

About the program

The National Judicial Orientation Program has been presented every year since 1994. The program has been developed by a steering committee of experienced judges, drawn from courts throughout Australia.

The primary objective of the program is to assist newly appointed judicial officers with their transition to judicial office by facilitating the development and refinement of the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for effective judging.

The program will offer insights into the role and responsibilities of a member of the judiciary, provide the opportunity for new appointees to benefit from the knowledge and experience of senior judges who attend the program as speakers, and allow an exchange of ideas and experiences among participants.

The Program is a residential program starting Sunday evening with a familiarisation session and ending on Friday. Prior to the program participants are asked to read some pre-reading material. Many of the sessions are interactive, relying on discussion by participants of practical case scenarios.

Venue

The Program venue and accommodation are at the **Oaks Plaza Pier Hotel** (www.theoaksgroup.com.au) at Adelaide's popular seaside suburb of Glenelg, South Australia. Glenelg is 20 minutes from the Adelaide central business district and 15 minutes by taxi from Adelaide Airport.

Registration fee

The registration fee of \$5000 covers venue and other costs associated with the presentation of the Program. For each participant this fee covers accommodation for five nights (sunday to thursday inclusive), breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner (sunday, monday, tuesday, thursday), transport to dinner venues and course materials. The fee does not cover travel to the Program.

Registration

Please complete and send this form by Email, Fax or Mail

Email: njop@njca.anu.edu.au

Fax: 02 6125 6651

Mail: The Director, National Judicial College of Australia PO Box 8102, ANU, ACT 2601

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Title: _____

Court: _____

Telephone: (work) _____

Email: _____

Payment

I wish to pay the registration fee of \$5000

1. CREDIT CARD

VISA

MASTERCARD

Credit Card number: _____

Name of cardholder: _____

Expiry date: ____ / ____ CVC Number: _____

Total amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

2. ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

Account holder: National Judicial College of Australia

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 062 901

Account Number: 10093138

Date of transfer: ____ / ____ / ____

3. CHEQUE

Made payable to: **National Judicial College of Australia**

and mailed to: PO Box 8102, ANU, ACT 2601

4. INVOICE

Court email address to which invoice to be sent:

National Judicial College of Australia

National Judicial Orientation Program

Glenelg
South Australia

20 - 25 May 2012



The program is a joint presentation of the National Judicial College of Australia, the Judicial Commission of New South Wales and the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration with the support of the Judicial College of Victoria.

Draft Program

Sunday 20 May 2012

Official Welcome

Session 1 - Familiarisation

Welcome dinner

Monday 21 May 2012

Session 2 - Judicial conduct in and out of court

Chief Justice John Doyle (Supreme Court of South Australia) & Chief Justice Wayne Martin (Supreme Court of Western Australia)

This session is intended to identify ethical issues, conflicts of interest and disqualification and to provide guidance in dealing with them. There are no specific answers to many of the questions which arise in this session; rather the session is intended to look at options for dealing with the problems raised.

Session 3 - Maintaining psychological & physical health

Chief Judge Michael Rozenes (County Court VIC), Dr Nigel Prior (Psychiatrist, Brisbane QLD) Ms Karen Inge (Dietitian VIC)

Judges are confronted with numerous demands on a daily basis - through the hearing of cases, administrative duties and the giving of judgments. The psychological and physical health of any person will impact upon their work and their productivity. This session is designed to reinforce ideas which may assist them to maintain physical and psychological well-being in a busy schedule.

Tuesday 22 May 2012

Session 4 - Unconscious judicial prejudice

Dr Mark Nolan (Australian National University, Canberra)

This session will explore the effect of unconscious prejudice upon judicial decision-making in law and fact.

Session 5 - Assessing the Credibility of Witnesses

Professor Neil Brewer (Flinders University Adelaide)
Judge Michael Boylan (District Court SA)

When should a judge believe a witness? Credibility can be the decisive question in many trials. This session is designed to provide participants with assistance in relation to forming judgments on the credibility of witnesses.

Session 6 - Court Craft – The trial from hell

Justice John McKechnie (Supreme Court of WA) and
Justice Alan Wilson (Supreme Court of QLD)

This session is concerned with both civil and criminal trial management. It is designed to identify the problems which can arise in a trial and to suggest ways in which they may be dealt with. Judicial control of proceedings will be emphasized.

Wednesday 23 May 2012

Session 7 - Judgment Writing

Mr Tom Wodak (County Court VIC rtd)
Justice Debra Mullins (Supreme Court QLD)

This session is designed to introduce judges to the skill of good judgment writing. There will be a brief introduction to basic pointers on judgment writing and participants will work in small groups on the analysis of specific judgments.

Wednesday afternoon and evening free time.

Thursday 24 May 2012

Session 8 - Interpreters

Mr Paul Hellander (Interpreting and Translation Centre SA).

This session will focus on the work of interpreters in the court room. It will consider the intricacies of language and its importance in the adversarial courtroom, the complexities of the interpreting process and the difficulties encountered by interpreters in achieving accuracy of interpretation. It will conclude by providing tips on how to help interpreters perform their work to the best of their skill and ability.

Session 9 - Court room control and communication

Judge Geoff Muecke (District Court South Australia)
Judge Graham Anderson (County Court Victoria)

The aim of this session is to provide judges with the skills required to maximise their effectiveness in communicating with those who come into their courtroom.

Session 10 - Litigants in Person

Justice Peter Murphy (Family Court of Australia)
Dr Grant Lester (Institute Forensic Mental Health VIC)

This session is intended to identify legal and practical issues which commonly confront judicial officers in dealing with litigants in person and to suggest strategies for dealing with them. The session will also consider abnormal and querulous litigants from a psychiatric perspective.

Session 11- Cultural barriers in the court room

Ms Maria Dimopoulos (Myriad Consultants VIC)

Many litigants confront cultural difficulties in accessing the justice system. In this session an experienced facilitator leads a discussion by participants on cultural, racial and gender differences in the community.

Friday 25 May 2012

Session 12 - Time Management for Judges

Mr Ron Laurie (Integral Development Victoria)

This session will provide ideas and information about the most efficient way to allocate and use the time.

Session 13 - Sentencing

Professor Geraldine McKenzie (Bond University QLD)
The Hon Terry Buddin SC (Supreme Court of NSW rtd)

The general principles of sentencing and the exercise of judicial discretion.