

Venue



The venue for the seminar is the Litchfield Room at the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, Mitchell Street, Darwin.

Darwin



September is the ideal time to visit Darwin as humidity is low and average temperatures are between 20 and 30 degrees. Direct flights are available from most capital cities. Information about travel, accommodation and tours is available from the Tourism NT website <http://en.travelnt.com/>

Registration

The seminar is open to all judicial officers in Australia. There is no registration fee.

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Judicial Seminar

Monday
7 September 2009

Darwin



Supreme Court Northern Territory
Magistrates Court Northern Territory
National Judicial College of Australia

Program

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009

8.30 Registration

8.55 Welcome

*Justice Trevor Riley
NJCA Regional Convenor NT*

9:00 Session 1: Unconscious judicial bias and the psychology of judicial decision making

This interactive session will explore the ways in which unconscious views can influence the decision making process. The session will also examine the methods available to identify and, if appropriate, respond to unconscious biases.

Facilitators:

The Hon Keith Mason & Dr Mark Nolan

10:30 Morning Tea

11:00 Session 1 (continued)

12:30 Lunch

1.30 Session 2: Judicial behaviour in court

In this session an experienced judge uses video taken in his own court to lead participants in a discussion of judicial behaviour. The issues covered include: What factors might lead a judicial officer to be discourteous in court? Is he or she aware of it? Does it matter? Can he or she change the behaviour?

Facilitator: *Judge Graham Anderson
(County Court, Victoria)*

3:00 Afternoon Tea

3.30 Session 3: Throwing Stones, a cost/benefit analysis of judges being offensive to each other

A former appeal court judge discusses the effects on the relationship between appellate and lower courts of the language of their public discourse. What is the motivation of studied harshness? when is it legitimate? What is its impact upon the effective working of the judiciary?

Facilitator: *The Hon Keith Mason*

4:30 Close

FACILITATORS

Judge Graham Anderson QC

Judge Graham Anderson was appointed to the County Court of Victoria in March 1998. Since 2006, he has been judge-in-charge of the Court's Commercial List. Previously he was a barrister for 28 years with a commercial law practice specialising in building and engineering cases.

The Hon Keith Mason AC

Keith Mason was President of the Court of Appeal of New South Wales from 1997 to 2008. He is now a Professorial Visiting Fellow at the University of New South Wales.

Previously he practised at the Bar in New South Wales, taught in the postgraduate law program at the University of Sydney, was Chair of the NSW Law Reform Commission and was Solicitor-General of NSW.

Dr Mark Nolan

Dr Nolan is a psychologist and lawyer working in the College of Law at the Australian National University. His scholarly interests include legal psychology, criminal law, criminal justice, legal and social psychological theories of justice and human rights. Dr Nolan teaches in the subject areas of Law and Psychology, Criminal Law and Foundations of Australian Law.

STYLE OF PROGRAM

The National Judicial College of Australia presents programs which encourage active participation by attending judicial officers. In addition to material offered by the speakers, the seminar will feature group discussion and problem solving by participants.