

# FAMILY AND CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE

## Program

### CRIMINAL LAW

**61 min**    **Sexual violence case management**

This session will take you through Practice Direction No 3 of 2024 and provide detailed practical information about the new Sexual Violence Case Management Pilot and the recommended guideline practices for all sexual violence offence proceedings, which are designed to reduce delay, increase court event certainty and reduce re-traumatisation of complainant witnesses, whilst maintaining the right to a fair trial for the accused.

Presenter: **Julie Sarkozi**, Principal Policy Officer, Sexual Violence Case Reform, Department of Justice and the Attorney-General

Chair: **Emma Higgins**, Legal Director, Robertson O’Gorman; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) Qld



**40 min**    **Case update: Criminal Law**

We provide a timely update on some of the latest and most relevant authorities for your practice.

Presenters:

**Laura Dawson**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**Callan Lloyd**, Director, Gilshenan & Luton; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

Chair: **Kirstie Smith**, Lawyer, and Lecturer at Law, University of Southern Queensland; Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee



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## 59 min **Community safety & youth justice**

As the government rolls out changes to the way young people are dealt with by the criminal justice system, we examine our role as practitioners and how we can best support the community.

Presenters:

**Damian Bartholomew**, Solicitor, Youth Advocacy Centre; Chair, Queensland Law Society Children's Law Committee

**Anna Cappellano**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**Peta Dent**, Principal Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland

Chair: **Danielle Iliffe**, Senior Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland; Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Children's Law Committee



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## 58 min **The good, the bad and the ugly**

Collaborative practice can be hard when distinct and contrasting approaches between solicitors and counsel arise, subsequently causing friction. Despite solicitors and counsel having the common goal of achieving the best outcome for the client in the circumstances, we know that issues can arise.

This session brings together different perspectives on the solicitor and counsel relationship and looks at how we can leverage differences to solidify outcomes for clients. You will learn the keys to the success of your good intentions, how to manage the bad challenges, and how to avoid the ugly conflicts that could derail progress for your client.

Presenters:

**Andrew Hoare KC**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

**India Brady**, Solicitor, Bamberry Lawyers

**Gavin Webber**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Joe Wicking**, Senior Associate, Potts Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee



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**59 min**    **Coercive control**

Our accredited specialist addresses the new coercive control offence and the outcomes it may have for clients.

Presenter: **Kristy Bell**, Director, Bell Criminal Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee

Chair: **Callan Lloyd**, Director, Gilshenan & Luton; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld



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## Presenters



### **Damian Bartholomew**

**Solicitor, Youth Advocacy Centre  
Chair, Queensland Law Society Children's Law Committee**

Since 1994 Damian has been a solicitor at the Youth Advocacy Centre, a community legal and welfare centre for young people. He has been a member of the Children Services Tribunal and the Queensland Child Protection Council.



### **Kristy Bell**

**Director, Bell Criminal Lawyers  
Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld  
Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee**

Kristy completed a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice from Griffith University. Kristy has worked exclusively in criminal law for the last twelve years, initially in prosecutions and criminal confiscation at both a Commonwealth and State level, before moving into criminal defence.

Kristy became an accredited specialist in criminal law in 2018 and represents a broad range of clients in the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts, and the Court of Appeal.

Kristy has been consistently recognised as one of Queensland's Leading Criminal Defence Lawyers since 2020, and was this year nominated by Doyle's Guide as a Recommended Criminal Defence Lawyer, Australia.



### **India Brady**

**Solicitor, Bamberry Lawyers**

India is an employed solicitor at Bamberry Lawyers and practices exclusively in criminal law. She was admitted to the profession in 2021 after working as a law clerk for 4 years. As such, her role on the panel is to provide a junior practitioners perspective to the struggles and success of briefing counsel.

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## **Anna Cappellano**

### **Barrister, Queensland Bar**

Anna has practised at the private Bar in Queensland since 2008. She practises in criminal law at the trial and appellant level and also appears in regulatory matters, inquiries and inquests. In 2022, Anna was one of the Counsel Assisting the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence.

Anna is a member of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee.

She is a Chair of the AFL Queensland Tribunal and also represents AFL players in hearings before the national AFLW Tribunal.

Anna is a Board Member of inCommunity, a not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of services to homeless, at risk and disadvantaged members of the community.



## **Laura Dawson**

### **Barrister, Queensland Bar**

Laura holds undergraduate degrees in Law and Arts (majoring in psychology), as well as qualifications in writing and editing. Since being called to the Bar she has practised predominantly in the areas of criminal defence, plaintiff personal injury, and discrimination law. She calls 8 Petrie Terrace Chambers home, and also maintains a door tenancy at 31 Sturt Chambers in Townsville.

Prior to being called to the Bar in 2022, Laura was associate to the Honourable Justice Burns and to the Honourable Chief Justice Holmes in the Supreme Court of Queensland.

She recently appeared unled in the Court of Appeal arguing a limitation extension question under s.31 of the Limitation of Actions Act and regularly appears in criminal and civil matters in courts and tribunals throughout Queensland.



## **Peta Dent**

### **Principal Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland**

Peta is an Acting Principal Lawyer in the Youth team at Legal Aid Queensland. She has extensive experience in criminal law having worked in private practice and at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service prior to joining Legal Aid Queensland.

For the last six years Peta has practised almost exclusively in the Childrens Court jurisdiction. Peta is aware of the nuances of this jurisdiction and is dedicated to helping her clients and other practitioners navigate the Childrens Court.



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## **Emma Higgins**

**Legal Director, Robertson O’Gorman  
Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) Qld**

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## **Andrew Hoare KC**

**Barrister, Queensland Bar**

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## **Danielle Iliffe**

**Senior Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland  
Deputy Chair, Queensland Law Society Children’s Law Committee**

Danielle is an Acting Senior Lawyer with Youth Legal Aid Queensland. Danielle joined Legal Aid Queensland after commencing her legal career in the community legal sector working with both YFS Legal and the Youth Advocacy Centre.

Danielle is acutely aware of the complexities of the youth justice system and issues facing children in Queensland. Danielle recognises the over-representation of First Nations children in both the youth justice and child protection systems and continues to work towards upholding the rights of all Queensland children. A keen mentor and advocate, Danielle is committed to contributing to the professional development of all those who work in this sector.

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## **Callan Lloyd**

**Director, Gilshenan & Luton  
Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld**

Callan appears in a wide variety of complex criminal and professional discipline proceedings. He has appeared as solicitor advocate, and instructing solicitor, in superior court hearings and sentences, coronial inquests, disciplinary hearings, and commissions of inquiry.

Callan has a particular interest in assisting other lawyers with professional discipline proceedings, as well as other professionals in misconduct investigations and hearings. A significant aspect of Callan’s practise includes advising and representing government bodies in regulatory prosecutions, and in the enforcement of statutory powers.

Callan is a member of the Queensland Law Society’s Proctor Committee.

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## **Julie Sarkozi**

**Principal Policy Officer, Sexual Violence Case Reform, Department of Justice and the Attorney-General**

Julie has been a practising lawyer for 20 years, working in private practice, LAQ, ATSILS, and over 10 years at the Women's Legal Service Queensland – establishing and leading the 'Counselling Notes Protect' service. In November 2023, Julie moved to the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce (WSJT) Implementation Unit in the District Court to develop operational responses to the WSJT recommendations which the Chief Judge was asked to consider and implement (rec 69, 71 and 72). These recommendations related to addressing court delay and uncertainty in court event listings, as well as reducing the likelihood of witness – complainant's being re-traumatised by the court process. The Sexual Violence Case Management Practice Direction and supporting materials, are the product of the WSJT Implementation Unit team, the Chief Judge and a multi-agency 'Working Group' made up of leaders in the legal and justice sector.



## **Kirstie Smith**

**Lawyer, and Lecturer at Law, University of Southern Queensland  
Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee**

Kirstie is a Mununjali, Yugembeh woman practicing in criminal law on Giabal and Jarowair country and is also a Lecturer in Law at University of Southern Queensland. She is the first person in her immediate family to not only finish high school, but also go to university. Kirstie has experience working in both prosecution and criminal defence and is the Vice-President of DSWQLA.

A mother of three, she also represents early career lawyers on Future Leaders Committee (QLS) and represents Murri people in her region as a Council member on the Catholic Care Council. She undertakes additional volunteer roles including assisting new Australians and the refugee community at the Social Justice Commission 'Dignity Project'.

She is a member of the Future Leaders Committee with QLS, Women Lawyers Association Queensland, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Inc, and Indigenous Lawyers Association Queensland. She is routinely invited to speak on panels in the areas of criminal law, and First Nations issues.

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## **Gavin Webber**

### **Barrister, Queensland Bar**

Gavin has extensive experience in criminal law. He has been working as a barrister since he was called to the Bar in May 2019. Prior to that he worked for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for ten years, attained the role of Senior Crown Prosecutor and routinely appeared as counsel in the higher courts on complex criminal trials and hearings.

After moving to the Private Bar and joining the distinguished Halsbury Chambers group in 2019, Gavin has worked almost exclusively in criminal law. He is an accomplished advocate, having defended many clients in a broad range of criminal matters in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts. He also appears in the Court of Appeal and continues to brief as counsel for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.



## **Joe Wicking**

### **Senior Associate, Potts Lawyers**

### **Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld**

### **Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee**

Joe is a dedicated and experienced criminal lawyer, practising exclusively in this area. Joe has been recognised as one of Queensland's Leading Criminal Lawyers by DoYLES Guide for a number of years.

Joe routinely appears before the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts in Queensland and is a proficient advocate that aims to achieve the best results for his clients across a wide gamut of matters. In addition to a busy practice Joe is active in mentoring other lawyers who practise in Criminal Law.