

# Therapeutic Jurisprudence

27 – 28 February, 2021 | Canberra

The National Judicial College of Australia and the Australian National University will present their annual conference on Sat 27 & Sun 28 February, 2021 at the Australian National University Campus in Canberra.

This conference brings together members of the judiciary, academics, policy makers and other experts to consider current issues and challenges in the Australian justice system. The focus of the 2021 conference is **Therapeutic Jurisprudence**.

Courts applying Therapeutic Jurisprudence principles recognise - and address - individual factors which contributed to the offender's criminal behaviour. The offender has the opportunity to engage with, rather than against, the court process.

The aim is for the offender to perceive the need for change and be supported in implementing that change.

Therapeutic Jurisprudence can help offenders to stop or reduce re-offending, rather than their offending worsening as a result of their contact with the criminal justice system.

Therapeutic Jurisprudence principles and practice are applied in many specialist courts but have broader application in mainstream courts.

The conference is aimed at practitioners within the judicial system and others with an interest in offender rehabilitation. The conference aims to provide a practical focus.

## Location

Australian National University, Acton, Canberra. Participants will be emailed details of the venue a week prior to the program.

## Start & Finish Times

Saturday 27th Feb:	9.00am – 4.45pm
Drinks:	4.45pm – 6.15pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	9.30am – 1.35pm

## Registration

Registration is \$600 (\$160 for students) and includes a cocktail function on Saturday.

An early bird rate of \$520 (\$140 for students) is available until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Partners are welcome to attend the social function for a small additional fee. Please email [njca@anu.edu.au](mailto:njca@anu.edu.au).

Register at <https://njca.com.au>.

## Conference Outline

### Session 1 - I know TJ when I see it or do I?

Chair: Magistrate Pauline Spencer, *Magistrates Court of Victoria*

Magistrate Michael King, *Magistrates Court of Victoria*  
Dr Astrid Birgden, *Consultant Forensic Psychologist, Just Forensic*

### Session 2 - The law in action: a team perspective

Chair: Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker, *Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory*  
Magistrate Tony Parsons, *Victorian Magistrates Court*  
Ms Leah Robinson, *Social Worker, ACT Supreme Court Drug and Alcohol Sentencing List*

### Session 3 – Intergenerational Trauma; Intergenerational Strength

Chair: Associate Professor Anthony Hopkins, *College of Law, Australian National University*  
Magistrate Louise Taylor, *Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory*  
Ms Vanessa Edwige, *Consultant Psychologist*  
Judge Matthew Myers AM, *Federal Circuit Court of Australia*

### Session 4 – TJ Skills and Principles, Examples and Application – TJ as a cross – Jurisdictional Toolkit

Chair: Magistrate Andrée Horrigan, *Children's Court of Western Australia*

### Keynote Address – System Reform

Chair: Professor Lorana Bartels, *Australian National University*  
The Honourable Robert Tickner AO, *Chair, Justice Reform Initiative*

### Session 5 – On the Steps of the Court: Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution

Chair: Dr Anne McDuff, *College of Law, Australian National University*

### Session 6 – Telling the TJ story: Establishing, maintaining, defending, and expanding TJ

Chair: Professor Lorana Bartels, *Australian National University*  
The Honourable Michael Hill, *Formerly of the Magistrates Court of Tasmania*  
Professor Arie Freiberg AM, *Faculty of Law, Monash University*  
Dr Karen Gelb, *University of Melbourne*

### Session 7 – Recognition, Respect & Support: Supporting Justice for people with lived experience of disability

Chair: Magistrate Pauline Spencer, *Magistrates Court of Victoria*  
Mr Michael Haralambous, *Senior Advisor, Research and Advocacy, Centre for Innovative Justice, Supporting Justice Project*  
Ms Dorothy Armstrong, *Advisor and Peer Support Worker, Centre for Innovative Justice, Supporting Justice Project*  
Magistrate Felicity Zempilas, *Magistrates Court of Western Australia*

### Conference Organising Committee

Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker, *Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory (Co-Chair)*  
Associate Professor Anthony Hopkins, *ANU College of Law, Australian National University (Co-Chair)*  
Professor Lorana Bartels, *ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, Australian National University*  
Magistrate Andrée Horrigan, *Children's Court of Western Australia*  
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