

AIJA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE – Previous Winners

2017	<p>The District Court of New Zealand Website are the recipients of the 2017 AIJA Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration.</p> <p>The selection panel was particularly impressed at the range and breadth of judgments met by the website.</p>
2015	<p>Te Kōti Rangatahi and Pasifika Youth Court in New Zealand were recipients of the 2015 AIJA Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration.</p> <p>The selection panel was particularly impressed by the way in which local Maori communities have been engaged in assisting their own young offenders to achieve youth justice.</p>
2013	<p>Winners</p> <p>Awarded jointly to the District Court of New Zealand in Christchurch, Justice Forrest Miller of the High Court and Chief High Court Judge Helen Winkelmann in recognition of the work which they undertook consequent upon the Christchurch earthquake to ensure the ongoing efficient administration of justice in that city at a time of almost complete devastation</p> <p>The jury for the Award has noted particularly the efforts of Judge Colin Doherty who chaired a Judicial Reference Group consisting of Judges, Court Administrators, Government representatives, the legal profession and others to promote a "whole of Court" judicial and staff response to the earthquake.</p> <p>The jury has also acknowledged the effort of Justice Forrest Miller of the High Court in the establishment of the Earthquake List in that Court and the work of Chief Judge Helen Winkelmann in the aftermath of the earthquake, including overseeing the development of the special list and more generally in relation to the work of the High Court.</p> <p>Award of Commendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ 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. ▲ Hon Justice Alan Wilson for his work in court administration in relation to the establishment of QCAT Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
2011	<p>Winner</p> <p>The Family Law Courts (Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court of Australia) Courts' Young Employees Advisory Group (YEAG) Initiative. The YEAG was formed to enable a younger generation of employees to bring a different perspective to issues and approaches in court administration.</p>

<p>2010</p>	<p>Winner</p> <p>The Magistrates Court of Tasmania and the Department of Police and Emergency Services (TAS) for the SMS Bail Reminder Service.</p> <p>Award of Commendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Hon Brian Preston, Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of NSW for his work implementing the International Framework for Court Excellence at the Land and Environment Court (NSW) ▲ His Hon Judge Sydney Tilmouth, District Court of South Australia for his work at the Nunga Court (SA) and in particular his work in relation to Aboriginal Sentencing Conferences.
<p>2006</p>	<p>Winner</p> <p>Judicial Commission of New South Wales (for its Equality before the Law Benchbook).</p>
<p>2004</p>	<p>Winner</p> <p>Family Conference Team of the Youth Court of South Australia (for their work and achievements in restorative juvenile justice).</p> <p>Award of Commendation</p> <p>Judge Michael Forde, District Court of Queensland (for his contribution to the court's administration and for his involvement in assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the justice system, by his contributions to the development of a training program and guidelines for ATSI Community Justice Groups).</p>
<p>2002</p>	<p>Winner</p> <p>Ms Susan Dusmohamed, Program Manager of South Australia's diversion courts program (for her leadership and achievements in setting up and running a specialist court and program for offenders with mental health issues).</p> <p>Award of Commendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Consultant Program, Family Court of Australia (for improving access to justice for indigenous Australians by providing cultural appropriate assistance in resolving family law matters and expert assistance in understanding the needs of indigenous clients). ▲ New South Wales Land and Environment Court On-Line (for innovative use of contemporary technology in the administration of justice).