

# CHILDREN'S COURT BAR ASSOCIATION CPD FESTIVAL PROGRAM



VICTORIAN BAR

DAY 1

Thursday, 25 July 2024

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CPD FESTIVAL

CCBA PRESIDENT TERESA PORRITT

### MORNING SESSIONS

### SESSION 1 (9:00am - 10.30am)

9:00 - 9.05am Chaired by Kaye McNaught, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

9.05 - 10.15am **"ATTACHMENT IN CHILDREN"**

Dr Josephine Power, Psychiatrist, Deputy Program Director of Mental Health at Monash Health

Its relevance and implications for Orders sought and made in Children's Court proceedings. The significance of secure attachment for a child's psychological wellbeing and development and its relevance when seeking the removal of a child from a parent or carer.

10.15 - 10.30am Questions / Thank Presenters

CPD Points 1 CPD Category: Barristers' Skills (BS) and Substantive Law (SL)

10:30am to 11:00am | Morning tea break

### SESSION 2 (11:00am - 12.30pm)

11 - 11.05am Chaired by Kaye McNaught, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

11.05 - 12.15pm **"CUMULATIVE HARM" UNDER THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ACT 2005**

Greg Levine OAM, former Magistrate and President of the Children's Court

Its definition and relevance pursuant to current case law. How this intersects with the need for continuity/permanency under the legislation.

12.15 - 12.30pm Questions / Thank Presenter

CPD Points 1 CPD Category: Substantive Law

12:30pm to 2:00pm | Lunch break - (lunch not provided)

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## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

## SESSION 1 (2.00 - 3.30pm)

2.00 - 2.05pm Chaired by Anna McDonald, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

2.05 - 3.15pm **ISSUES IN MENTAL HEALTH AND THEIR IMPACT ON PARENTING**

Dr Lisa Forrester, Director of the Children's Court Clinic - Senior Clinical and Forensic Psychologist

Dr Michael Takagi, Clinical Neuropsychologist

Vital information for barristers appearing in the Children's Court where mental health is a protective concern under the Children, Youth and Families Act Vic 2005.

3.15 - 3.30PM Questions / Thank Presenters

CPD Points 1 CPD Category: Barristers' Skills (BS) and Substantive Law (SL)

3:30pm to 4:00pm | Afternoon tea break

## SESSION 2 (4.00 - 5.30pm)

4.00 - 4.05PM Chaired by Anna McDonald, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

4.05 - 5.15PM **ISSUES IN FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY**

Dr David Deam, Chemical Pathologist, Clinical Labs

How to understand and interpret drug testing results for use as evidence in Children's Court proceedings. How to understand how different drugs interact with forensic testing, and how to identify anomalies that could indicate attempts to "cheat the system".

5.15 - 5.30PM Questions / Thank Presenter

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TOTAL CPD POINTS DAY 1 – 4 CPD POINTS

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DAY 2

FRIDAY, 26 JULY 2024

## SESSION 1 (9.00 - 10.30am)

### MORNING SESSIONS

9AM - 9.05AM Chaired by Jordana Cohen, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

9.05 - 10.15AM **ETHICS: A REFRESHER OF THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES**  
Michael Dolan, Special Counsel of Ethics at the Law Institute of Victoria  
Common Issues in the Children's Court - examples and solutions

10.15 - 10.30AM Questions / Thank Presenters

CPD Points 1 CPD Category: Ethics and Professional Responsibility (EP)

10:30am to 11:00am | Morning tea break

## SESSION 2 (11am - 12.30pm)

11 - 11.05AM Chaired by Jordana Cohen, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

11.05 - 12.15PM **EVIDENCE IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT**  
Georgina Rhodes, Barrister  
Raymond Elishapour, Barrister  
The Children's Court has wide powers to inform itself in any way it sees fit. How do you satisfy the Court that it should depart from the rules of evidence? Section 32C of the Evidence Act 2008 and other interesting tidbits.

12.15 - 12.30PM Questions / Thank Presenter

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12:30am to 2:00 | Lunch break - not provided

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## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

## SESSION 1 (2.00 - 3.30pm)

2.00 - 2.05pm Chaired by Paula Piccinini, Barrister - Introduction of Presenter

2.05 - 3.15pm **GENDER DYSPHORIA - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW  
WHEN ACTING IN CASES IN THE CHILDREN'S  
COURT WHERE THIS IS RELEVANT**

Belle Lane, Barrister

What is it? What is the current Law surrounding children changing gender? What are the various views about this? Relevant case law in the Family Court and Children's Court. How parental and caregiver attitudes to gender dysphoria can affect a child's well-being, and what is in their best interests in Children's Court cases?

3.15 - 3.30PM Questions / Thank Presenters

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## SESSION 2 (4.00 - 5.30pm)

4.00 - 4.05PM Chaired by Paula Piccinini, Barrister - Introduction of Presenters

4.05 - 5.15PM **CHILDREN'S COURT CRIME FOR BEGINNERS - THE  
BASICS**

Adrian Kennedy, Barrister

Briana Proud, Barrister

How to best obtain instructions from a child or young person? The various stages of the criminal court process in the Children's Court. Do the formal rules of evidence apply? When can a child be tried as an adult in Victoria? The various outcomes and penalties applicable in the Children's Court for minors.

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TOTAL CPD POINTS FOR 2 FULL DAYS – 8 POINTS