



The Australasian Institute of
Judicial Administration Incorporated

Improving Court Practice in Family Violence Cases

*Pullman Melbourne on the Park
192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne*

15-17 June 2016

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 15 June 2016

5.30-6.30pm Cocktail Function, Pullman Melbourne on the Park

THURSDAY 16 June 2016

8.00am Registration and tea/coffee on arrival

8.45 **OPENING ADDRESS**

Ms Sarah [Henderson](#) MP, Federal Member for Corangamite, officially representing the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC

9.15 **KEYNOTE SESSION**

Speakers: **The Hon Judge Eugene [Hyman](#) (Retired)**, former Judge,
Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara
Chief Judge Jan-Marie [Doogue](#), Chief District Court Judge, New Zealand
Chair: **Professor Greg Reinhardt**, Executive Director, AIJA

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this Keynote session

10.30 Morning tea

10.50 **REPORT ON THE WORK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY VIOLENCE
BENCH BOOK**

Speakers: **Professor Heather Douglas**, The University of Queensland
Ms Kate Chapple, The University of Queensland
Judge Elizabeth Morris, Local Court of the Northern Territory
Chair: **The Hon Justice Michelle May**, Family Court of Australia

12.00	<p>CROSS EXAMINATION OF VULNERABLE WITNESSES IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Speakers: The Hon Diana Bryant AO, Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia Ms Nicole Rich, Victoria Legal Aid Mr Geoff Dickson QC, Victoria</p> <p>Chair: Judge Peter Johnstone, President, Children’s Court of NSW</p>
1.00	Lunch
1.45	<p>DEALING WITH THE VOLUME OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES IN THE COURTS</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Speakers: Judge Michael Baumann, Federal Circuit Court of Australia Magistrate Kate Hawkins, Victoria Assistant Commissioner Dean McWhirter, Family Violence Command, Victoria Police Centre</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Susannah O’Reilly, Domestic Violence Unit, Legal Aid, New South Wales</p>
2.45	<p>REPORT ON RESEARCH PROJECT ON FAMILY REPORT WRITING</p> <p>Speakers: Ms Zoe Rathus AM, Dr Samantha Jeffries, Griffith University and Professor Rachael Field, Bond University, Queensland Ms Di Lojarczyk, Senior Family Consultant, Newcastle Family Law Registry</p> <p>Moderator: Magistrate Anne Goldsbrough, Victoria</p>
3.40	Afternoon tea
4.00	<p>ELDER ABUSE</p> <p>Speakers: Dr Rae Kaspiew, Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Family Studies Ms Pam Morton, Principal Lawyer, Seniors Rights Victoria Ms Linda Rubinstein, Holding Redlich Lawyers, Victoria</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA</p>
5.00	Close

5.15 pm Cocktail Function, *Pullman Melbourne on the Park*

FRIDAY 17 June 2016

9.00am	<p>THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE VICTORIAN ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF COURT PRACTICE IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES</p> <p>Speakers: Deputy Chief Magistrate Felicity Broughton, Victoria Ms Rachel Ellyard, Barrister, Victoria and Counsel assisting the Royal Commission Ms Joanna Fletcher, CEO, Women’s Legal Service Victoria</p>
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	<p>Ms Natalie Parker, Director, Domestic and Family Violence Court Reform, Queensland Magistrates Courts Service and Magistrate Colin Strofield, Queensland</p> <p>Chair: Chief Judge Jan-Marie Doogue, Chief District Court Judge, New Zealand</p>
10.20	Morning tea
10.50	<p>COURT MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PARENTS AND CHILDREN</p> <p>Speakers: Ms Antoinette Braybrook, CEO, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service</p> <p>Judge Josephine Willis, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Chair Court Reconciliation Action Plan Committee</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Jane Reynolds, Family Court and Federal Circuit Court of Australia</p>
12.00	<p>SUPPORT FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES BEFORE THE COURTS</p> <p>Speakers: Ms Maria Dimopoulos, Managing Director, Myriad Consultants, Victoria</p> <p>Ms Rose Byrnes, Direct Services Manager, inTouch Multicultural Centre against Family Violence, Victoria (replacement for Maya Avdibegovic)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Carla Wilshire, Migration Council of Australia</p>
1.00	Lunch
1.45	<p>COURT APPROACHES TO RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Speakers: Ms Abbey Newman, Family Violence Programs and initiatives Unit, Magistrates' Court, Victoria</p> <p>Ms Manuela Galvao, Regional Coordinator, Child Dispute Services, Vic/Tas, Family Court & Federal Circuit Court and Dr Ben Jones, National Professional Development, Family Court and Federal Circuit Court</p> <p>Mr Paul Le Large, Registry Manager of the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court, Parramatta Registry</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Leisha Lister, Executive Officer, Family Court of Australia</p>
4.00	Conference Close

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