

Therapeutic Jurisprudence Conference

25 – 26 February 2023
Canberra

What are the human, emotional, and psychological effects of the legal process?

Can the law be a therapeutic agent?

The 2023 NJCA/ANU Joint Conference will provide the judiciary, academics, policy makers and other experts opportunities to discuss and examine mechanisms for introducing therapeutic practices into Australian courtrooms.

Presenters from across Australia will share their experiences and lessons learned from existing therapeutic programs as a foundation for extending, developing and implementing practices in a range of judicial settings.

The justice system has a significant impact on the emotional and psychological wellbeing of participants. It also plays a significant role in the rehabilitation of offenders and the likelihood of re-offending.

Courts applying therapeutic jurisprudence principles humanise the legal process, adapting it to achieve outcomes that preserve and promote the wellbeing of participants.

Day 1 - 25 February 2023

Day 1 will explore the origins of therapeutic justice, the principles that underlie it, and provide practical lessons on its implementation. Day 1 will also examine how therapeutic practices provide an opportunity to address the effects of intergenerational trauma on First Nations peoples.

Day 2 - 26 February 2023

Day 2 will examine opportunities to expand therapeutic jurisprudence into family law and alternative dispute resolution, and how it could be used to support participants in the justice system with a disability. In the closing session, participants will share their experiences in establishing and maintaining therapeutic practices, including the importance of evaluative evidence of their success.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Professor Arie Freiberg AM, *Monash University*
- Dr Karen Gelb, *University of Melbourne*
- Michael Hill, *Former Chief Magistrate of Tasmania*
- Judge Matthew Myers AM, *Federal Circuit Court of Australia*
- Professor Sharon Roach Anleu, *Flinders University*
- Professor Tania Sourdin, *Dean and Head of School, Newcastle Law School*
- Magistrate Louise Taylor, *Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory*
- The Hon Robert Tickner AO, *Justice Reform Initiative*

Registration: \$660 (\$180 for students)

Early bird registration (until 31 January 2023): \$560 (\$150 for students)

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