

Criminal Law Conference 2016

DVD Program

Friday 16 September 2016
Law Society House, Brisbane

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Welcome

Presenter: Bill Potts, President, Queensland Law Society and Director, Potts Lawyers

Opening address

We are thrilled to have the Honourable Justice Margaret A McMurdo AC, President of the Court of Appeal, open the conference this year. The President was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 30 July 1998 and is the second president of the Court of Appeal. She was the first woman appointed as the presiding judge of an appellate court in Australia, and continues to be an influential and trailblazing member of the judiciary. Join us for the President's insights on the events of the last year in the criminal law space.

Presenter: The Honourable Justice Margaret A McMurdo AC, President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland

Chair: Bill Potts, President, Queensland Law Society and Director, Potts Lawyers

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1hr 37mins



What's the latest in criminal law: Case law and legislation update

Join Jeffrey Hunter QC for an overview of significant cases and legislative changes in criminal law, and what they mean for you. This session includes a spotlight on youth justice and the recent rebooting of the Queensland integrated court referral system.

Presenter: Jeffrey Hunter QC, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: Peter Shields, Partner, Peter Shields Lawyers; Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld



Court of Appeal: Your responsibilities

Appearing before the Court of Appeal is not a regular occurrence for most criminal law practitioners – so when the time comes, ensure that you are prepared! Join our expert presenter for this practical discussion on the Court of Appeal and refresh your knowledge on solicitors' core responsibilities to that court.

Presenter: Michael Copley QC, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: Peter Shields, Partner, Peter Shields Lawyers; Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

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44mins



Mental Health Act 2016: In focus

The *Mental Health Act 2016* was passed by Parliament in February 2016 with an anticipated commencement date of November 2016. This legislation brings significant changes to the provision of involuntary mental health treatment to Queenslanders, as well as to the powers of Magistrates in criminal proceedings. Join us for an overview of the new Act, the new approach, and important implications for your day-to-day practice.

Presenter: Deputy Chief Magistrate Leanne J O'Shea, Magistrates Court of Queensland

Chair: Peter Delibaltas, Director, Criminal Law Services, Legal Aid Queensland

Disc 4
1hr 2mins



Danger money? How to survive criminal law practice

Work-related stress comes from the many and onerous tasks that solicitors encounter on a daily basis. Mental, emotional, and physical exhaustion can also occur following long-term involvement in legal matters and having to deal with highly anxious and demanding clients - which is often the case in criminal law work. This session will put the focus on how to manage the vicarious trauma that may occur by virtue of your work as a criminal solicitor.

Presenter: Penny Gordon, Director and Principal Consultant, Penny Gordon and Associates

Chair: Peter Delibaltas, Director, Criminal Law Services, Legal Aid Queensland



Practice update: Reducing the risk with the critical incident management framework

In light of a spate of recent safety breaches in Queensland courts, it has become more important than ever to ensure that members of the public, the profession, and court staff alike, are kept safe whenever in court. This session will provide an overview of the critical incident management framework to be put in place in Brisbane to manage the exposure to risk, as well as the practical steps you can take to stay safe.

Presenter: Adam Green, Magistrates Court Security Manager, Queensland Courts Service

Chair: Peter Delibaltas, Director, Criminal Law Services, Legal Aid Queensland

Disc 5
1hr

Forensic DNA evidence: How to avoid miscarriages of justice



Forensic expert Helen Roebuck has 12 years' experience in operational forensic laboratories, having undertaken human contact trace analyses (including blood, saliva, semen, bloodstain pattern analysis) and DNA analysis and interpretation in thousands of criminal cases. She has also been exposed to flaws in DNA evidence regularly throughout that time. Join Helen and explore technical and procedural changes related to the handling of forensic biology and DNA evidence, and the resultant issues that give rise to the potential for miscarriages of justice.

Presenter: Helen Roebuck, Principal Scientist, Forensic Biology, Independent Forensic Services

Chair: Kurt Fowler, Principal Lawyer, Fowler Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

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59mins



Cross-examination of child witnesses

The art of cross-examining witnesses is an essential skill developed over many years of practice. Adapting this skill to the cross-examination of children requires a very different type of expertise and sensitivity. In this session, you will explore the key areas of this speciality area and join our expert presenter for a discussion on the considerations that should be kept paramount throughout any trial involving child witnesses.

Presenter: John Lawrence SC, Barrister, Northern Territory Bar

Chair: Kurt Fowler, Principal Lawyer, Fowler Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

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1hr 21mins



Jury decision-making, deliberation, and selection

Trial by jury is a cornerstone of our criminal justice system; huge responsibilities are placed on ordinary members of the public to not only understand complex factual matters but also to assist in deciding the fate of countless high-profile cases. Join our expert panel for a discussion from all angles including the psychology of jury decision-making, the key factors jurors take back to the deliberation room, and some invaluable considerations to keep in mind when selecting a jury.

Panellists: Her Honour Judge Julie M Dick SC, District Court of Queensland

Associate Professor Blake McKimmie, University of Queensland School of Psychology

Joseph Briggs, Barrister, Legal Aid Queensland

Shane Budden, Ethics Solicitor, QLS Ethics Centre, Queensland Law Society

Facilitator: Bill Potts, President, Queensland Law Society and Director, Potts Lawyers

Closing remarks

Presenter: Bill Potts, President, Queensland Law Society and Director, Potts Lawyers

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