



AIJA Australasian Court Administrators' Conference

Tuesday 23 September 2014

Alexander Dawson Room, Old Supreme Court Building
Queens Square, Sydney, (Entry via Elizabeth Street)

Promoting More Effective Relations Between Judges and Court Staff

PROGRAM

The theme of the conference was suggested by the Hon John Doyle AC, former Chief Justice of South Australia. The conference organisers have attempted to take up some of the matters suggested by Mr Doyle in the programme for this conference. It is intended that all sessions be in the nature of an interactive discussion and that the role of the speaker be to stimulate that discussion

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7:30am	Registration
8:00am	Arrival Tea/coffee
9:00-9:15am	Opening and Welcome The Hon Tom Bathurst AC , Chief Justice of New South Wales Professor Greg Reinhardt , Executive Director, AIJA
SESSION ONE	
9:15-10:45am	The Court Administrator: Roles, Functions, Relationships and the Future <i>Speaker: Ms Janet Cornell, Court Administration Consultant, former President National Association for Court Management, United States of America</i> Ms Cornell has noted in an abstract submitted for the IACA Conference that there are a number of influences affecting successful leadership and administration of the courts including budget and fiscal restraint, perceptions on the role and authorities of courts and leaders and increasing interdependencies. She has noted that relationships between the court administrator and the judiciary are more critical as the court executive leaders deal with the generational diversity, strained operational practices, reliance on technology and justice system partners. <i>Convenors/Facilitators: Professor Greg Reinhardt and the Hon Wayne Martin AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia</i>
10:45-11:15am	Morning Tea

The conference organisers reserve the right to make any changes to this program up to and including the days of the conference.

SESSION TWO	
11:15-1:00pm	<p>Governance: The Exploration of the roles of judicial officers and court administrators and how the relationship may be improved and enhanced</p> <p><i>Speakers: Professor Kathy Mack</i>, Flinders University, South Australia Professor Mack will discuss empirical research findings into the roles of court staff and the judiciary in work allocation in the Australian courts.</p> <p><i>Co-authors: Professor Anne Wallace</i>, Head of School of Law and Justice Edith Cowan University and <i>Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu</i>, School of Social and Policy Studies, Flinders University</p> <p>Mr William Arnold, Director of Corporate Services, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom Mr Arnold will speak briefly upon the United Kingdom as a case study.</p> <p>Convenors/Facilitators: <i>Professor Greg Reinhardt</i> and the <i>Hon John Doyle AC</i>, former Chief Justice of South Australia</p> <p>The session will follow the following format:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening remarks by Mr Doyle; 2. Presentations by speakers; and 3. Facilitation of particular issues by Professor Reinhardt.
1.00-2:00pm	Lunch
SESSION THREE	
2:00 - 2:45pm	<p>Succession Planning in Court Administration</p> <p><i>Speaker: Professor Maureen Conner</i>, Director Judicial Administration Program, Michigan State University, United States of America</p> <p>This session will examine current approaches to building court administration capacity and succession planning in court administration. The panel will discuss the advantages of properly structured workforce planning, identify key elements of a model that might be adapted to suit the circumstances of individual court systems and discuss how succession planning might best be integrated with other court management and planning processes.</p> <p>Convenors/Facilitators: <i>Professor Greg Reinhardt</i> and the <i>Hon Alastair Nicholson AO</i>, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia</p>
SESSION FOUR	
2:45-4:00pm	<p>Panel Discussion involving Court Registrars and Chief Executive Officers on the Relationship Between Judges and Court Administrators</p> <p>Convenor/Facilitator: <i>Mr Andrew Phelan</i>, Chief Executive and Principal Registrar, High Court of Australia</p>
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