

Criminal Law Conference



Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 June 2024, Hyatt Regency, Sydney

Day 1, Wednesday 26 June

Time	Topic	Speaker
8.30am	Registration Tea and coffee on arrival	
9.00am	Traditional Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thikkabilla Vibrations
9.20am	Welcome to Country and conference opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yvonne Weldon, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council• Robert Hoyles, Executive Director, Criminal Law, Legal Aid NSW
9.40am	Keynote address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honourable Justice Hament Dhanji SC, Judge, Supreme Court of New South Wales
10.40am	Opening address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honourable Michael Daley, Attorney General of New South Wales
10.55am	Morning tea	
11.15am	Coercive control: Defending and prosecuting the new abusive behaviour towards intimate partners offence – A panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hayley Dean, Solicitor Advocate, Legal Aid NSW• Madeleine Avenell SC, NSW Deputy Senior Public Defender• Michelle England, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions
12.15pm	Coercive control and the defence of duress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Townsend, Solicitor Advocate, Legal Aid NSW• Belinda James, Senior Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW• Cody Baxter, Senior Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW• Professor Jan Breckenridge, Head of the School of Social Sciences and the Co-Convener of the UNSW Gendered Violence Research Network, University of New South Wales
1.15pm	Lunch	

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2.00pm	Criminal Law Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Wilson SC, NSW Deputy Senior Public Defender
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	<u>Breakout A</u> A Practical Guide to Unlawful Arrests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac Morrison, Solicitor Advocate, Legal Aid NSW
	<u>Breakout B</u> Prosecutorial disclosure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Lewer, Barrister, Forbes Chambers • Emmanuel Kerkyasharian, Barrister, Forbes Chambers • Katrina Curry, Barrister, Seventh Floor Garfield Barwick Chambers • Diane Elston, Senior Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW
4.30pm	<u>Breakout A</u> Shelter from the storm: Housing's role in bail and sentencing applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Lee, Senior Solicitor, Housing, Legal Aid NSW • Kimberley Mackenzie, Senior Solicitor, Housing, Legal Aid NSW
	<u>Breakout B</u> Drug Court: Get out of gaol free card?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara Grennan, Senior Solicitor, Sydney Drug Court team, Legal Aid NSW • Tamika Carberry, Senior Solicitor, Sydney Drug Court team, Legal Aid NSW
5.30pm	Close	

Day 2, Thursday 27 June

Time	Topic	Speaker
8.30am	Registration Tea and coffee on arrival	
9.00am	Justice Health NSW – Patient Journeys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Cooper, Service Director, Drug & Alcohol, Justice Health NSW • Dr Katerina Lagios, Drug & Alcohol Co-Clinical Director, Justice Health NSW
10.00am	Fitness issues in the Local & District Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholas Broadbent, NSW Public Defender • Steven Wright, Associate Director, Legal Aid NSW
11.00am	Morning tea	



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11.20am	Consent reforms in NSW – 2 years on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Honour Judge Kara Shead SC, Judge, District Court of New South Wales • Dr Julia Quilter, Professor, School of Law, University of Wollongong • Cara Feiner, NSW Public Defender
12.20pm	Advocacy in the Local and District Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Honour Judge Christopher O'Brien AM, District Court of New South Wales • His Honour Magistrate Daniel Covington, Local Court of New South Wales
1.20pm	Lunch	
2.10pm	Ethical hypotheticals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Talbert, NSW Public Defender
3.10pm	Afternoon tea	
3.40pm	Breakout A Sexual Assault Communications Privilege – Balancing Public Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanya Hampel, Principal Solicitor, SCT Lawyers • Robyn Gilbert, Senior Solicitor, SACP Service, Legal Aid NSW
	Breakout B Plea and traversals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Tuckey, Barrister, Samuel Griffith Chambers
4.40pm	Breakout A Private lawyers Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jocelyn Flanagan, Director, Grants Division, Legal Aid NSW • Danielle Roth, Solicitor in Charge, Private Lawyer Quality Standards Unit, Legal Aid NSW • Steven Doumit, Senior Grants Solicitor, Criminal Law, Legal Aid NSW
	Breakout B In-house staff awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Hoyles, Executive Director, Criminal Law, Legal Aid NSW • Melissa Burgess, Deputy Director, Criminal Law, Legal Aid NSW
5.15pm	Close	



Day 3, Friday 28 June

Time	Topic	Speaker
8.30am	Registration Tea and coffee on arrival	
9.00am	Sentencing and Intensive Corrections Orders in 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene Renard, Barrister, Samuel Griffith Chambers
10.00am	Best Practice Standards for representing First Nations clients & how to put these into practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Davies, Senior Solicitor, Aboriginal Services branch, Legal Aid NSW • Emma Hudson-Buhagiar, Senior Solicitor, Walama team, Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)
11.00am	Morning tea	
11.20am	Cost applications for Legal Aid clients in a post-Rodden world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Calokerinos, Barrister, Two Wentworth Chambers • Rajiv Baldeo, Barrister, Seventh Floor Garfield Barwick Chambers • Sonya Chidiac, Senior Solicitor, Legal Costs, In House Counsel, Legal Aid NSW
12.20pm	Applications for the Child Protection Register and Child Protection Prohibition Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridget Kennedy, Barrister, Samuel Griffith Chambers
1.20pm	Conference close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Hoyles, Executive Director, Criminal Law, Legal Aid NSW
1.30pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	In house staff function	

