

CALL FOR PAPERS

Criminal Justice in Australia and New Zealand – Issues and Challenges for Judicial Administration

7~9 September 2011

Four Points By Sheraton, Darling Harbour, Sydney

The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration is pleased to present a conference on Criminal Justice in Australia and New Zealand – Issues and Challenges for Judicial Administration. The conference will commence with an oration to be given by the Right Hon the Lord Judge, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales on Wednesday 7 September 2011.

The Organising Committee for the Conference consists of: Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Magistrate Peter Dixon, Justice Mark O'Regan, Mr Norman Reaburn, Senior Judge Mary Ann Yeats, Professor Greg Reinhardt and Mr Paul Bourke.

The question is often asked 'Is the criminal justice system achieving a fair trial for both the accused and the state?'. This question raises many important issues which impact on the work of courts, tribunals, law enforcement authorities and legal practitioners who work in the area. Several issues facing courts and tribunals have been identified by the Committee, namely:

1. Cross examination and its effect on minority groups;
2. Televised testimony;
3. Juries and the technical aspects of crime;
4. Forensic evidence;
5. Expert evidence;
6. Disclosure;
7. Legal Aid, resourcing of defence and cost scales;
8. FOI requests;
9. Delay and complexity;
10. Pre-trial and Trial management; and
11. Complexity of jury directions.

The conference organisers welcome the submission of abstracts of papers for consideration for presentation at the conference.

Submission of abstracts of up to 250 words and panel proposals should be accompanied by a proposed title of the presentation and the names, contact details and position of the presenter(s). Early expressions of interest and queries in relation to possible topics and the submission of abstracts and panel proposals are welcome.

Closing date for abstracts: Friday 1 April 2011

Abstracts should be submitted by email to: aija@monash.edu

Those submitting abstracts or panel proposals will be advised whether their paper/panel has been accepted as soon as possible. Those presenting papers will be required to register for the conference. Details as to registration will follow.