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# MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CONFERENCE

18 – 20 February 2010

The Langham Hotel  
83 Symonds Street  
Auckland, New Zealand

## THURSDAY 18 February

3.30pm	<b>Registration</b> (tea and coffee available)
6.00pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> – Hon Sir Anand <a href="#">Satyanand</a> , GNZM, QSO, Governor General of New Zealand Government House, Savannah Street, Epsom, Auckland

## FRIDAY 19 February

7.30am	<b>Registration</b> (tea and coffee available)	
8.30am	<b>Maori Powhiri to be introduced by former Judge Ken Mason</b> <b>Opening</b> <b>Justice Christine Wheeler</b> , AIJA President <b>Justice Mark O'Regan</b> , Court of Appeal, New Zealand and AIJA Council Member	
9.15am	<b>Keynote address – Mental Health Courts – The Canadian Experience</b> Speaker: <b>Justice Richard Schneider</b> , Ontario Court of Justice, Canada Convenor: <b>Justice Mark O'Regan</b> , Court of Appeal, New Zealand	
10.00am	<b>Managing the needs of mentally and intellectually impaired persons within the courts</b> Speakers: <b>Ms Loraine Lim</b> , Psychologist, Magistrates' Court Diversion Program, South Australia <b>Mr Michael Hill</b> , Chief Magistrate, Tasmania Convenor: <b>Dr Andrew Cannon AM</b> , Deputy Chief Magistrate, South Australia	
10.45am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11.15am	<b>Overcoming discrimination in mental health law</b> Speaker: <b>Ms Debra Rigby</b> , <b>PPT</b> , President, Mental Health Tribunal of Tasmania Convenor: <b>Judge John Adams</b> , District Court, New Zealand	
12.00pm	<b>The Queensland Mental Health Court</b> Speakers: <b>Justice Anthe Philippides</b> , President, Mental Health Court, Queensland <b>Adjunct Professor Joan Lawrence AM</b> , <b>PPT</b> , Assisting Psychiatrist, Mental Health Court, Queensland <b>Dr Ness McVie</b> Assisting Psychiatrist, Mental Health Court, Queensland Convenor: <b>Professor Greg Reinhardt</b> , Executive Director, AIJA	
1.00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
2.00 pm	<b><i>Involuntary detention of those unfit to stand trial</i></b> Speaker: <b>Dr Ian Freckelton SC</b> , Barrister, Victoria  <b><i>Disability and fitness to plead: shield or sword?</i></b> Speaker: <b>Justice Denis Clifford</b> , High Court, New Zealand  Convenor: <b>Professor Bernadette McSherry</b> , Australian Research Council Federation Fellow, Faculty of Law, Monash University	<b><i>Compulsory treatment and the patient's capacity to consent</i></b> Speaker: <b>Professor John Dawson</b> Faculty of Law, University of Otago  <b><i>Decision-making in mental health judicial contexts</i></b> Speaker: <b>Ms Kate Diesfeld</b> , Director NCHLE, New Zealand  Convenor: TBA
3.15 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	

3.45pm	<p><b>Medico legal rationality and DSM-4 dependence</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Professor Graham <a href="#">Mellsop</a></b>, Waikato District Health Board, Hamilton</p> <p>Commentator: <b>Dr David <a href="#">Chaplow</a></b> Director of Mental Health and Chief Advisor, New Zealand</p> <p>Convenor: <b>Dr Sandy Simpson</b>, Clinical Director, Mason Clinic, Auckland</p>	<p><b>The right to privacy and other rights relating to mental health</b></p> <p>Speakers: <b>Mr Andrew Caple</b>, Solicitor and Principal Researcher for the Advocacy and Support Centre Inc, Queensland</p> <p><b>Ms Alison <a href="#">Schneller</a></b>, Mental Health Act Coordinator, New Zealand</p>
5.15pm	<b>CLOSE</b>	
7.00pm	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG</b></p>	

<b>SATURDAY 20 February</b>		
9.00am	<p><b>Unrepresented and vexatious litigants and mental health</b></p> <p>Speakers: <b>Dr Grant <a href="#">Lester</a></b>, Consultant Psychiatrist, Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health <b>Ms Rachael <a href="#">Schmidt PPT</a></b>, Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office, New Zealand</p> <p>Convenor: <b>Mr Peter Dixon</b>, Magistrate, Tasmania</p>	
9.45am	<p><b>Issues relating to accused persons and prisoners</b></p> <p><b><i>Sentencing Intellectually impaired and mentally ill offenders</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Judge Phillip <a href="#">Cooper</a></b>, District Court of New Zealand</p> <p><b><i>Mental health issues in parole</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>The Hon Murray <a href="#">Kellam AO, PPT</a></b>, former Justice of Appeal, Victoria</p> <p><b><i>Rough Justice: the collision between the mentally ill and the criminal justice system</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Mr Dan Toombs</b>, Barrister, Queensland</p> <p>Convenor: <b>Professor Greg Reinhardt</b>, Executive Director, AIJA</p>	
11.00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11.30am	<p><b><i>From stigma to support: changing the way the Family Law Courts provide services</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Mr Richard <a href="#">Foster PSM, PPT</a></b>, Chief Executive Officer, Family Court of Australia</p> <p><b><i>Challenges and obstacles resulting from the interrelationship between medicine and the law</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Ms Anna D'Alessandro</b>, Senior Social Worker, <b>Dr Megan Ferris</b>, Psychiatrist and <b>Dr Paul Furst</b>, Psychiatrist, Forensic Mental Health Services, South Australia - <a href="#">Presentation</a></p> <p><b><i>Mental health and young people</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Judge Peter <a href="#">Boshier, PPT</a></b> Principal Family Court Judge, New Zealand</p> <p>Convenor: <b>Judge Fred McElrea</b>, District Court, New Zealand</p>	
1.00pm	<b>CONCLUSION</b>	