



AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Assisting Unrepresented Litigants – A Challenge for Courts and Tribunals Conference

15-17 April 2014

Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach, 242 Arden Street, Sydney, New South Wales

PROGRAMME

PLEASE NOTE: To access Conference papers, please click highlighted speaker's name in the conference programme (*papers available to date*)

TUESDAY 15 APRIL	
9.00-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.15	Welcome and Opening Welcome to Country Welcome: <i>The Hon Justice Michelle May, President, AIJA</i>
10.15-11.30	KEYNOTE: Case Study Pinpointing the various dilemmas for Courts and tribunals of self- represented litigants – The dark side of SRLs: Are they the new face of process abuse in Australian courts? <i>Professor Tania Sourdin, Director, Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI) and Ms Nerida Wallace, Principal, Transformation Management Services, Victoria</i> A self- represented litigant's experience with the Court Ms Courtney Ryrle , Self- Represented Litigant Coordinator and Ms Lucille Thomas , Manager (Civil Registry/Client Services), County Court of Victoria <i>Convenor/Moderator: The Hon Justice Helen Winkelmann, Chief High Court Judge, New Zealand</i>
Oceanic Ballroom	
11.30-12.10	Unrepresented Litigants – at home and away <i>Speaker: The Hon Justice Mark Le Poer Trench, Chair, Self Represented Litigants Committee, Family Court of Australia</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Ms Megan Greenwood, Magistrate, Local Court of NSW</i>
12.10-12.45	Self Represented Litigants – the Federal Circuit Court Experience <i>Speaker: His Honour Judge Stephen Scarlett, Federal Circuit Court of Australia</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Ms Megan Greenwood, Magistrate, Local Court of New South Wales</i>
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1.30-2.30	<p>The Participation of Unrepresented Litigants in Dispute Resolution Conferences of the Children's Court of NSW. Observations; statistics and Anonymised Case Studies from a Children's Registrar's perspective</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Edwina Hunter, Registrar, Children's Court of New South Wales</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Her Honour Chief Judge Jan-Marie Doogue, District Court, New Zealand</i></p>	<p>The Merits Review of decisions by the National Disability Insurance Agency</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Jill Toohey, Senior Member, AAT</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Ms Raelene Webb QC, President, National Native Title Tribunal, Western Australia</i></p>
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2.30-3.30	<p>Panel session</p> <p>Self-representing people and the interface with Legal Aid</p> <p><i>Participants: Ms Gabrielle Canny, Director, Legal Services Commission SA and Ms Kylie Beckhouse, Executive Director of Family Law, Legal Aid NSW</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA</i></p>	
3.30-4.00	AFTERNOON TEA	
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4.00-4.45	<p>Self Represented Parties and the Court Rules in Queensland</p> <p><i>Speakers: Mr Iain McCowie, Solicitor, Self Representation Service (Courts), QPILCH</i> <i>Commentator: The Hon Justice Peter Lyons, Supreme Court of Queensland</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Ms Belinda Cassidy, MAA, New South Wales</i></p>	<p>"With a little help from a friend": Unrepresented litigants, friends and the question of payment</p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr Nicky Jones, PPT, Lecturer, School of Law and Justice, University of Southern Queensland</i></p> <p>A Third Way? The experience of Lay Advocates in both specialist and common law employment litigation in NZ</p> <p><i>Speaker: Chief Judge Graeme Colgan, Employment Court, New Zealand</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Deputy Chief Magistrate, South Australia</i></p>
4.45-5.30	<p>Guidelines for Barristers on dealing with self-represented litigants</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr Garry McGrath SC, Barrister, NSW Bar Council</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: The Hon Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace, Family Court of Australia</i></p>	<p>Self represented litigants in the High Court of Australia</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Denise Weybury, PPT, Deputy Registrar, High Court of Australia</i> <i>Convenor/Moderator: Ms Jane Reynolds, Manager, Family Court of Australia & Federal Circuit Court of Australia</i></p>
7.00-8.30	<p>COCKTAIL RECEPTION – Oceanic or Terrace View Room</p> <p>AIJA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>2013 Winner - Awarded jointly to: High Court of New Zealand, The Hon Justice Helen Winkelman, Chief High Court Judge, High Court of New Zealand, The Hon Justice Forrest Miller, District Court of New Zealand, Her Honour Chief Judge Jan-Marie Doogue and District Court of New Zealand, His Honour Judge Colin Doherty</p> <p>Award of Commendation</p> <p>Mr Graeme Pearce, Cross Borders Indigenous Family Violence Programs, Northern Territory, Aunty Colleen Welch for her work as an Aboriginal Elder and Court Justice Officer, South Australia and Hon Justice Alan Wilson for his work in court administration in relation to the establishment of QCAT Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.</p> <p>AIJA LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINEES</p> <p>The Hon Justice Virginia Bell AC, High Court of Australia and Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Deputy Chief Magistrate, South Australia</p>	

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

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8.30-9.30	<p>Querulant Behaviour in Litigation <i>Speakers:</i> Judge Philip Misso, County Court of Victoria Ms Narelle Bedford, Adjunct Lecturer Faculty of Law, Bond University and TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland and Ms Monica Taylor, Director, UQ Pro Bono Centre, University of Queensland <i>Convenor/Moderator:</i> The Hon Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace, Family Court of Australia</p>		
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7.00-10.30	DINNER – Oceanic Ballroom	

THURSDAY 17 APRIL

8.30–9.30	<p>Oceanic Ballroom</p> <p>KEYNOTE: Do-It-Yourself Law: Access to Justice and the Challenge of Self-Representation <i>Professor Dame Hazel Genn</i>, Dean and Co-Director of the UCL Judicial Institute, Faculty of Laws, University College London <i>Convenor/Moderator:</i> <i>The Hon Justice Michelle May</i>, Appeal Division, Family Court of Australia</p>	
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12.30	Conference Close	