, Land Justice and Native Title Reform



FACILITATOR

Mr Anthony McAvoy SC,
New South Wales Bar

Appointed Senior Counsel in 2015, Mr Anthony (Tony) McAvoy has developed a strong native title practice and has successfully appeared for claimants in several land claims. He has also acquired significant experience in the areas of environmental law, administrative law, human rights and discrimination law, coronial inquests and criminal law.

Notably, between 2011 and 2013, Tony was an Acting part-time Commissioner of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court. Tony was also the Acting Northern Territory Treaty Commissioner from the period of 8 December 2021 through to 30 June 2022.

He was Senior Counsel Assisting the Don Dale Royal Commission in 2016/2017, and the Yoorrook Justice Commission from 2021 to 2025. He holds a current appointment as a part-time Commissioner on the Australian Law Reform Commission referral regarding the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

Tony was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Technology Sydney in 2022.



PANELLIST

Commissioner Travis Lovett,
Yoorrook Justice Commission

Commissioner Travis Lovett is a proud Kerrupmara/Gunditjmara man and Traditional Owner. He is the Deputy Chair and Commissioner of the Yoorrook Justice Commission. Travis has spent his life advocating for truth and justice for First Peoples. He is passionate about practicing his Culture, working with Community and preserving Aboriginal languages.

Travis has held senior leadership roles in the Victorian Public Service, including as Executive Director and Acting Deputy Secretary, First Peoples State Relations, at the Department of Premier and Cabinet. He played a key role in supporting Victoria to progress and implement Treaty and Truth telling. Travis has also held senior roles with Aboriginal Victoria, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Court Services Victoria and the Department of Justice.

Travis played a key role in the establishment and reform of the Magistrates' and Children's Koori Courts across the State of Victoria as the Manager of the Koori Courts. In 2017, Travis was awarded the Young Indigenous Leader Scholarship by the Institute of Public Administration of Australia.

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 1 - Truth Telling, Treaty, Land Justice and Native Title Reform



PANELLIST

Mr Jamie Lowe,
National Native Title Council

Mr Jamie Lowe is a Gundjitrara Djabwurrung man and CEO of the National Native Title Council (NNTC). He is also the inaugural Co-Chair of the Mabo Centre, a partnership with the University of Melbourne that promotes Traditional Owner economic and social empowerment and an inaugural member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria, which is negotiating a Treaty with the Victorian Government.

Jamie played a key role in negotiating the 2020 Closing the Gap Agreement. He represents the NNTC on the Joint Council of the Coalition of the Peaks, advising on economic development and national strategies. In 2021, he was appointed Indigenous Specialist Representative to the Australian Heritage Council, advising the government on heritage issues.

Jamie represents the NNTC at the UN Permanent Forum, contributing to global discussions on Indigenous rights. His leadership focuses on economic independence and preserving cultural identity. Jamie was formerly CEO of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, which holds native title rights in southwestern Victoria. He continues to champion a national Treaty and long-term empowerment for Traditional Owners and First Nations communities.



PANELLIST

Mr Joshua Creamer,
Bar Association of Queensland

Mr Joshua Creamer is a Barrister-at-Law and a descendant of the Waanyi and Kalkadoon people from North West Queensland. Joshua specialises in human rights class actions and native title. He has appeared in landmark class actions, including *Pearson v State of Queensland* – Australia's largest human rights case and *Wotton v State of Queensland (the Palm Island Case)*.

Joshua is ranked in Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific and Doyle's Guide for his work in the native title jurisdiction. In 2017, Joshua was the recipient of the National Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year Award and was also appointed to the Board of Legal Aid Queensland.

In 2024, Joshua held the role of Chair of the Truth telling and Healing Inquiry in Queensland. He has previously held the roles of the Commissioner of the Queensland Law Reform Commission. Joshua is also a member of the Board of Legal Aid, a Council Member of Griffith University, Chair of Griffith University Elders and First Peoples Knowledge Holders Advisory Board.

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 2 - Cultural Competence and Safety in the Legal System



FACILITATOR

Mr Timothy Goodwin,
Victorian Bar

Mr Tim Goodwin is a barrister at the Victorian Bar and practices primarily in commercial and public law. Tim was one of the Junior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory and is currently Junior Counsel Assisting the Yoorrook Truth telling Royal Commission. Prior to joining the Bar, Tim worked at Allens as a solicitor for three years in commercial litigation and in banking and finance.

Before joining Allens, Tim served as Associate to Justice North and Justice Bromberg in the Federal Court of Australia. He also served as Foreign Law Clerk to Justice Skweyiya of the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

Tim has a Bachelor of Arts and Laws (Hons) from the Australian National University and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School.

Tim is a member of the Yuin people of the South East Coast of New South Wales. He serves on a number of boards, including as a Board Member of Museums Victoria and the Aurora Education Foundation.



PANELLIST

Mr James Parfitt (Fejo),
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

Mr James Parfitt (Fejo) is a Larrakia and Warumungu man from the Northern Territory and Community Legal Educator for the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA). He has 30 years combined experience in the justice system.

James has experience working as a court officer across multiple courts, including the Darwin Local Court, the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and the Federal Court of Australia. He has worked as coordinator for both the True Justice and Deep Listening Program and the Bilata Legal Pathways Program at the NAAJA.

James also served as a community engagement worker in the Royal Commissions covering Child Sexual Abuse into Institutions-Retta Dixon home hearings, Child Sexual Abuse into institutions-Tiwi Islands hearings and Royal Commission into Youth Detention and Children in Care Team.

James is the co-founder of the Bilata Indigenous Legal Pathways program, a program designed to encourage greater participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the studies of law and within the legal profession.

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 2 - Cultural Competence and Safety in the Legal System



PANELLIST

Ms Jaime Parriman,
Kimberley Land Council

Ms Jaime Parriman is a proud Jabirr Jabirr and Yawuru woman from Broome, Western Australia. She is currently the Native Title Services Unit Manager at the Kimberley Land Council, where she plays a key leadership role in supporting the organisation's native title operational delivery.

A passionate advocate for Aboriginal advancement and self-determination, Jaime has always had a passion for creating meaningful change through her career. Highlights throughout her career in the native title sector include her involvement with 9 on-country determination hearings.

Jaime recognises that whilst the establishment of native title laws were a major legal and moral milestone, the system has significant flaws, both in theory and practice and often brings with it many challenges and complexities for our people and the system more broadly. Jaime is committed to continuing to contribute to advocating for the change needed to really empower first nations Australia.

Her work reflects a deep commitment to justice, cultural integrity and community empowerment for Kimberley Aboriginal people.



PANELLIST

Ms Vanessa Edwige,
Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association

Ms Vanessa Edwige is a Ngarabal woman from Emmaville, New South Wales. Vanessa is a registered psychologist and the Chair of the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association. Vanessa has worked in Redfern as a psychologist providing culturally responsive psychological support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people, families and community.

Vanessa currently works privately, conducting assessments and preparing psychological reports for people involved in the judicial system, medicolegal reports and reports for the Coroner's Court New South Wales. Vanessa has been writing these reports for over 20 years. Vanessa is a member of the independent advisory panel for the New South Wales Public Defenders Bugmy Bar Book project and is a co-author on the '*Significance of Culture to Well-being, Healing and Rehabilitation*' which was commissioned for the Bugmy Bar Book Project. Vanessa also sits on the First Nations Advisory Group for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions New South Wales.

She holds a Master of Education from Western Sydney University.

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 3 - Criminal Law, Indigenous People and Therapeutic Justice



FACILITATOR

Mr Damian Beaufils,
New South Wales Crown Prosecutor

Mr Damian Beaufils is a descendant of the Gundungurra people and was born and raised off Country on the Dharawal lands of coastal Sydney. He completed a law degree with the University of Sydney.

Damian began his legal career in 2011 as a solicitor at Legal Aid New South Wales. He then joined the New South Wales Bar in 2016, where he has appeared in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, the Local, District and Supreme Courts of New South Wales, the New South Wales Court of Criminal Appeal and acted as Counsel assisting in the New South Wales Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'.

In 2022, Damian became the first Aboriginal person to be appointed as a Crown Prosecutor in New South Wales. Damian is a commissioned officer with the Royal Australian Navy. In 2025 he was awarded the First Nations Lawyer of the Year at the Ngalaya Ball and First Nations Law Awards.



PANELLIST

Maggie Munn,
Human Rights Law Centre

Maggie Munn is a proud Gunggari advocate from south-west Queensland and is the Director of First Nations Justice at the Human Rights Law Centre. Maggie is an established campaigner and advocate, having previously held roles at Change the Record as National Director at Amnesty International as Lead Indigenous Rights Campaigner and the Federal Court as a Project Officer.

Maggie is deeply committed to ending the mass incarceration of their people and has spent many years as an advocate and campaigning on law reform, Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) compliance, raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility and youth justice.

With an undergraduate law degree from Bond University and a teaching position in the Melbourne Law School, Maggie combines academic rigour with real-world, grassroots activism. Their publications in the Australian Law Journal and frequent appearances on ABC, NITV, SBS and NIRS have built up their reputation as a trusted, respected legal voice and advocate for change.

SESSION 5: FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 3 - Criminal Law, Indigenous People and Therapeutic Justice



PANELLIST

Ms Nerita Waight,
Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

Ms Nerita Waight is a proud Yorta Yorta and Narrandjeri woman, with Taungurung connections. She is the CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS), an elected member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria since 2023, elected by Assembly members as the Treaty Co-Convenor.

Nerita was first employed at VALS in 2014 as a civil lawyer, having experience across several teams in the organisation including family and children's law and policy and advocacy before becoming the CEO. Nerita holds a Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Human Rights Law. Nerita has served on the Boards of several organisations including Elizabeth Morgan House, Bupup Wilam and the Australia Community Support Organisation.

Nerita is also the mother of two young boys, a motivation in her work to ensure that they grow up with strong connections to their culture and kin and can thrive in a world that is safer for Aboriginal people.



PANELLIST

Magistrate Rose Falla,
Magistrates Court of Victoria

Magistrate Falla is a proud Wotjobaluk/Wemba Wemba/Mutti Mutti woman born and raised in Melbourne. Her Honour has a law degree from Deakin University.

In 2013, her Honour became the first Indigenous Magistrate appointed in the State of Victoria. Magistrate Falla's involvement with Koori Court began in 2001 when she was working in the legal policy unit of the Department of Justice to help establish the first Koori Court in Shepparton.

In October 2019, Magistrate Falla was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Deakin University in recognition of her career in law and her service to the community through the establishment of the first Koori Courts in Victoria.

In 2020, Magistrate Falla was appointed to the role of Supervising Magistrate for Koori Justice. As well as sitting in both Koori Court and Mainstream Court, Magistrate Falla works with other Supervising Magistrates and Heads of Division to supervise and support Koori programs at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

PLENARY ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

Access to justice is essential to public confidence in the legal system.

Chief Justice Peter Quinlan will address the importance of access to justice as core value of both the judicial system and the legal profession as a whole. Improving and maintaining access to justice across the community should not be regarded as merely the domain of legal aid organisations, community legal centres and pro bono programs, but as the responsibility of all participants in the legal system.

Judge Anastasis Liveris will discuss access to justice in non-urban settings, with a focus on the use of technology in the justice system. The session will consider whether technology has enhanced efficiencies, or created a disadvantaged, digitally excluded cohort of Australians. It will also explore the ethical and existential aspects of new and emerging technology in the legal profession and judiciary.

The plenary addresses will set the scene for panel discussions on models for the delivery of access to justice (including legal aid, the community legal sector and pro bono), regional and remote justice, unrepresented litigants and sovereign citizens.

Chief Justice Christopher Kourakis, Supreme Court of South Australia, will chair the plenary addresses. The plenary addresses will be followed by concurrent workshops.

Workshop 1: Legal Aid, the Community Legal Sector and Pro Bono Practice

Facilitator
Ms Kate Jenkins AO

Panellists
Ms Rowan McRae
Ms Mary Corina Martin OAM
Ms Famin Ahmed

Court 1

Workshop 2: Unrepresented Litigants

Facilitator
Chief Magistrate Steven Heath

Panellists
Deputy Chief Magistrate Anthony Gett
Justice Paul Freeburn
Ms Rachel Holt

Court 2

Workshop 3: Rural, Regional and Remote Justice

Facilitator
Justice Jenny Blokland AO

Panellists
Mr David Connoley
Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris AM
Mr Nicholas Broadbent SC
Professor Amanda Kennedy

Court 3

Workshop 4: Sovereign Citizens and Court Security

Facilitator
Justice Richard O'Brien

Panellists
Professor Michele Pathé
Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO
Ms Tracey Hall PSM

Level 1 Atrium

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

PLENARY ADDRESSES



Speaker

**Chief Justice Peter Quinlan,
Supreme Court of Western Australia**

Chief Justice Quinlan was appointed to the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 13 August 2018. He graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1992 and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1995.

Chief Justice Quinlan was a Professional Assistant to the Solicitor-General of Western Australia, K H Parker AO QC, from 1993 to 1994 and an Associate to the Honourable Justice Parker, Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1995. From 1996 to 2001, he was a Legal Officer (and ultimately Assistant Crown Counsel) at the Western Australia Crown Solicitor's Office before joining the Independent Bar in 2001. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2010.

Chief Justice Quinlan was appointed Solicitor-General for Western Australia on 1 July 2016 and served in this role until his appointment to the Bench. He served as President of the Western Australia Bar Association from 2012 to 2015, Board of Governors at the University of Notre Dame from 2008 and Director of the Law Council of Australia from 2012 to 2014.



Speaker

**Judge Anastasis (Tass) Liveris,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
(Division 2)**

Judge Tass Liveris was admitted to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 2002. Following admission, he practised at the Perth Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Western Australia, before returning to the Northern Territory in 2008 when he joined the litigation and dispute resolution division of Clayton Utz. Judge Liveris joined the

Northern Territory Bar in 2010, practising in a diverse range of areas in the Northern Territory and Federal Courts and Tribunals.

Judge Liveris was the President of the Law Society of the Northern Territory between 2015 and 2017. In 2015, he was appointed as a Director of the Law Council of Australia (LCA). He was elected to the Executive of the LCA in 2018 and was President in 2022, becoming the third Territorian to hold that office. Judge Liveris was appointed to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) on 5 February 2024.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 1 - Legal Aid, the Community Legal Sector and Pro Bono Practice



FACILITATOR

Ms Kate Jenkins AO,

Former Sex Discrimination Commissioner; Chair, Australian Sports Commission; President, Australian Red Cross

Kate Jenkins AO is a leader, lawyer and change-maker. Kate is Chair of the Australian Sports Commission, President of the Australian Red Cross and Chair of the Creative Workplaces Council. She completed her 7 year term as the Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner in 2023. As the author of the landmark '*Respect@Work*' report on workplace sexual harassment and the *Set the Standard Review* into Commonwealth Parliament, Kate has unique insight into access to justice, the positive duty laws and leading change.

Prior to joining the Commission, Kate spent three years as the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner, 20 years as an employment lawyer and lead equal opportunity partner with Herbert Smith Freehills. She has spent many years serving on the boards of Berry Street Victoria, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Play by the Rules and Carlton Football Club.

Kate is also a member of the Australian Academy of Law.



PANELLIST

Ms Rowan McRae,

Executive Director, Victoria Legal Aid

Ms Rowan McRae is the Executive Director of Legal Practice, Civil Justice, Access and Equity at Victoria Legal Aid. Her role involves overseeing legal assistance for areas such as mental health, disability, migration, discrimination, tenancy and social security.

Prior to Rowan joining Victoria Legal Aid in 2016, she worked at the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, as well as in the Offices of International Law and Constitutional Law at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and as Associate to the Honourable Justice Hayne AC of the High Court.

Rowan has also practised in the private profession and on legal development projects in Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Rowan holds a Master of Laws, where her focus was on Public International Law, from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is also a board member of both the Brotherhood of St Lawrence and the Victoria Law Foundation.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 1 - Legal Aid, the Community Legal Sector and Pro Bono Practice



PANELLIST

Ms Mary Corina Martin OAM

CEO, Western Australian Family Violence Prevention Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation

Corina, a Mulgyin Jaru/Kitja and Gooniyandi woman from Broome, Western Australia, holds a Bachelor of Marketing and Media and a Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted as a barrister and solicitor to the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 2006.

Beginning her career as Principal Legal Officer with the Aboriginal Family Legal Service (AFLS), she was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2016. Today, she leads nine offices with more than 75 staff, servicing over 130 communities, making AFLS the largest Family Violence Legal Service in WA.

Corina was named Indigenous Lawyer of the Year at the 2022 Women in Law Awards and awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2023 for service to the law. She brings deep expertise in the family violence sector, contributes to Boards and Committees and serves on the Notre Dame University Law Advisory Board while supporting Murdoch University's Indigenous Law student program. Under her leadership, AFLS initiated the national Ochre Ribbon Campaign and recently launched an Aboriginal Court Advocacy Program to ensure representation for Aboriginal people by Aboriginal people in Civil Law Court in Child Protection and Domestic Violence Courts.



PANELLIST

Ms Famin Ahmed,
Lawyer and Advocate

Famin is a lawyer and Australian domestic violence advocate, currently studying a Master's of Public Policy at Oxford University. Famin began her career as an Associate to the Honourable Justice Keane AC in the High Court of Australia.

She went on to be a commercial litigation lawyer at Minter Ellison before co-leading the pro bono program in the Minter Ellison Brisbane office full-time, where she focussed on her casework and scaling firm-wide legal assistance to advise individuals and Community Legal Centres dealing with justice issues, including homelessness, refugees and domestic violence.

Famin also serves on the Lived Experience Advisory Council to the Australian Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission and operates a social enterprise that has raised over \$75,000 for Women's Legal Service Queensland.

Famin is passionate about leveraging her legal intellect to make systemic change in Australia, particularly to benefit disadvantaged groups in society.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 2 - Unrepresented Litigants



FACILITATOR

**Chief Magistrate Steven Heath,
Magistrates Court of Western Australia**

His Honour has been Chief Magistrate of the Magistrates Court of Western Australia since 2000. Prior to this, his Honour was the Deputy Magistrate in 1999. His Honour was appointed to the Magistrates Court of Western Australia in 1991. For four years he was based in Carnarvon in the North West of the State.

Chief Magistrate Steven Heath is a graduate from the University of Western Australia. After undertaking his articles of clerkship in Perth he moved to Bunbury in the south-west of the State, where he worked at Young & Young as a solicitor and then later as a partner. His Honour's principal areas of practice were in criminal and civil litigation, as well as in commercial conveyancing. His Honour has also been part of the Ministerial Taskforce for the "Co-ordination of an effective Police and Judicial response to domestic violence" and as part of the Judicial Support Steering Committee.



PANELLIST

**Deputy Chief Magistrate Anthony Gett,
Magistrates Court of Queensland**

Deputy Chief Magistrate Gett was appointed as Magistrate in January 2013 and as Deputy Chief Magistrate in March 2021. His Honour was called to the bar in 2001. Since 2004 he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian-based International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law and in 2019 he was awarded the society's Presidential Medal.

Prior to becoming a Magistrate, his Honour spent thirteen years at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions as a prosecutor. His Honour has presented papers at numerous international and domestic conferences, including as a keynote speaker to Council of the European Union where he presented on Australia's online child exploitation laws. During 2014 and 2015 his Honour was part of an overseas judicial assistance program to Indonesia.

His Honour belongs to numerous judicial committees, including with the National Judicial College of Australia and as a member of the Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion. His Honour is the inaugural Queensland Branch Patron of the Asian Australian Lawyers Association.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 2 - Unrepresented Litigants



PANELLIST

Justice Paul Freeburn,
Supreme Court of Queensland

Justice Paul Freeburn was appointed to the Supreme Court of Queensland on 20 May 2021. His Honour is currently the principal Judge for the Supervised Case List and the Commercial List.

His Honour was called to the Bar in 1990 and he took silk in 2003. His Honour developed a wide-ranging practice across state and federal jurisdictions over nearly three decades at the Bar. His Honour has appeared in complex and high-profile matters involving commercial litigation and arbitration, professional and medical negligence, proceeds of crime, fraud, construction disputes and civil penalty proceedings. His Honour also served as Senior Counsel, where he assisted the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry between 2015 and 2016 and provided recommendations for the delivery of state-wide adolescent mental health services.

Outside of court, Justice Freeburn contributes to the legal education of young lawyers and the football education of young football players aged 6-16.



PANELLIST

Ms Rachel Holt,
Australian Human Rights Commission

Rachel Holt is the Senior Executive of the Investigation and Conciliation Service (ICS) at the Australian Human Rights Commission. Rachel was formerly a team leader and senior investigator conciliator with the ICS. She also has an academic background in Law and English literature and holds a Bachelor of English and Art History, a Master's of English and a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice. Rachel was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2010 and has over 15 years of experience working in federal discrimination law (initially as a lawyer focussing on disability discrimination in employment).

For the past seven years, Rachel has led the complaint handling function of the Australian Human Rights Commission. With a team of approximately 40 staff, Rachel oversees one of the Commission's core statutory mandates: inquiring into and attempting to conciliate federal discrimination and human rights complaints. Rachel is a passionate advocate for the creative and empowering role that alternative dispute resolution can play within the justice system.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 3 - Rural, Regional and Remote Justice



FACILITATOR

Justice Jenny Blokland AO,
Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

Jenny May Blokland AO was appointed to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 2010. She also holds appointment as the Aboriginal Land Commissioner. Admitted as a Solicitor in 1981, she holds an LLB and a Masters Degree in Law from Adelaide University.

Justice Blokland is a continuing member of the judging panel of the Northern Territory Human Rights Awards, a Life Member of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, a former President and Life Member of the Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory (NT) and of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) and is the Patron of Women Lawyers (NT) and the NT Branch of the Asian Lawyers Association.

Justice Blokland is a Council and Executive Committee member of the Australian Judicial Officers Association and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

Among other positions, Justice Blokland was formerly: President of the AIJA, Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory Court of Summary Jurisdiction and a former Council member of the Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity.



PANELLIST

Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris AM,
Local Court of the Northern Territory

Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris AM, was appointed to the Local Court of the Northern Territory in 2010 and as Chief Judge in 2019. Judge Morris' legal career includes work with Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission and the Office of the Coroner. She held various executive positions within the Northern Territory.

Judge Morris currently serves on the Governing Councils of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, the Australian Judicial Officers Association, the Cultural Diversity Justice Network and the Australian Association of Women Judges. She also serves on the Northern Territory Law Reform Committee. Her past appointments include Chair of the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, Chair of the Northern Territory Community Benefit Fund, Vice President of the Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory and Councillor for the Law Society. Judge Morris has been involved in significant community work as the leader of various organisations.

In 2024, Judge Morris was made a Member of the Order of Australia for her significant service to the law in the Northern Territory and to the community.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 3 - Rural, Regional and Remote Justice



PANELLIST

Mr David Connoley,
Courts Administration Authority, South Australia

David serves as Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Executive Director for the Courts Administration Authority in South Australia, where he leads technology strategy and digital transformation across five statewide court jurisdictions.

Beginning as project director and advancing to his current role as CIO, David has led the implementation of the Electronic Court Management System, across five statewide jurisdictions, including Higher Courts, Magistrates Court, Youth Court and Probate Registry. He has overseen the transition to fully digital operations for the Probate, Magistrates and Youth criminal jurisdictions and the transition to fully digital court files for District and Supreme Courts.

David has managed the upgrade of courtroom technology infrastructure, implementing evidence display systems and videoconferencing capabilities across eighty courtrooms (jury, criminal and general) and thirty other witness and conference facilities. These technological improvements have supported the efficiency and accessibility of court proceedings while preserving established judicial procedures.

David's work has significantly advanced South Australia's position as a leader in court technology innovation, enhancing operational efficiency and access to justice while maintaining the integrity of judicial processes.



PANELLIST

Mr Nicholas Broadbent SC,
Deputy Senior Public Defender, New South Wales

Mr Nicholas Broadbent SC began practising at the New South Wales Bar in 2009, where his practice area has been criminal law. He initially worked at Maurice Byers Chambers. In 2020, he was appointed as a Public Defender based in Dubbo, New South Wales where he has worked since. In 2024, he was appointed as Senior Counsel and most recently, in 2025, he has now been appointed as a Deputy Senior Public Defender.

Nicholas is a former Honorary Secretary of the Council of the New South Wales Bar Association and a current Council Member of the New South Wales Bar Association. Prior to this, Nicholas spent time working in New York in aviation finance and bankruptcy law and he has also been admitted as a member of the New York Bar. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering and a Bachelor of Law, which he received from Macquarie University and a Masters of Law, which he received from Harvard Law School.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 3 - Rural, Regional and Remote Justice



PANELLIST

Professor Amanda Kennedy,
Queensland University of Technology

Professor Amanda Kennedy (PhD, LLB (Hons 1), B.Com, Grad.Dip. Legal Practice, Grad. Cert. Law Teaching, Lawyer (New South Wales)) joined the Queensland University of Technology as a Professor of Law in 2019 and is currently Acting Head of the School of Law. She was previously the Deputy Director of the Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law at the University of New England (2007-2018).

Professor Kennedy's research and teaching interests fall predominantly within the area of agri-environmental law and include natural resource governance, environmental law, animal law, legal pedagogy, and rural and regional legal practice. She is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK) and currently serves as the Board Member for Oceania on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law and is also the Deputy Co-Chair of the LAWASIA Environmental Law Committee.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 4 - Sovereign Citizens and Court Security



FACILITATOR

Justice Richard O'Brien,
Family Court of Western Australia

Justice Richard O'Brien was admitted to practice in 1983. He spent the early years of his career working in the Family Law Division of Legal Aid Western Australia, before joining a large commercial firm in Perth, Jackson McDonald. After 15 years at that firm, including a period as managing partner, he joined a prominent family law firm, O'Sullivan Davies, where he was an equity partner for over 10 years. He remained there until his appointment to the Family Court of Western Australia and the Family Court of Australia in early 2016. In 2014, he was recognised by the Family Law Practitioners' Association of Western Australia as its Inaugural Family Lawyer of the Year.

Justice O'Brien served as President of the Family Law Practitioners' Association of Western Australia and later as Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia. More recently, he was a member of the advisory committee to the Australian Law Reform Commission's review of the Family Law system.



PANELLIST

Professor Michele Pathé,
Swinburne University of Technology

Michele Pathé is an Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne. She has a Doctorate in Medicine and has practised as a forensic psychiatrist in Queensland and Victoria for over 30 years. She has consulted to state and federal police, the Department of Home Affairs and the British Home Office and she has research and clinical expertise in the fields of stalking, public figure fixation, grievance-fuelled violence and lone actor extremists, including sovereign citizens.

She played a pivotal role in establishing of the world's first Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (FTAC) in the UK and subsequently in Australian jurisdictions. Until her recent retirement from clinical practice, she was the Lead Psychiatrist at the Victorian FTAC, a joint police-mental health agency situated in the Counter Terrorism Command of Victoria Police.

Professor Pathé has authored and co-authored three books and over 100 journal articles and book chapters and has received national and international awards for her work in the stalking, counter-terrorism and crime prevention fields.

SESSION 6: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

WORKSHOP 4 - Sovereign Citizens and Court Security



PANELLIST

**Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO,
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia**

Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO was appointed as judge of the Family Court of Australia, as it then was, in 2015 and as Deputy Chief Justice in 2018.

His Honour was admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1982 and commenced working as an associate to Evatt J in the Federal Court of Australia. His Honour was elected to Federal Parliament in 1996 as the Member for Barton and served as Commonwealth Attorney-General from 2007-2011.

His Honour was Chair of the Family Law Council from December 2021 to December 2024. In 2022, he was appointed an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the people and Parliament of Australia, the law, social justice and law reform. His Honour holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney.



PANELLIST

**Ms Tracey Hall PSM,
Sheriff of New South Wales**

Ms Tracey Hall PSM is the 24th Sheriff of New South Wales and the first woman to be permanently appointed to that role. Prior to taking up this role, Tracey has enjoyed a 43-year distinguished career in the justice sector.

Commencing her career in the New South Wales Police Force, she moved through various specialist units, including the Police Prosecutions Branch. After completing her law degree, she ventured out into private practice soon to return to the more familiar setting of serving the people of New South Wales.

Tracey took up a legal role advocating on behalf of victims of crime and moved into senior leadership roles in Victims Services, Court Services and the Sheriff's Office. As Sheriff, Tracey leads teams of officers dedicated to providing a safe and secure court environment and their core responsibilities are to support and protect the justice system.

Tracey held the position of Chair of the Australasian Court Advisory Group (Security Subcommittee) from 2012-2022, where she contributed to national best practice in court security and operational planning.

SESSION 7: LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PLENARY ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

A well-educated legal profession is essential for upholding the rule of law, the foundation of a just and democratic society. Legal education and the justice system must adapt to evolving societal needs and technological advancements, ensuring law students, lawyers, barristers and judicial officers are prepared to address contemporary challenges.

Justice Debra Mullins AO will give insights into the history, change in attitudes and acceleration of judicial education at the national level, as well as the sustainability challenges of the judge-led education model.

Professor Catherine Renshaw will explore access difficulties to the profession, including cost, stagnant gender and cultural diversity metrics and the ongoing criticism of universities about gaps in the knowledge and skills of law graduates from the profession.

The plenary addresses will set the scene for panel discussions on the continuing relevance of the “Priestly Eleven,” pre and post-admission training and judicial education.

Chief Justice Lucy McCallum, Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, will chair the plenary addresses. The plenary addresses will be followed by concurrent workshops.

Workshop 1:

The Legal Syllabus in the 21st Century: the Future of Legal Education 2030 Project

Facilitator

Justice Elisabeth Peden

Panellists

Professor Nick James
Dr Andrew Henderson
Professor Eddie Cubillo

Court 1

Workshop 2:

Pre and Post- Admission Training: Educating a Practice Ready Profession for the 21st Century

Facilitator

Justice Julie Ward

Panellists

Ms Juliana Warner
Professor Andrew Lynch
Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan

Court 2

Workshop 3:

Judicial Education

Facilitator

Chief Justice Helen Bowskill

Panellists

Ms Samantha Burchell
Ms Una Doyle
Ms Karen Gregory

Court 3

SESSION 7: LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PLENARY ADDRESSES



Speaker

**Justice Debra Mullins AO,
Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland**

Justice Debra Mullins AO holds the degrees of Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Laws with Honours and Master of Laws (Advanced) from the University of Queensland. In 2010, Debra received the honorary degree of Doctor of the University from Griffith University.

After being admitted as a solicitor in 1980, Justice Mullins was admitted as a barrister in 1984 and practised at the Bar in Queensland, predominantly in commercial, property and succession matters (becoming Senior Counsel in 1998), until her appointment in 2000 as a Judge of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Justice Mullins was appointed a Judge of Appeal in 2020 and the President of the Court of Appeal in 2022.

Justice Mullins has been involved in judicial education with the National Judicial College of Australia (NJCA) since 2008 and was appointed a life member of the NJCA in 2018. Justice Mullins was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2019 for service to the law and the judiciary, to professional development and legal education and to women.



Speaker

**Professor Catherine Renshaw,
Western Sydney University**

Professor Catherine Renshaw, PhD (Syd), LLM (Syd), LLB (UNew South Wales), BA(Hons)(Syd) is the Dean of Law at Western Sydney University. She currently serves as Vice Chair (International) of the Council of Australian Law Deans, Deputy Chair of the International Law Section of the Law Council of Australia and on the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law.

In 2022, she established the International Human Rights Law chapter of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law. She is a Director of the Network for Law and Human Rights and a member of the Advisory Committee of Rights of Older Persons Australia (ROPA).

Before entering academia, Catherine had a decade-long career in private practice as a solicitor. Her academic research focuses on the legitimacy and effectiveness of international human rights law, domestically and across the Indo-Pacific. Her pedagogical focus is on critical early-year learning in tertiary education and on the teaching practices that deepen authentic learning and the ethical orientation of law students.

SESSION 7: LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

WORKSHOP 1 -The Legal Syllabus in the 21st Century: Future of Legal Education 2030 Project



FACILITATOR

Justice Elisabeth Peden,
Supreme Court of New South Wales

Justice Elisabeth Peden was admitted as a legal practitioner in 1994. Her Honour was appointed Senior Counsel in 2019. In April 2022, her Honour was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Her Honour commenced practice as an academic barrister in 1999; at the same time, she commenced as an academic at the University of Sydney. In 2008, her Honour was promoted to Professor and also served as Pro Dean in the Faculty of Law.

Since 2007, her Honour has practised as a full-time barrister. Her Honour had a general commercial practice, appearing in cases across all jurisdictions in appeals, commercial/contract, corporate and banking, construction, equity, property, succession/family provision and medical/professional negligence. Her Honour regularly provided legal training to law firms and corporations. She continues to speak at national and international conferences.

Her Honour sits in the Equity Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and is the Commercial, Technology, Construction and Commercial Arbitration Lists Judge. Her Honour was previously the Real Property List Judge.



PANELLIST

Professor Nick James,
Bond University

Professor Nick James is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law at Bond University. He is a former commercial lawyer and has been practising as an academic since 1996. He is a successful leader and innovator, passionate about legal education and the role of law schools in modern society. His areas of teaching expertise include climate law, enterprise governance, business law, company law, law in context and animal law. He has won numerous awards for his teaching, including a National Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning and he is the author of several leading textbooks.

He has written numerous journal articles, book chapters and conference papers in the areas of legal education, critical legal theory and disruption of the legal services sector by emergent technologies such as AI and the impacts of climate change.

Nick is Co-Director of the Bond University Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLE), Co-Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

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WORKSHOP 1 -The Legal Syllabus in the 21st Century: Future of Legal Education 2030 Project



PANELLIST

Dr Andrew Henderson,
University of Canberra

Dr Andrew Henderson is currently a Lecturer at the Canberra Law School at the University of Canberra. He has a diverse professional history, having worked as a legal practitioner in Perth, working in commercial litigation, before becoming the research associate to a former Chief Justice of Western Australia. He went on to join the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, where he worked in a range of roles, including the regulation of the legal profession, the Commonwealth legal services, the administration of Commonwealth courts and as the Official Receiver in bankruptcy for Western Australia.

Andrew left practice to train as a teacher. Andrew's research and publications encompass teaching and learning, legal history and public law. Andrew is passionate about legal education. His PhD examined students' perceptions of the effects of legal education on them, particularly regarding problem-solving, contextual understanding, competition and career motivations and objectives. He has also examined and published on the design of judicial education.



PANELLIST

Professor Eddie Cubillo,
University of Melbourne

Professor Eddie Cubillo is a Larrakia, Wadjigan and Central Arrernte man from the Northern Territory, with deep ties to both urban and remote Indigenous communities.

Eddie is recognised nationally and internationally for his expertise in Indigenous governance and justice service delivery to First Nations Peoples. A respected legal scholar and advocate for Indigenous justice, Eddie has held many prominent roles, including Anti-Discrimination Commissioner of the Northern Territory in 2010 and Executive Officer of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS).

In 2015, Eddie was named the National Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year. In 2016, Eddie attended Geneva on a UN Indigenous fellowship. In 2017, he worked on the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory as the Director of Community Engagement.

He holds a PhD in law and has served as Associate Dean (Indigenous Programs) at Melbourne Law School. He is the Director of the Mabo Centre and an Independent Representative on the Justice Policy Partnership under the Closing the Gap Agreement.

SESSION 7: LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

WORKSHOP 2 - Pre- and Post-Admission Training: Educating a Practice Ready Profession for the 21st Century



FACILITATOR

Justice Julie Ward,
Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales

Justice Julie Ward studied Arts/Law at the University of Sydney and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1982.

Following graduation, Justice Ward worked as the Associate to Sir Nigel Bowen, the first Chief Justice of the Federal Court. Justice Ward worked for Stephen Jaques Stone James (now King & Wood Mallesons) for two years, then completed a BCL at Oxford University, having won a post-graduate scholarship from the University of Sydney.

Justice Ward was made a partner of Mallesons in 1988. At that time, she was the youngest female partner to be appointed at that firm. Her Honour was appointed to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in September 2008. She was the first female solicitor directly appointed to the Supreme Court bench. She sat in the Equity Division of the Court until her appointment to the Court of Appeal in November 2012.

She was appointed Chief Judge in Equity in March 2017 and appointed President of the Court of Appeal on 6 March 2022.



PANELLIST

Ms Juliana Warner,
President, Law Council of Australia

Ms Juliana Warner is the President of the Law Council of Australia. Juliana is a former Partner of a leading global law firm, Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF). She served as the President of the Law Society of New South Wales in 2021.

A member of the Law Society of New South Wales since 1987, Juliana served on the Law Society's Fidelity Fund Management Committee, is a former Chair of the Society's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, former Chair of the Society's Litigation Law & Practice Committee and a former member of its Professional Conduct Committee.

Juliana became a Director of the Law Council of Australia in January 2020. She is also a member of the Legal Services Council and the Law Admissions Consultative Committee. With more than 30 years of experience in conducting complex disputes, Juliana represented clients in litigation, alternative dispute resolution, anti-money laundering and regulatory processes, as well as matters involving foreign and international law. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.

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PANELLIST

Professor Andrew Lynch,
University of New South Wales

Professor Andrew Lynch is Dean of Law at the University of New South Wales, Law & Justice. He has previously served as Head of School and Deputy Dean of the School of Law and was Director of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at University of New South Wales between 2008 and 2013.

Andrew teaches and researches in the field of Australian constitutional law. His research focuses on judicial dissent and decision-making, judicial appointments, federalism and legal responses to terrorism. Andrew is an author and editor of several books, including recent editions of Blackshield & Williams' *'Australian Constitutional Law and Theory.'* His most recent book is *'Living Greatly in the Law – Hal Wootten's Selected Writing and Speeches 2025'*, co-edited with Emeritus Professor David Dixon.

Andrew is the recipient of several Australian Research Council (ARC) grants. Andrew is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a member of the Research Committee of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration and a member of the Legal Profession Admissions Board of New South Wales.



PANELLIST

Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan,
Supreme Court of Tasmania

Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan was appointed as the Chief Justice of Tasmania and the Lieutenant Governor on 20 January 2025.

Prior to his appointment, Christopher was an independent barrister and was appointed silk in 2004. His practice focussed on civil, administrative and commercial matters, with an emphasis on appeals. He is a member of the Western Australian Bar Association, of which he was Vice-President (2005-2007). He served in a part-time role as Acting Commissioner of the Corruption and Crime Commission for over 7 years. He has also served as an Acting Information Commissioner for Western Australia and as a Senior Sessional Member of the State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia. He is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

His Honour has taught in the South-Eastern Circuit's International Advanced Advocacy Course at Keble College in Oxford in 2005, 2010 and 2024. He has lectured in law at Macquarie, Murdoch and Curtin Universities. In 1997, he established the community legal centre known as ALES as a site for clinical legal education.

SESSION 7: LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

WORKSHOP 3 - Judicial Education



FACILITATOR

**Chief Justice Helen Bowskill,
Supreme Court of Queensland**

The Honourable Helen Bowskill was sworn in as Chief Justice of Queensland on 22 March 2022, having served as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland from July 2017 and as the Senior Judge Administrator of the Supreme Court of Queensland from August 2021. Her Honour previously served as a Judge of the District Court of Queensland from November 2014. In that capacity, she also sat as a Judge of the Children's Court of Queensland and the Planning and Environment Court.

Her Honour holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of the University by QUT in 2022.

Her Honour served as the Associate to the Honourable Justice Drummond of the Federal Court of Australia in 1996 and completed articles of clerkship with Minter Ellison in 1997. Her Honour was admitted as a solicitor in January 1998 and as a barrister in July 1998. Her Honour took silk in November 2013.



PANELLIST

**Ms Samantha Burchell,
Judicial College of Victoria**

Ms Samantha Burchell is Chief Executive Officer of the Judicial College of Victoria, which provides judicial education to the Victorian judiciary. For over a decade, she has led a multi-disciplinary team that supports judicial officers in developing the knowledge and skills needed to meet the unique challenges of their roles successfully. The College's wealth of online legal resources is also an invaluable tool for all those in the broader legal community.

Previously, Samantha was a solicitor in legal practice, a judge's associate and then a barrister at the Victorian Bar. She has worked in law reform at the Victorian Law Reform Commission, in the community legal sector and in public interest law (as Executive Director of the 'Public Interest Law Clearing House', now 'Justice Connect').

Samantha holds a Master of Applied Science in organisation dynamics. She is also a Churchill Fellow, having travelled to England, the United States and Canada to learn about approaches to judicial appointment in other jurisdictions to ensure that judicial officers are fairly and appropriately selected.

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WORKSHOP 3 - Judicial Education



PANELLIST

Ms Una Doyle,
Judicial Commission of New South Wales

Ms Una Doyle is responsible for all the Commission's operations. She has input into all aspects of the Commission's work, including financial management, research, complaints and education activities. Una was appointed Chief Executive of the Commission in 2022, following her appointment as Director, Education at the Commission in 2015.

Prior to joining the Judicial Commission, Una was the Head of Professional Development, Membership and Communications at the Law Society of New South Wales and the Director of Continuing Professional Education at the College of Law. She was a member of the leadership team both at the College of Law and Law Society of New South Wales, with responsibilities including governance, financial oversight and high-level strategic planning.

Una is a member of the Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion (JCDI) and the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI) and is also a past President of ACLEA, the International Association for Continuing Legal Education (2016–2017). She was appointed to the Board of Governors of the International Organisation for Judicial Training (IOJT) in 2025.



PANELLIST

Ms Karen Gregory,
National Judicial College of Australia

Ms Karen Gregory is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Judicial College of Australia. Prior to this role, she was the Education Director and Deputy CEO at the NJCA. Karen is an experienced educator, having worked in senior roles at the College level, where she devised curriculum and designed innovative new programs. Before becoming an educator, Karen spent almost 10 years as a lawyer in private practice at King & Wood Mallesons in Canberra, Allens Linklaters and KPMG Legal in Sydney. Prior to this, she worked and played as a tennis professional in Australia and overseas.

Karen has a Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing) from Texas Christian University, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney, a Diploma of Legal Practice from the New South Wales College of Law and a Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) from the University of Canberra. She is a member of the Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion (JCDI) and the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI).

JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA



The Honourable Justice Michelle Gordon AC

Michelle Marjorie Gordon was appointed to the Court in June 2015. At the time of her appointment, she was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, to which she was appointed in April 2007.

She graduated in law from the University of Western Australia. She was admitted to practice in Western Australia in 1987 and joined the Victorian Bar in 1992. She was appointed Senior Counsel in 2003. She practised in state and federal courts principally in commercial, equity, taxation and general civil matters. She was appointed a Professorial Fellow of the Melbourne Law School in July 2015.



The Honourable Justice James Edelman AC

James Joshua Edelman was appointed to the Court in January 2017. From 2015 until the time of his appointment he was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

From 2011 until 2015 he was a judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. He previously practised as a barrister at the chambers of Mr Malcolm McCusker QC in Western Australia from 2001-2011 in the areas of criminal law and commercial law and at One Essex Court Chambers from 2008-2011 in commercial law.

He was a Fellow of Keble College, Oxford from 2005 and Professor of the Law of Obligations at the University of Oxford from 2008 until 2011.

JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA



The Honourable Justice Simon Steward AC

Simon Harry Peter Steward was appointed to the High Court in December 2020. At the time of his appointment, he was a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia to which he had been appointed in February 2018. At that time, he was also a Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He holds a first class honours and a masters degree in law from the University of Melbourne.

He was admitted to practice as a solicitor in 1992 and was called to the Victorian Bar in 1999 where he practiced in revenue law. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2009. He is a former President of the Tax Bar Association of the Victorian Bar and is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne School of Law.



The Honourable Justice Jacqueline Gleeson

Jacqueline Sarah Gleeson was appointed to the Court in March 2021. At the time of her appointment, she was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, having been appointed to that position in April 2014. She has Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Sydney.

She was admitted as a solicitor in 1989 and practised as an employed solicitor at Bush Burke & Company in Sydney from 1990 to mid-1991. She then practised as a barrister from mid-1991, leaving the Bar at the end of 2000.

From 2001 to 2003, she was General Counsel at the Australian Broadcasting Authority. From 2004 to 2006, she was a Senior Executive Lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor. She returned to the Bar in 2007 and was made Senior Counsel in 2012. Her Honour is an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA



The Honourable Justice Jayne Jagot

Jayne Margaret Jagot was appointed to the Court in October 2022. She was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia from 2008 until her appointment. Between 2006 and 2008, she was a judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Before her appointment as a judge, she practised as a solicitor between 1991 and 2002 and as a barrister between 2002 and 2006.



The Honourable Justice Robert Beech-Jones

Robert Thomas Beech-Jones was appointed to the Court on 6 November 2023. At the time of his appointment, he was the Chief Judge at Common Law and a Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, having been appointed to that Court in 2012.

Justice Beech-Jones was educated in Tasmania before obtaining a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the Australian National University. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1988 and as a barrister in 1992. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2006.

COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand comprises the Chief Justices of the High Court, the Federal and Family Courts and the Supreme Courts of each of the States and Territories of Australia, together with the Chief Justice of New Zealand.

The objects of the Council include:

- To provide a forum within which its members may discuss matters of common concern and exchange information and advice.
- To advance and maintain the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary in Australia and New Zealand.
- To advance and maintain the principle that Australian Courts together constitute a national judicial system operating within a federal framework.

COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC, High Court of Australia

The Honourable Stephen Gageler AC was appointed Chief Justice of Australia in November 2023, following appointment as a Justice of the High Court in October 2012. Immediately before his appointment to the High Court, he had been the Solicitor-General of Australia. Chief Justice Gageler is a graduate of the Australian National University and has post-graduate qualifications from Harvard University.

He was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1989 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2000. Before his appointment as Solicitor-General in 2008, he practised extensively as a barrister throughout Australia. Chief Justice Gageler is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and a member of the Council of the American Law Institute. By virtue of his office, Chief Justice Gageler is the Chair of the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand.



Chief Justice Helen Winkelmann GNZM, Supreme Court of New Zealand

The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann GNZM was sworn in as New Zealand's 13th Chief Justice on 14 March 2019.

A graduate of Auckland University, Justice Winkelmann began work as a law clerk with the Auckland firm Nicholson Gribbin (now DLA Piper). She was admitted to the bar in 1985. In 1988, she became the firm's first female partner. Justice Winkelmann remained at the firm until 2001, when she began practice as a barrister. In 2004, she was appointed as a High Court Judge, followed by Chief High Court Judge in 2010. She was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2015.

Justice Winkelmann was the New Zealand representative on the Board of The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration until October 2020 and from November 2012 to November 2019 was Chair of Te Kura Kaiwhakawā | The Institute of Judicial Studies.

As Chief Justice, she has identified facilitating access to justice, connecting the courts to the community and supporting a representative and diverse judiciary as her priorities.

COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Chief Justice Christopher Kourakis, Supreme Court of South Australia

The Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis was admitted to practice in 1982. His Honour was called to the bar in 1987 and took silk in 1997. His Honour was the Legal Services Commissioner for the State of South Australia from 1993-1997 and then the Solicitor-General for the State of South Australia from 2003-2008.

His Honour was appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of South Australia in 2008 and was then appointed as Chief Justice in 2012. His Honour has served as National Patron of the Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association and the Chairperson of the Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity since 2014 and 2018, respectively. Chief Justice Kourakis was appointed as the Chair of the National Judicial Council of Australia on 17 April 2020.



Chief Justice Michael Grant AO, Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

The Honourable Michael Grant AO was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in July 2016. Immediately prior to his appointment, he had held the position of Solicitor-General for the Northern Territory since September 2007. Before his appointment as Solicitor-General, Chief Justice Grant practised at the private bar and was appointed as one of Her Majesty's Counsel in 2006.

Before joining the private bar, Chief Justice Grant was the Director of Litigation with the Solicitor for the Northern Territory (formerly the Crown Solicitor's Office). Chief Justice Grant also lectured on Torts and Taxation Law at Charles Darwin University while working as a solicitor. Chief Justice Grant's other appointments have included Statutory Supervisor of the Northern Territory Legal Profession, President of the Health Professional Review Tribunal and Bar Association representative on the Council of the Law Society.

His Honour was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in June 2021 for his distinguished service to the law and to the judiciary.

COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Chief Justice Peter Quinlan, Supreme Court of Western Australia

Chief Justice Quinlan was appointed to the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 13 August 2018. He graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1992 and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1995.

Chief Justice Quinlan was a Professional Assistant to the Solicitor-General of Western Australia, K H Parker AO QC, from 1993 to 1994 and an Associate to The Honourable Justice Parker, Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1995. From 1996 to 2001, he was a Legal Officer (and ultimately Assistant Crown Counsel) at the Western Australia Crown Solicitor's Office before joining the Independent Bar in 2001. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2010.

Chief Justice Quinlan was appointed Solicitor-General for Western Australia on 1 July 2016 and served in this role until his appointment to the Bench. He served as President of the Western Australia Bar Association from 2012 to 2015, Board of Governors at the University of Notre Dame from 2008 and Director of the Law Council of Australia from 2012 to 2014.



Chief Justice William Alstergren AO, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

The Honourable Chief Justice William Alstergren AO is the Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2).

His Honour was appointed Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and a Justice of the Family Court of Australia on 13 October 2017. On 15 December 2017, his Honour was appointed Deputy Chief Justice and on 10 December 2018, his Honour was appointed Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia.

After graduating from Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne, Chief Justice Alstergren undertook articles with Kenna Croxford & Co. From 1991, he practised as a barrister and took silk in 2012.

His Honour is a former Chairman of the Victorian Bar. Immediately prior to coming to the Bench, His Honour was the President of the Australian Bar Association. His Honour is the Head of Jurisdiction for two national courts, which include 126 judges, 120 registrars and 700 staff across Australia.

COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Chief Justice Andrew Bell, Supreme Court of New South Wales

The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Bell was sworn in as Chief Justice of New South Wales on 7 March 2022. Prior to being appointed as Chief Justice, his Honour was President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. His Honour is also Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales and President of the Judicial Commission.

His Honour graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws, receiving the University Medal in both degrees. His Honour was awarded the Sydney University Convocation Medal. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University where he graduated in 1993 with First Class Honours and was the top student in the Bachelor of Civil Law, for which he was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship.

His Honour completed his doctorate the following year, with his thesis forming the basis for his subsequent book, *'Forum Shopping and Venue in Transnational Litigation'*. He is also co-author of Nygh's *'Conflict of Laws'* in Australia and has taught and published extensively, especially in relation to private international law and transnational litigation.



Chief Justice Lucy McCallum, Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Chief Justice Lucy McCallum graduated with a BA/LLB from the University of New South Wales in 1986, majoring in philosophy. She commenced her legal career as a commercial litigation solicitor in Sydney before moving to Canberra to take up a position as a prosecutor in 1988. In 1990, her Honour joined the Queensland DPP as a trial advocate. She returned to Sydney in 1991 to become a barrister, taking silk in 2005.

In 2008, her Honour was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the Common Law Division. In 2016, Chief Justice McCallum was appointed Chair of the New South Wales Judicial Commission Ngara Yura Committee, which works to educate judicial officers on contemporary socio-cultural issues impacting Aboriginal people in the justice system. In February 2019, she was elevated to the New South Wales Court of Appeal. Her Honour was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Australian Capital Territory on 8 March 2022.

COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES Of AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Chief Justice Helen Bowskill, Supreme Court of Queensland

The Honourable Helen Bowskill was sworn in as Chief Justice of Queensland on 22 March 2022, having served as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland from July 2017 and as the Senior Judge Administrator of the Supreme Court of Queensland from August 2021. Her Honour previously served as a Judge of the District Court of Queensland from November 2014. In that capacity she also sat as a Judge of the Children's Court of Queensland and the Planning and Environment Court.

Her Honour holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of the University by QUT in 2022.

Her Honour served as the Associate to the Honourable Justice Drummond of the Federal Court of Australia in 1996 and completed articles of clerkship with Minter Ellison in 1997. Her Honour was admitted as a solicitor in January 1998 and as a barrister in July 1998. Her Honour took silk in November 2013.



Chief Justice Debra Mortimer, Federal Court of Australia

In April 2023, Debra Mortimer was appointed as Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. Chief Justice Mortimer is the fifth Chief Justice and the first female Chief Justice of the Federal Court. She had been a judge of the Federal Court since 2013.

Prior to her appointment in 2013, Chief Justice Mortimer was a member of the Victorian Bar and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2003.

Chief Justice Mortimer remains a Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School, a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies at Melbourne Law School and a member of Board of Advisers for the Public Law Review.

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Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan, Supreme Court of Tasmania

Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan was appointed as the Chief Justice of Tasmania and the Lieutenant Governor on 20 January 2025.

Prior to his appointment, Christopher was an independent barrister and was appointed silk in 2004. His practice focussed on civil, administrative and commercial matters, with an emphasis on appeals. He is a member of the WA Bar Association, of which he was Vice-President (2005-2007). He served in a part-time role as Acting Commissioner of the Corruption and Crime Commission for over 7 years. He has also served as an Acting Information Commissioner for Western Australia and as a Senior Sessional Member of the State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia. He is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

His Honour has taught in the South-Eastern Circuit's International Advanced Advocacy Course at Keble College in Oxford in 2005, 2010 and 2024. He has lectured in law at Macquarie, Murdoch and Curtin Universities. In 1997, he established the community legal centre known as ALES as a site for clinical legal education.



Chief Justice Richard Niall, Supreme Court of Victoria

The Honourable Chief Justice Richard Niall was appointed as the 13th Chief Justice of Victoria from 3 February 2025, following a long and distinguished career. His Honour commenced practice in 1990. He was an Associate of The Honourable Justice Ryan of the Federal Court before signing the Bar Roll in 1995. His Honour was appointed silk in 2010 and appointed as Solicitor-General for Victoria in 2015. In 2017, his Honour was appointed as a judge of appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

The Chief Justice serves as the Chair of the Courts Council, which is the governing body of Court Services Victoria. Courts Services Victoria is the independent statutory body providing services and facilities to Victoria's courts, VCAT and other Victorian statutory entities. The Chief Justice is the chair of the Judicial College of Victoria and the Judicial Commission of Victoria.

The Chief Justice is a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne, teaching public law and separation of powers in the graduate program. His Honour is a Fellow of Monash University and the Australian Academy of Law and a member of the Australian Judicial Officers Association; the Australasian Association of Constitutional Law; and the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration.

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Name	Organisation
Ms Jane Abbey KC	South Australian Bar Association
Ms Famin Ahmed	Pro Bono Lawyer & Inaugural Government Queensland John Monash Scholar
The Honourable Justice Murray Aldridge	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration
His Honour Chief Magistrate Michael Allen	Local Court of New South Wales
Ms Fleur Allen	State Solicitor's Office, Western Australia
The Honourable Chief Justice William Alstergren AO	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
Ms Louise Anderson	Court Services Victoria
Ms Róisín Annesley KC	Australian Bar Association
Professor Gabrielle Appleby	University of New South Wales
The Honourable Justice Lea Armstrong	New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal
The Honourable Justice Belinda Baker	Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Her Honour Judge Dženita Balić	District Court of Queensland
Dr Kaye Ballantyne	Victoria Police, Forensic Services Department
The Honourable Justice Katrina Banks-Smith	Federal Court of Australia
Professor Will Bateman	Australian National University
The Honourable Tom Bathurst AC KC	New South Wales Law Reform Commission
Mr Damian Beaufls	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales
Her Honour Judge Kylie Beckhouse	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Robert Beech-Jones	High Court of Australia
The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Bell	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Ms Melia Benn	Queensland Bar
Professor Lyria Bennett Moses	University of New South Wales
Mr Joshua Berson	State Solicitor's Office, Western Australia
The Honourable Anthony Besanko KC	Australian Academy of Law
Mr Sitesh Bhojani	Legal Services Council
Ms Renée Bianchi	Australian Women Lawyers
Professor Rufus Black	University of Tasmania
Ms Renata Blanch	Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

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The Honourable Justice Jenny Blokland AO	Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
Mr Matthew Blunn	Australian Government Solicitor
The Honourable Justice Elizabeth Boyle	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
Ms Meaghan Bradshaw	Women's Legal Services, Queensland
The Honourable Justice Jacoba Brasch	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
Her Honour Chief Magistrate, Judge Janelle Brassington	Queensland Magistrates Court
Mr Stephen Bray	Legal Services Council
Associate Professor Sean Brennan	University of New South Wales
Mr Nicholas Broadbent SC	Public Defender, New South Wales
The Honourable Justice Mordecai Bromberg	Australian Law Reform Commission
Mr Brodie Buckland	Australian Capital Territory Bar Association
Ms Samantha Burchell	Judicial College of Victoria
Mr Craig Bydder SC	Solicitor-General, Western Australia
Ms Sarah Carney	Microsoft Australia and New Zealand
Her Honour Chief Judge Amanda Chambers	County Court of Victoria
Ms Marian Chapman	Department of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria
The Honourable Justice Natalie Charlesworth	Federal Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice David Chin	Industrial Court of New South Wales
Ms Cecelia Christensen	Crown Solicitor, Queensland
Mr Nikolai Christrup SC	Solicitor-General, Northern Territory
Mr Dean Clifford-Jones	Pride in Law
Mr Daryl Coates SC	Director of Public Prosecutions, Tasmania
Dr Anna Cody	Australian Human Rights Commission
Dr Matt Collins AM KC	Victorian Bar
The Honourable Justice Craig Colvin	Federal Court of Australia
Mr David Connoley	Courts Administration Authority, South Australia
Mr Wyatt Cook-Revell	Jones Day
Mr Joshua Creamer	Bar Association of Queensland
Ms Annabel Cresswell	Criminal Bar Association New Zealand
Ms Penny Croser	Courts Administration Authority, South Australia

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The Honourable Justice Lincoln Crowley	Supreme Court of Queensland
Professor Eddie Cubillo	University of Melbourne
Mrs Brigita Cunningham	Department of Justice, Queensland
The Honourable Associate Justice Melissa Daly	Supreme Court of Victoria
Ms Mary-Therese Daniel	Australian Capital Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal
The Honourable Justice Peter Davis	Industrial Court of Queensland and Queensland Industrial Relations Commission
Mr Gim Del Villar KC	Solicitor-General, Queensland
The Honourable Linda Dessau AC CVO	Beyond Blue
His Honour Chief Judge Brian Devereaux SC	District Court of Queensland
The Honourable Justice Hament Dhanji	Supreme Court of New South Wales
The Honourable Justice Steven Dolphin	South Australian Employment Tribunal
Dr Stephen Donaghue KC	Solicitor-General, Commonwealth
Professor Heather Douglas AM	University of Melbourne
Ms Sally Dowling SC	Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales
Ms Una Doyle	Judicial Commission of New South Wales
Ms Rachel Doyle SC	Victorian Bar
The Honourable Justice Sam Doyle	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of South Australia
Her Honour Magistrate Sue Duncombe	Children's Court of New South Wales
His Honour Judge Michael Durrant	District Court of South Australia
Ms Karen Dyhrberg	LawRight
Ms Vanessa Edwige	Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association
The Honourable Justice Karin Emerton	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Victoria
Ms Victoria Engel SC	Director of Public Prosecutions, Australian Capital Territory
His Honour Chief Judge Michael Evans	District Court of South Australia
Her Honour Magistrate Rose Falla	Magistrates Court of Victoria
Mr Geoff Farnsworth	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia
Ms Rebecca Ferguson	Australian Law Students' Association
The Honourable Justice Sally Fitzgerald	High Court of New Zealand
Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM	Australian Human Rights Commission

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Ms Arlia Fleming	Community Legal Centres Australia
Ms Rebecca Fogerty	Queensland Law Society
Ms Kathleen Foley SC	Victorian Bar
Dr Cameron Ford OAM SC	Northern Territory Bar Association
The Honourable Justice Paul Freeburn	Supreme Court of Queensland
Mr Todd Fuller KC	Director of Public Prosecutions, Queensland
The Honourable Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC	High Court of Australia
Mr Simon Gates	Law Society of Tasmania
His Honour Deputy Chief Magistrate Anthony Gett	Magistrates Court of Queensland
The Honourable Justice Kathleen Glancy	State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia
The Honourable Justice Jacqueline Gleeson	High Court of Australia
Mr Richard Glenn	High Court of Australia
Mr Todd Golding SC	Crown Solicitors Office, South Australia
Mr Timothy Goodwin	Victorian Bar
The Honourable Justice Michelle Gordon AC	High Court of Australia
The Honourable Chief Justice Michael Grant AO	Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
Ms Taylah Gray	University of Newcastle
Mr Michael Green SC	New South Wales Bar Association
Ms Karen Gregory	National Judicial College of Australia
Ms Prudence Griffin	Supreme Court of Western Australia
Ms Tracey Hall PSM	New South Wales Sheriff's Office
Ms Claire Hammerton-Cole	Federal Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Lisa Hannan	Supreme Court of Victoria
Mr Justin Hannebery KC	Victorian Bar Association
Mr Michael Hawkins AM	Administrative Review Tribunal
Mr Sam Hay KC	Victorian Legal Services Board
His Honour Chief Magistrate Steven Heath	Magistrates Court of Western Australia
Mr Toby Hemming	Victoria Legal Aid
Dr Andrew Henderson	University of Canberra
Mr Richard Henschke	Law Society of the Northern Territory

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Mr Tony Herring	Law Association of New Zealand
Ms Catherine Heyworth-Smith KC	Bar Association of Queensland
Dr Ruth Higgins SC	New South Wales Bar Association
Ms Amelia Higgs	Law Society of Tasmania
Mr Martin Hinton KC	Director of Public Prosecutions, South Australia
Ms Monique Hitter	Legal Aid New South Wales
Mr Matthew Hocking	Victorian Government Solicitor
Ms Rachel Holt	Australian Human Rights Commission
Mr Sandy Horneman-Wren SC	Formerly of the District Court of Queensland
Her Honour Magistrate Andrée Horrigan	Children's Court of Western Australia
Her Honour Judge Mary-Louise Hribal	Magistrates Court of South Australia
Her Honour Judge Kate Hughes	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Judy Hughes	South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Ms Penelope Ikedife	Supreme Court of Tasmania
Mr Michael Izzo SC	New South Wales Bar Association
The Honourable Justice Jayne Jagot	High Court of Australia
Professor Nick James	Bond University
Ms Kate Jenkins AO	Former Sex Discrimination Commissioner; Chair, Australian Sports Commission; President, Australian Red Cross
The Honourable Justice Sarah Katz	New Zealand Court of Appeal
Mrs Sarah Kay SC	Solicitor-General, Tasmania
Ms Rebel Kenna	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Professor Amanda Kennedy	Queensland University of Technology
Chief Commissioner Stephen Kenner	Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission
Ms Rose Khalilzadeh	Public Defender, New South Wales and New South Wales Bar Association
Ms Fleur Kingham	Queensland Law Reform Commission
The Honourable Justice Jeremy Kirk	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales
Mr Brendan Kissane KC	Director of Public Prosecutions, Victoria
Mr Clayton Klimpton	The Law Association of New Zealand
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The Honourable Justice Emilios Kyrou AO	Administrative Review Tribunal
Ms Sia Lagos	Federal Court of Australia
His Honour Judge Laurence Levy SC	District Court of Western Australia
Mr Angus Lang SC	New South Wales Bar
His Honour Judge Anastasis Liveris	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Mark Livesey	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of South Australia
Ms Ffiona Livingstone Clark	Victorian Bar
Commissioner Travis Lovett	Yoorrook Justice Commission
Mr Jamie Lowe	National Native Title Council
Professor Andrew Lynch	University of New South Wales
Mr Gary Mack	Law Society of Western Australia
Ms Marissa Mackie	Law Society of South Australia
Ms Mary Corina Martin OAM	Aboriginal Family Legal Services
The Honourable Justice Glenn Martin AM	Supreme Court of Queensland
The Honourable Kenneth Martin KC	The Piddington Society, Western Australia
Associate Professor Judith Marychurch	University of Melbourne
Mr Anthony McAvoy SC	New South Wales Bar
The Honourable Chief Justice Lucy McCallum	Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Her Honour Magistrate Therese McCarthy	Coroners Court of Victoria
The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Julie McIntyre	Australian Association of Women Judges
Ms Leah McLay	Courts Administration Authority, South Australia
Ms Fiona McLeay	Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner
Ms Rowan McRae	Victoria Legal Aid
The Honourable Justice Kerri Mellifont	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal
The Honourable Deputy Chief Judge Patrizia Mercuri	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Steven Moore	Australian Judicial Officers Association

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Her Honour Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris AM	Local Court of the Northern Territory
The Honourable Chief Justice Debra Mortimer	Federal Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Debra Mullins AO	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland
Maggie Munn	First Nations Justice Unit, Human Rights Law Centre
Professor Lorne Neudorf	La Trobe University
Ms Olivia Nguy	Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales
The Honourable Chief Justice Richard Niall	Supreme Court of Victoria
The Honourable Anthony North KC	Victorian Law Reform Commission
Ms Amanda O'Brien	Queensland Supreme, District and Lands Courts Service
The Honourable Justice Richard O'Brien	Family Court of Western Australia
Ms Peggy O'Bryan-Gusah	African Australian Legal Network
Her Honour Magistrate Lisa O'Neill	Magistrates Court of Queensland
Professor Brian Opeskin	University of Technology, Sydney
Mr Robert Owen SC	Director of Public Prosecutions, Western Australia
Her Honour Magistrate Jay Pandya	Magistrates Court of South Australia
Mr James Parfitt	North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
Ms Jaime Parriman	Kimberley Land Council
Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson	University of Melbourne
Professor Michele Pathé	Swinburne University of Technology
The Honourable Justice Elisabeth Peden	Supreme Court of New South Wales
The Honourable Justice Rachel Pepper	Land and Environment Court of New South Wales and Australian Institute of Administrative Law
The Honourable Justice Nye Perram	Federal Court of Australia
Dr James Pople	Law Council of Australia
Mr Alistair Pound SC	Solicitor-General, Victoria
The Honourable Justice Brian Preston AO FRSN SC	Land and Environment Court of New South Wales
Professor Jeremy Prichard	Tasmania Law Reform Institute
Mr David Pringle PSM	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
Mr David Pryce	Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Australian Capital Territory
His Honour Judge Hylton Quail	Children's Court of Western Australia

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The Honourable Justice Darryl Rangiah	Federal Court of Australia
Professor Catherine Renshaw	University of Western Sydney
Ms Helen Roberts SC	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, New South Wales
Ms Mary Anne Ryan	Tasmanian Bar Association
Ms Sally Ryan	Human Ethos
Professor Edward Santow	University of Technology, Sydney
Ms Thelma Schwartz	Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service
Mr Malcolm Schyvens	Council of Australasian Tribunals
The Honourable Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan	Supreme Court of Tasmania
Ms Raelene Sharp KC	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
Dr Carly Schrever	Human Ethos
Ms Karen Smith	Crown Solicitor, New South Wales
Mr Rick Sommariva	Legal Education Teachers Association of South Australia
His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio AM	District Court of South Australia and Diversity and Inclusion Justice Network
Professor Emerita Tania Sourdin	University of Newcastle
Ms Shirley Southgate	Australasian Professional Legal Education Community
Mr Lachlan Spargo-Peattie	Northern Territory Solicitor-General's Chambers
Her Honour Magistrate Pauline Spencer	Magistrates Court of Victoria
Ms Joanne Stampalia PSM	Department of Justice, Western Australia
The Honourable Justice Laura Stein	Supreme Court of South Australia
The Honourable Justice James Stellios	Federal Court of Australia
The Honourable Justice Simon Steward AC	High Court of Australia
President Peta Stilgoe OAM	Land Court of Queensland
The Honourable Justice Ingmar Taylor	Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales
Ms Julie Taylor SC	Western Australian Bar Association
The Honourable Justice Louise Taylor	Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

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Professor Greg Tolhurst	Australian Bar Association
Mr Daniel Tomlinson	Political and Legal Educators Association of Western Australia
Mr Dominic Toomey SC	New South Wales Bar Association
Mr Ben Tuckett	LawRight
His Honour Judge Jack Vandersteen	Children's Court of Victoria
Her Honour Chief Judge Julie Anne Wager	District Court of Western Australia
Ms Nerita Waight	Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
Mr Michael Wait SC	Solicitor-General, South Australia
The Honourable Justice Kristen Walker	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Victoria
Her Honour Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker	Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory
The Honourable Justice Julie Ward	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales
Ms Juliana Warner	Law Council of Australia
Ms Karly Warner	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
Professor Kimberlee Weatherall	University of Sydney
Mr Ben Wickham	Australian Capital Territory Courts and Tribunal
Mr Richard Wilson SC	Senior Public Defender, New South Wales
The Right Honourable Chief Justice Dame Helen Winkelmann GNZM	Supreme Court of New Zealand
Mr Chris Winslow	Supreme Court of New South Wales
The Honourable Justice Edward Woodward	Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Ms Kristen Wylie	Tasmania Legal Aid
The Honourable Justice Dina Yehia	Supreme Court of New South Wales



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