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To: The Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand
The Standing Committee of Attorneys General

I am pleased to send to you, in accordance with clause 17 of the Constitution of the National Judicial College of Australia, a report by the Council of the College on the operations of the College during the financial year 2009-10.

This is the College's eighth annual report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Martin', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

The Honourable Wayne Martin
Chief Justice of Western Australia
Chair of the NJCA Council



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Foreword by the Chair of the NJCA Council

The year under report has seen the fruition of a number of matters under development. Most notably, the recommendations made in the May 2009 report of the strategic review of the College were considered by all relevant governance entities within the structure of the College, including its Council and the Consultative Committee, and by the Council of Chief Justices. All major recommendations made in the strategic review have been accepted and are in the course of implementation.

A meeting of representatives of all entities with an interest in judicial education in Australia and New Zealand was held in Sydney in October 2009 in conjunction with the conference of the International Organisation for the Training of the Judiciary (IOJT). That meeting unanimously endorsed the recommendation made by the reviewer for greater co operation and collaboration between the various organisations engaged in judicial training in the region. Pursuant to the agreement reached at that meeting, the various judicial education bodies are developing an electronic clearing house of judicial education materials. The judicial education bodies and State education committees will meet regularly to discuss the development of forward programmes, so as to avoid the duplication of effort and maximise the product of our limited resources.

With the generous assistance of the National Judicial Institute of Canada, faculty development programmes will be held

for the benefit of all organisations engaged in judicial education in Australia and New Zealand in Sydney and Adelaide in September 2010. As recommended, we have also added to the resources available to the College, through the appointment of two Judicial Associates, who are assisting in the development of new programmes.

The College took primary responsibility for the organisation of the fourth international conference of the IOJT held in Sydney in October 2009. 205 participants from 49 countries, including 50 judicial officers from Australia, attended the conference. It was an outstanding success. It provided many Australian Judges and Magistrates with the opportunity to experience important initiatives that are being taken in judicial education around the world, and to learn first-hand from those involved in the development of those initiatives. The conference has stimulated many of us to work harder, and more innovatively on judicial education in Australia.

The conference also prompted renewed consideration of the possibility of the College taking a role in the co-ordination of Australia's provision of judicial training to countries in our region. With the support of the Council of Chief Justices, the constitution of the College has been amended to enable it to undertake this role. However, the very limited resources presently available to the College would not enable it to adequately discharge responsibilities in



this area. A business case is to be presented to government for the provision of modest resources to enable us to undertake this role.

These initiatives have been pursued without detrimental impact upon the regular work of the College presenting education programmes to the Judges and Magistrates of Australia. You will see from this report that the College has been as busy as ever in delivering these programmes. That would not have been possible without the continuing voluntary support of the judiciary of Australia. Their contribution takes many forms, including through service as a presenter, as a regional convenor, or as a member of the Council of the College, policy committee or programme planning committee. I would again like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed in this way.

I would also like to again acknowledge with gratitude the prodigious efforts of those who make up the secretariat of the College. The output of such a small group is truly astonishing, and could not have been achieved without regular work over and above normal expectations.

The Honourable Wayne Martin
Chief Justice of Western Australia
Chair of the NJCA Council

3 September 2010



2009 Conference of the International Organisation for the Training of the Judiciary

The College hosted the Fourth Conference of the International Organization for the Training of the Judiciary in Sydney from 25 to 29 October 2009. Two hundred and five judges, magistrates and judicial educators from 49 countries attended the Conference. They included 50 judicial officers from Australia.

The objectives of the IOJT are to encourage international cooperation in the training of judges and magistrates, to exchange information and to enable each country to learn from the experience of the other member countries. The Conference allowed participants to hear about the latest developments in judicial education from around the world.

The 72 speakers at the conference covered a wide range of topics including

training for newly appointed judges, distance learning, case management, judicial leadership, technology training, social context, evaluation of judicial education programs, feedback programs for judges, setting up judicial education bodies, skills based training and education for longer serving judges. Papers from the Conference are available on the College's website www.njca.com.au

The Conference was funded in part by a grant from the Commonwealth Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP. The participation of delegates from developing countries was made possible by funding provided by Ausaid and by the Lenfest Foundation (USA).



Speakers at the opening of the Fourth International Conference on the Training of the Judiciary on 25 October 2009: Chief Justice Wayne Martin (Chair of the Council of the National Judicial College of Australia), Dr Shlomo Levin (President of the International Organisation for Judicial Training) and Mr Robert McClelland MP (Federal Attorney-General of Australia).



Strategic Review

During the year the Council of the College has implemented recommendations made in a May 2009 report which reviewed the College's operations. The Council initiated the review, undertaken by Mr George Thomson of the Canadian National Judicial Institute, to assess and improve the provision and quality of the College's services and to facilitate the expansion of its educational and international roles.

The review recommended closer co-operation between judicial education bodies in Australia and New Zealand. The College convened a meeting of these bodies in October 2009. The meeting agreed that judicial education bodies and courts will work closely together to develop an integrated, coordinated system of judicial education that meets the needs of the judiciary. All bodies will contribute to an electronic clearinghouse/judicial library of past programs and other relevant materials. A judicial faculty development program will be held in 2010 involving judicial officers nominated by all bodies and courts.

The review recommended an increase in the pedagogical expertise available through the College to place a greater emphasis on program design that reflects adult educational principles. A consultant, Ms Jenny Green, has started working with the College Programs Advisory Committee and with program planning committees as a learning and development adviser.

The review report canvassed various options for increasing the involvement of the judiciary in the day to day work of the College. Following a general request to the Australian judiciary for expressions of interest, Council appointed Justice David Lloyd (Land and Environment Court NSW) and Judge Helen Murrell (District Court NSW) as Judicial Associates to the College. Each will contribute by developing new areas of curriculum (designing programs), facilitating at College programs and participating as a member of College program planning committees. They have also been appointed as Visiting Fellows to the ANU College of Law so that, while working at the College secretariat in Canberra, they will present lectures to law students and consult with academic staff.

The Council of the College will be implementing other recommendations of the review over time and as resources allow. These include adopting a longer planning cycle, changes to College governance arrangements, improving external consultation with "stakeholders", setting priorities for future program development, encouraging judicial education leaders from other countries to visit Australia and College involvement in overseas judicial education.



College Professional Development Programs 2009/2010

The College continues to present judicial professional development programs around Australia and to develop new programs.

Most College programs use structured discussion of practical problems in small groups. This focus on interactive learning rather than lectures means that most College programs are for groups of no more than 25 to 30 participants. The use of these techniques involves presenters and College staff in considerably more work than would be involved in organising a series of lectures. However the Council of the College remains convinced that presenting a small number of high quality programs of long term educational value remains the best use of the College's resources.

The College has also presented suitable topics to larger groups in the traditional conference style. The Sentencing 2010 Conference, presented in Canberra in February 2010, is an example of this kind of event which has a multi disciplinary audience of judicial officers, academics, government officers and others with an interest in learning about the latest research and developments in a field directly relevant to the work of the courts.

Judges and magistrates from all courts in Australia are eligible to attend College programs. Some programs are limited to particular categories of the judiciary (for example orientation programs are limited to recent appointees).

The Programs Advisory Committee of the College, and individual planning committees for programs, routinely review and revise College programs in the light of feedback from participants. The College seeks written feedback from participants in its programs. The responses continue to indicate that participants have been very satisfied with the programs.

The College develops new programs on the basis of proposals made by judicial officers when evaluating programs they attend, by program planning committees, by government agencies. The College Programs Advisory Committee advises on and develops new programs and reviews existing programs.



Phoenix Magistrates Program

The Phoenix Magistrates Program was presented in August 2009 in Broadbeach, Queensland. This was the seventh year the program has been presented. Twenty magistrates attended from around Australia. A majority of participants were new appointees, but some experienced magistrates also attended to transfer the benefit of their experience. A substantial part of the program is based on group discussion led by members of the group and some outside experts. The program covers a diverse range of topics including judicial conduct and ethics, decision making and giving judgment, children as witnesses, court craft, sentencing, cultural awareness and diversity, physical and mental health. The program was enthusiastically received by the participants.

National Judicial Orientation Program

Two National Judicial Orientation programs were held during the year. The first in Glenelg, South Australia in November 2009 and the second at Broadbeach, Queensland in April 2010. The Program is a joint offering by the College, the Judicial Commission of New South Wales and the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration. The program covers topics such as judicial conduct and ethics, assessing the credibility of witnesses, psychological and physical health, judgment writing, court craft, interpreters, contempt, litigants in person, sentencing and case management.


The November 2009 program was attended by twenty four judges from state courts, federal courts and courts in Singapore and the Solomon Islands. The April 2010 program was attended by eighteen judges from state and federal courts and Solomon Islands courts.

The main educational objective for the National Judicial Orientation Program is to assist newly appointed judicial officers with the transition to judicial office, with a particular focus on skills required of a trial judge. Based on the participants' evaluation comments and observations by members of the Steering Committee, the programs presented in 2009/2010 were successful in meeting these objectives.

Judgment Writing Programs

In October 2009 the College presented a three day judgment writing program in Scarborough, Western Australia. The objective of the program was to enable participants to improve their judgment writing skills through analysis, discussion and rewriting of their judgments in small groups. The groups are assisted by professional writers and senior judges. Group work is interspersed with lectures from the writers and judicial officers on particular aspects of judgment writing. Thirty one judicial officers from federal and state courts attended. Feedback from participants indicates the program was very successful.

In September 2009 the College worked with the Federal Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court to present judg-



ment writing programs for those courts. The twelve judges who attended the two and a half day judgment writing program for the Federal Court in Melbourne rated the program as good to excellent. The nine members of the Federal Magistrates' Court who attended the two day judgment writing program for that Court in Sydney rated that program as very good to excellent.

Jury Management program

Sixteen judges from around Australia attended a jury management program organised by the College in Adelaide in September 2009. There are significant differences in approach within courts, and between courts in different States, to the many practical issues connected with managing a jury. The program was designed to allow judges to share their knowledge and experience with a view to returning to their respective courts with useful information about jury management in other places. Judges participated from Supreme Courts, District Courts, the County Court and the Federal Court of Australia. Participants rated the program as good to excellent.


Judicial seminar in Darwin

The College presented a judicial seminar in Darwin in September 2009. The seminar was attended by 22 judicial officers from the Northern Territory, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia. The Honourable Keith Mason (former President NSW Court of Appeal) and Dr Mark Nolan (ANU College of Law) presented a session

on unconscious judicial prejudice and the psychology of judicial decision making. Judge Graham Anderson (County Court of Victoria) presented a session on judicial behaviour in court. Based on the comments by participants, the seminar was successful in meeting the needs of the judiciary for an opportunity to explore these subjects.

International Online Program on Youth Justice

In October/November 2009 the College worked with the National Judicial Institute of Canada, the New Zealand Institute of Judicial Studies and the Centre for Court Innovation (USA) to present a distance education programs for youth court judges in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and USA. The objective of the program was for judges to share their practical experiences and approaches. The main themes were the philosophy of youth legislation in each jurisdiction, engaging the offenders's family and girls in the youth justice system. The Australian component of the program was developed by Professor Rob White and Dr Max Travers from the University of Tasmania, assisted by Judge Kelvyn Prescott (Youth Court South Australia). Ninety per cent of participants said the program met or exceeded their expectations..



Sentencing 2010 Conference

The College joined the Australian National University College of Law in organising a national conference on Sentencing in February 2010. The objective was to provide a forum for discussion involving the judiciary, legal practitioners, government agencies, academics and other persons with relevant expertise. The conference attracted 189 participants.

There were 32 presenters from a range of disciplines. Papers were presented on a range of sentencing issues including informing the media, taking account of genetic factors, indigenous offenders, bushfire arsonists, children, Commonwealth offences, sentencing by videolink, offences motivated by hatred or prejudice and rape cases. Papers from the conference are available on the College website www.njca.com.au

360 Degree Feedback Program

From March to May 2010 the College organised a 360 degree feedback program for eight judicial officers. The aim of the program was to provide judicial officers with the opportunity to improve their communication and other skills through a professionally conducted feedback program. The program comprised a 360 degree feedback survey and a communication skills workshop. Participants came from the Family Court of Australia, the Federal Magistrates Court, the Supreme Court of South Australia and the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Facilitation of court conference sessions


During the year the College continued its efforts to assist courts with their own professional development events.

The College provided support to the South Australian Judicial Education Committee in organising judicial education events for the judiciary in South Australia. In July 2009 the Hon. Tom Wodak (formerly County Court Victoria) led a one day workshop for magistrates on giving oral decisions. He was assisted by Deputy Chief Magistrate Peter Lauristen (Victoria) and Judge Christine Trenorden (District Court South Australia).

In December 2009 Chief Justice Wayne Martin (Supreme Court Western Australia) presented a session to the South Australian judiciary on The Link Between Effective Judging and Judicial Professional Development. On the same day Justice Debra Mullins (Supreme Court Queensland) presented a session on drafting judgments to avoid privacy and identity theft problems. The twenty four judicial participants rated both sessions as good to excellent.

In February 2010 the Hon Tom Wodak led a one day seminar for the South Australian judiciary on formulating judgments, including delivering oral judgments.

In June 2010 the Hon Keith Mason (former President NSW Court of Appeal) presented a twilight seminar for the South Australian judiciary on unconscious judicial prejudice and the psychology of judicial decision making.



In May 2010 the College assisted the Magistrates Society of Western Australia in organising a one day workshop on delivering oral judgments. The Hon. Tom Wodak (formerly County Court Victoria) led the one day workshop.

Indigenous cultural awareness programs

During 2009/2010 the NJCA National Indigenous Justice Committee allocated \$92,226 in Commonwealth government funding for indigenous cultural awareness programs for the judiciary. The funding will meet the costs of programs conducted by State indigenous justice committees: an “Adnyamathanha Cultural Awareness” program in South Australia in May 2010, a session on indigenous justice courts at the Conference of the Association of Australian Magistrates in Darwin in June 2010 and a “Talking Law and Country Program” in Western Australia in November 2010.

Social and cultural awareness programs

The College’s residential programs continue to include sessions raising social and cultural awareness issues for the judiciary. Examples include sessions on cultural difficulties that many litigants confront in accessing the justice system and sessions on the psychology of judicial decision making. The College’s Gender Justice Committee completed work on a review of the content of existing College programs and materi-

als to identify opportunities to raise gender issues, to ensure the use of gender appropriate language and to ensure that materials used in programs are inclusive and do not inadvertently reinforce assumptions and stereotypes.


Plans for professional development programs 2010/11

The College is well advanced in its planning for professional development programs in 2010/2011.

A two day facilitation skills program will be presented in Melbourne in July 2010. The program will be a practical, hands on workshop designed to assist College presenters to develop and deliver interactive and engaging workshops and programs.

The Phoenix Magistrates Program will be held in August 2010 at Broadbeach Queensland. The National Judicial Orientation Program will be presented in October 2010 in Fremantle, Western Australia.

Faculty development programs will be held in Sydney and Adelaide in September 2010. The programs are designed to give judicial officers involved in judicial education enhanced skills in design of ‘judging focused’ judicial education courses incorporating adult education principles that develop judicial skills (including analytical skills, communication skills and evidentiary skills) using an interactive, learner-centred and peer model of judicial education. The programs will be led by representatives of the National Judicial Institute of Canada.



The programs are being jointly organised by Australian and New Zealand judicial education bodies.

The College is working with the ANU College of Law to organise a national conference on expert evidence in Canberra in February 2011. In 2011 the College will again present a program on jury management and a 360 degree feedback program. College planning committees are developing new programs on witness assessment, solution focussed judging, coroners and leadership for heads of jurisdiction. Refresher judgment writing programs and a program for longer serving judges are also being developed.

Through its National Committee on Indigenous Justice, the College will work with State indigenous justice committees to develop programs to assist judges and magistrates to better understand indigenous cultural practices and to appropriately apply the law in indigenous communities.

Oral Decisions Anthology

The College is compiling an anthology of tips by judicial officers on preparing and delivering oral decisions. Contributions to the publication from judicial officers around Australia will deal with general skills including how best to receive and organise evidence to prepare for a decision and how to structure decisions. The publication will be distributed to all judicial officers in Australia. The Hon Tom Wodak (County Court Victoria rtd) and the Hon David Lloyd (Land and Environment Court NSW rtd) are overseeing the project.

Online Clearinghouse on Judicial Education

The College is working with other judicial education bodies in Australia and New Zealand to develop an electronic clearinghouse of judicial education resources. The Strategic Review Report proposed that the College take on a leadership role in the development of a means of preserving the judicial education curriculum and making it readily accessible by judicial education bodies and courts developing future programs. This will include an effort to build an electronic judicial library of articles and papers on judicial education topics.

Commonwealth Sentencing Database

The Commonwealth Sentencing Database is a joint project between the College, the Judicial Commission of New South Wales and the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. It is funded by grants from the Commonwealth Government.

The Database provides users with online access to statistical information in the form of graphs and tables on the range and frequency of penalties imposed by courts for Commonwealth criminal offences. The Australian National University College of Law has developed a component of the Database which provides concise commentary on sentencing principles for Commonwealth criminal offences. The Database is accessible through the College website at www.njca.com.au



Judicial Associates

The College Council has appointed Judge Helen Murrell (District Court NSW) and Justice David Lloyd (Land and Environment Court NSW) as Judicial Associates to the College. The positions were created to assist the College in developing new professional development programs for judicial officers in Australia. Judge Murrell is chairing a planning committee developing a new program on solution focussed judging and is assisting in the development of a new program on witness assessment. Justice Lloyd is chairing a planning committee developing a refresher judgment writing program and overseeing the preparation of a monograph on oral decision making. As Visiting Fellows to the ANU College of Law, Judge Murrell and Justice Lloyd will present lectures to law students and consult with academic staff.

NJCA website www.njca.com.au

The College website provides details about the College, its publications and contact details for inquiries. It also provides a calendar, based on information provided by courts and other bodies around Australia, giving the dates and other information about all judicial professional development events around Australia.



Judicial Associates Judge Helen Murrell and Justice David Lloyd

College Administration 2009/2010

NJCA Council

The College's Council is comprised of four judicial members, a member nominated by the Commonwealth Attorney General, and a member nominated by participating State and Territory Attorneys General. Members of the Council and their alternates are listed in Attachment A.

In accordance with the College's Constitution the Council monitors the College's financial position, approves proposals in relation to programs and projects and makes decisions on all policy and major operational issues. The Council met on four occasions during the year.



*Participants NJCA Council meeting May 2010: Justice Peter Murphy, Justice Susan Kenny, Justice Debra Mullins, Mr Stephen Goggs, Chief Justice Wayne Martin, Ms Alison Playford, Judge John Nicholson, Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton, Judge Milton Griffin
Absent: Justice Linda Dessau, Mr Roger Wilkins, Ms Cheryl Gwilliam*



Programs Advisory Committee

The College's Programs Advisory Committee :

- a. oversees the work of program planning committees in developing and presenting College programs;
- b. sets priorities for the development of new programs; and
- c. advises the College Council and program committees on issues relating to educational methods.

Members of the Committee are listed in Attachment A.



*Participants NJCA Programs Advisory Committee meeting May 2010: Chief Magistrate Steven Heath, Magistrate Hugh Dillon, the Hon Murray Kellam, Justice Debra Mullins, Ms Jenny Green, Chief Justice John Doyle, Chief Justice Wayne Martin, Justice John Dowsett
Absent: the Hon Tom Wodak, Judge Geoffrey Muecke, Magistrate Penny Eldridge*



Regional Convenors

Regional Convenors (listed in Attachment A) contributed significantly to the work of the College during the year by participation in program planning committees for events taking place in their States, advertising College programs to the judiciary and advising on College plans, policies and projects. Regional Convenors met by teleconference on four occasions during the year.

Consultative Committee

The College's Constitution provides for a Consultative Committee to:

- a. advise the Council as to how the College should meet the professional development needs of judicial officers;
- b. advise the Council as to the perceived quality and value of the College's programs previously conducted; and
- c. facilitate good communications between the College and judicial officers.

The members of the Committee are listed in Attachment A. The eighth meeting of the Committee (including Council members, Council alternates and regional convenors) was held in the Sydney in October 2009 in conjunction with the Fourth Conference of the International Organization for the Training of the Judiciary.

The College and the Australian National University

The College is hosted by the Australian National University College of Law. In February 2010 the NJCA joined the ANU College of Law in organising a successful national conference "Sentencing 2010". Both organisations will build on this success by offering a national conference in Canberra in February 2011 on expert evidence.

College funding

The College's operating costs are met by annual contributions totaling \$517,897 in 2009/2010 from the Commonwealth Government and the Governments of New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

Because government funding does not cover the cost of delivering programs, the College charges registration fees for the attendance by judicial officers at some of its programs. The fee varies according to the length of a program, the venue and the number of presenters involved. In 2009/2010 the costs of programs (including venue and equipment hire, presenter travel and catering) exceeded fees received by the College by \$13,227

The College's accounts are prepared by its accountants KPMG Australia and are audited for 2009/2010 by RSM Bird Cameron Partners. In accordance with the Corporations Act, the College's annual financial statements are filed with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.



College Secretariat

The College has a small secretariat comprising three full time and two part time staff located in offices at the Australian National University in Canberra. The secretariat is primarily involved in the day to day planning, delivery and co-ordination of College programs and projects. It also services College meetings (of the Council, Regional Convenors and College Committees), maintains the College's financial and other systems and deals with correspondence and liaison with courts, government agencies and members of the public.

Communication with the College

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Attachments

A NJCA Council members, Council alternates, Regional Convenors, Consultative committee members as at 30 June 2010

The Council

The Council members as at 30 June 2010 were

Chief Justice Wayne Martin Supreme Court of Western Australia	Nominee of the Chief Justices of the State or Territory Supreme Courts and chair appointed by the Chief Justice of the High Court
Justice Linda Dessau Family Court of Australia	Nominee of the Chief Justice of the Federal Court and the Family Court
Judge Milton Griffin District Court of Queensland	Nominee of the Chief Judges of the District or County Courts
Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton Magistrates Court of South Australia	Nominee of the Chief Magistrates of the Federal Magistrates' Court and Magistrates' or Local Courts
Mr Roger Wilkins Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department	Nominee of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth
Mr Stephen Goggs Deputy Chief Executive, ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety	Nominee of the Attorneys General of the participating States and Territories



Council Alternates

The alternate members of the Council as at 30 June 2010 were:

Justice Debra Mullins Supreme Court Queensland	Nominee of the Chief Justices of the State or Territory Supreme Courts
Justice Susan Kenny Federal Court of Australia	Nominee of the Chief Justices of the Federal and Family Court
Judge John Nicholson District Court of New South Wales	Nominee of the Chief Judges of the District or County Courts
Vacant	Nominee of the Chief Magistrates of the Federal Magistrates' Court and Magistrates' or Local Courts
Ms Alison Playford Commonwealth Attorney General's Department	Nominee of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth
Ms Cheryl Gwilliam Department of the Attorney-General Western Australia	Nominee of the Attorneys General of the participating States and Territories

Regional Convenors

The following were NJCA regional convenors as at 30 June 2010:

Australian Capital Territory	Magistrate Beth Campbell Magistrates Court of the ACT
New South Wales	Magistrate Hugh Dillon Local Court New South Wales
Northern Territory	Justice Trevor Riley Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
Queensland	Magistrate Michael Barnes Magistrates Court of Queensland
South Australia	Judge Christine Trenorden Environment Resources & Development Court of South Australia
Tasmania	Chief Magistrate Michael Hill Magistrates' Court Tasmania
Victoria	Deputy Chief Magistrate Jelena Popovic Magistrates Court of Victoria
Western Australia	Judge Julie Wager District Court of Western Australia



The Consultative Committee

As at 30 June 2010 the members of the Consultative Committee were the eight regional convenors and the following additional members:

Magistrate Daphne Kok Local Court of NSW	Nominee of the Australian Association of Magistrates
Professor Gregory Reinhardt	Nominee of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration
Mr Michael Colbran QC	Nominee of the Law Council of Australia
Judge Geoffrey Muecke District Court South Australia	Nominee of the Judicial Conference of Australia
Professor Murray Raff University of Canberra	Nominee of the Council of Law Deans
Professor Michael Coper Australian National University	Nominee of the NJCA's host institution
Ms Janet Meagher AM Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association NSW	Nominees of the Attorneys General of the Commonwealth and participating States and Territories
Mr Ian Gilbert Australian Bankers' Association	
Mr Dennis Eggington Aboriginal Legal Service WA	



B Members of Policy Committees

The members of policy committees for the College during 2009/2010 were:

Programs Advisory Committee

Magistrate Hugh Dillon	Local Court NSW
Chief Justice John Doyle AC (chair)	Supreme Court SA
Justice John Dowsett	Federal Court of Australia
Magistrate Penny Eldridge	Magistrates Court WA
Chief Magistrate Steven Heath	Magistrates Court SA
The Hon Murray Kellam AO	Court of Appeal VIC (rtd)
Justice Debra Mullins	Supreme Court QLD
Judge Geoffrey Muecke	District Court SA
The Hon Tom Wodak	County Court VIC (rtd)
Ms Jenny Green	Consultant, Learning & Development



Indigenous Justice Committee

Justice Roslyn Atkinson	Supreme Court QLD
Judge Sarah Bradley	District Court QLD
Magistrate Wendy Cull	
Mr Dennis Eggington	Magistrates' Court QLD Aboriginal Legal Service WA
Chief Justice Robert French	High Court of Australia
Justice Stephen Kaye	Supreme Court VIC
Chief Justice Wayne Martin (chair)	Supreme Court WA
Judge Stephen Norrish	District Court NSW
Justice Trevor Riley	Supreme Court NT
Justice John Sulan	Supreme Court SA
Judge Mary-Ann Yeats	District Court WA
Ms Anne Wallace	University of Canberra

Gender Justice Committee

Justice John Basten	Court of Appeal NSW
Justice Linda Dessau	Family Court of Australia
Magistrate Michelle Pontifex	Magistrates Court WA
Magistrate Ron Kilner	Magistrates Court QLD
Justice Robyn Layton	Supreme Court SA
Professor Kathy Mack	Flinders University SA
Justice Marcia Neave AO (chair)	Court of Appeal Victoria
Dr Mark Nolan	Australian National University



C *Members of Program Planning Committees*

The members of planning committees for College Programs during 2009/2010 were:

National Judicial Orientation Program Steering Committee

Justice Robert Benjamin	Family Court of Australia
Justice Terry Buddin	Supreme Court of NSW
Justice John Byrne	Supreme Court of Queensland
Justice Linda Dessau	Family Court of Australia
Justice John Dowsett	Federal Court of Australia
Justice Emiliios Kyrou	Supreme Court of Victoria
Justice David Lloyd (chair)	Land & Environment Court of NSW
Judge Geoff Muecke	District Court of South Australia
Justice Debra Mullins	Supreme Court of Queensland
Justice Paul Stein AM	Supreme Court of NSW
Judge Thomas Wodak	County Court of Victoria
Mr John McGinness	National Judicial College of Australia
Ms Anne O'Connell	National Judicial College of Australia
Professor Greg Reinhardt	Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration
Mr Ernest Schmatt PSM	Judicial Commission of NSW
Ms Ruth Windeler	Judicial Commission of NSW



Phoenix Magistrates Program Planning Committee

Chief Magistrate Steven Heath (chair)	Magistrates Court Western Australia
Chief Magistrate Brendan Butler	Magistrates Court Queensland
Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton	Magistrates Court South Australia

Fourth Conference of the International Organisation for the Training of the Judiciary

International Supervising Committee

Professor Amnon Carmi (Secretary General IOJT, University of Haifa, Israel)

Judge (Rtd) Paul Cotter (Treasurer IOJT, USA)

Justice Susan Kenny (Member IOJT Executive, Federal Court of Australia)

Dr Shlomo Levin (Chair) (President IOJT, Supreme Court of Israel (rtd))

Chief Justice Wayne Martin (Chair, Council of the NJCA, Supreme Court of WA)

Judge Yigal Mersel (Deputy Secretary General IOJT, Supreme Court of Israel)

Mr George Thomson (Member IOJT Executive, National Judicial Institute Canada)

Judge (Rtd) Clifford Wallace (Member IOJT Executive, Court of Appeals USA)

Local Organising Committee (Australia)

Ms Helen Burroughs (Program Manager, Pacific Judicial Development Program)

Ms Dianna Crebbin (Director, DC Conferences)

Magistrate Hugh Dillon (NJCA Regional Convenor NSW, Local Court NSW)

Mr Graham Healey (Executive Administration Officer, Federal Court of Australia)

Mr John Mc Ginness (Chair) (Director, National Judicial College of Australia)

Ms Anne O'Connell (Deputy Director, National Judicial College of Australia)

Professor Gregory Reinhardt (CEO, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration)

Judge Margaret Sidis (District Court of New South Wales)

Ms Lyn Slade (Chief Executive Officer, Judicial College of Victoria)

Ms Ruth Windeler (Education Director, Judicial Commission NSW)



Sentencing 2010 Conference Planning Committee

Professor Simon Bronitt	ANU College of Law
Ms Christine Debono	ANU College of Law
Ms Miriam Gani	ANU College of Law
Mr John Mc Guinness	National Judicial College of Australia
Dr Mark Nolan	ANU College of Law
Ms Anne O'Connell	National Judicial College of Australia
Justice Richard.Refsauge	Supreme Court ACT
Mr Gregor Urbas	ANU College of Law



The College Secretariat

The administrative staff of the College as at 30 June 2010 were:

Mr John Mc Ginness	Director
Ms Anne O'Connell	Deputy Director
Ms Jane Avent	Conference Co-ordinator
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