

Criminal Law

Friday 21 March 2025 | 5 hours | 5 CPD points

State of Play: Practice Direction 3 of 2024

In this session our presenters will take you through practical scenarios that are relevant to the new practice direction. The Crown, the Court and our accredited specialist will workshop how one might best operate in accordance with the new practice direction.

Presenters:

Caroline Marco, Deputy Director, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Registrar Alexis Oxley, Case Conference Registrar, District Court of Queensland

Julia Jasper, Partner, Jasper Fogerty Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

Facilitator: **Lindsey Franklin-Browne**, Director, Sexual Violence Case Reform, District Court of Queensland

Chair: **His Honour Judge Michael Byrne KC**, District Court of Queensland



Mastering the pre-committal

As an early career lawyer, understanding the intricacies of committals is essential to building a strong foundation for your practice. This session will deconstruct the process, providing you with practical insights and actionable strategies to navigate committal proceedings with confidence. From key procedural requirements to common pitfalls and best practices, you'll gain the knowledge and skills needed to handle the pre-committal stage of proceedings effectively and efficiently.

Whether you're preparing for your first committal or looking to refine your approach, this session will equip you with the tools to succeed.

Presenters:

India Brady, Solicitor, Bamberry Lawyers

Sam Jackson, Director, Bamberry Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

Chair: **Emma Kearney**, Associate, Bell Criminal Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld; Member, Queensland Law Society Future Leaders Committee



Sentencing: Legal updates and practical tips

As criminal defence lawyers, we relish the challenge of a trial. However, most of our work is the preparation and attendance on sentence hearings including as Solicitor Advocates. This session will:

- Provide an update on recent legislative changes and common law developments for sentencing
- Discuss the best resources for maintaining your professional expertise in sentencing and for preparing your next sentence
- Conclude with an interactive discussion on hypothetical scenarios for preparing and arguing your next plea

Presenter: **Dan Rogers**, Legal Director, Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld

Chair: **Glen Cranny**, Managing Director, Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) - Qld; Queensland Law Society Senior Counsellor





SYMPOSIUM

Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference. Our expert will address the changes to the Evidence Act that practitioners are required to know about. You will hear expert opinion on some of the changes and what it will mean for your clients.

Presenter: **Charlotte Smith**, Barrister, Queensland Bar

Chair: **Adam Moschella**, Senior Associate, Bell Criminal Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld



Legislation Update: Community safety and justice

The final session will provide an update on the most recent and relevant legislation changes. You will be informed of the new legislative amendments, as well what our accredited specialists had to say about the changes.

Presenters:

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

Peta Dent, Principal Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland; Member, Queensland Law Society Children's Law Committee

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

