

Criminal Law Conference

Friday, 20 August 2021 | 8.30am-5.20pm

Online, Brisbane

Overview

The premier professional development event for criminal lawyers and other interested professionals in Queensland. You will have access to an impressive roster of presenters from the judiciary, private Bar and practice.

7 CPD Points



8.00am **Registration**

8.30am **Welcome remarks**

Presenter: **Elizabeth Shearer**, President, Queensland Law Society; Legal Practitioner Director, Shearer Doyle and Chair, Queensland Law Society Access to Justice Pro Bono Law Committee

8.40am **Opening address**



We are delighted to welcome The Honourable Justice Soraya Ryan to deliver the Criminal Law Conference 2021 opening address on Competence and caring as ethical issues: A reflection on the speech of the Honourable Chief Justice Peter Quinlan, Chief Justice of Western Australia.

Presenter: **Her Honour Justice Soraya Ryan**, Supreme Court of Queensland

Chair: **Rebecca Fogerty**, Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee

9am

Masterclass: The theory of argument



During this session you will learn how to construct and deliver persuasive argument orally and in writing. It will give you the building blocks to argue for an adjournment, to obtain an injunction or overturn a conviction in the Court of Appeal.

Presenter: **Saul Holt QC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Rebecca Fogerty**, Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee

10am

What's new in criminal law? Case law and legislation update



This session will focus on recent significant cases in criminal litigation and important legislation for criminal law solicitors.

Presenter: **His Honour Chief Judge Brian Devereaux SC**, Chief Judge, District Court of Queensland

Chair: **Rebecca Fogerty**, Councillor, Queensland Law Society; Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Chair, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee

11-11.15am **Morning Tea**

11.15am

Navigating the parole system: How you can assist your client



In this practical session you will be provided with invaluable insights on how you can assist your client to navigate the parole system. Topics for discussion will include:

- what to consider including in your sentence submissions
- when to seek an immediate eligibility date
- judicial review

Panellists:

Magistrate Stephen Courtney, Magistrates Court of Queensland

Valentina McKenzie, Professional Board Member, Parole Board Queensland

Helen Blaber, Director, Prisoner's Legal Service

Chair: **Emily O'Hagan**, Partner, Wallace O'Hagan Lawyers and Member, Queensland Law Society Domestic and Family Violence Committee

12.15-
12.25pm

Short break

12.25pm

The practicalities of dealing with an LSC complaint



Our expert panel will explore the practical steps involved in dealing with a complaint about a solicitor to the Legal Services Commission (LSC). This informative session will cover:

- what happens when the LSC receives a complaint
- the LSC begins investigating the matter – what are the next steps
- how does a practitioner respond to the LSC complaint
- additional considerations which must be made during the process.

Panellists:

Megan Mahon, Commissioner, Legal Services Commission, Queensland

Glen Cranny, Managing Director, Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; and Queensland Law Society Senior Counsellor

Rachel Drew, Partner, Holding Redlich

Chair: **Stafford Shepherd**, Principal Ethics and Practice Counsel, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre | Legal Practitioner Director, QLS Solicitor Support Pty Ltd, Queensland Law Society

1.25-2pm

Lunch

2pm

Managing jury trials from a defence perspective



This session will provide guidance on how you can manage jury trials from a defence perspective. It will include a consideration of –

- what does Counsel require from the instructing solicitor
- preparing your trial theory
- tips for persuading juries

Presenter: **Ruth O'Gorman**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Emily O'Hagan**, Partner, Wallace O'Hagan Lawyers and Member, Queensland Law Society Domestic and Family Violence Committee

3pm

Effective communication with the Crown



Join the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to receive practical guidance on how to communicate with the Crown in ensuring you achieve the best possible outcome for your client.

Presenter: **Todd Fuller QC**, Deputy Director, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Chair: **Emily O'Hagan**, Partner, Wallace O'Hagan Lawyers and Member, Queensland Law Society Domestic and Family Violence Committee

4-4.15pm **Afternoon Tea**

4.15pm

Keynote plenary: Tips for persuasive advocacy



Join our panel of esteemed judicial officers as they share their tips for persuasive advocacy across multiple jurisdictions.



Panellists:

Her Honour Justice Helen Bowskill, Supreme Court of Queensland

His Honour Judge Paul Smith, Judge Administrator, District Court of Queensland

Magistrate Stephen Courtney, Magistrates Court of Queensland

Chair: **Kristy Bell**, Partner, Howden Saggars Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

5.15pm

Closing remarks

Chair: **Kristy Bell**, Partner, Howden Saggars Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

5.20pm

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