

criminal law conference

13 May 2008 **Stamford Plaza** Brisbane

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8.00 Conference Registration

8.30

Welcome and Opening from the Chairperson

Glen Cranny, Director, **Gilshenan & Luton Lawyers**

8:40

Joinder of Offences and Similar Fact Evidence

The joinder of separate offences in the one proceeding and the admissibility of similar fact evidence continue to be amongst the more contentious issues that confront the courts and practitioners. This segment, presented to you by Craig Chowdhury as an experienced barrister of Supreme Court of Queensland for the last 20 years, will focus on:

- The continuing evolution of the law relating to joinder and similar facts evidence
- The specific statutory provisions in Queensland affecting these issues, and
- A practical "field guide" to dealing with this issues in practice

Craig Chowdhury, Barrister

10:10 Morning Tea

10:30

Discovery in Criminal Law

Most criminal cases, no matter how small or how large, involve the testimony of at least one witness. This segment details the methods of finding witnesses and information that can make your case more effective, valuable and successful with:

- finding the documents and witnesses you need in preparing criminal matters
- determining the best use of summonses and subpoenas, as well as using other tools of discovery, including FOI applications

Glen Cranny, Director, **Gilshenan & Luton Lawyers**

11:30

Warrants: Considering the Type and Best Use Based on 30 Years of Practical Experience

Terry Fisher, as a partner of criminal defence firm Fisher Dore Lawyers and an accredited criminal law specialist with over 30 years experience in criminal law, provides an expert analysis of the:

- The nature and type of warrants used by various State and Commonwealth to gather evidence.
- Common and complicated scenarios involving the execution of search warrants and the post-search approval of warrants.
- Problems in challenging search warrants and excluding evidence gathered under invalid warrants.
- Recent case law and its implication for future practice in Queensland.

Terry Fisher, Partner, **Fisher Dore Lawyers**

12.30 Networking Lunch for Speakers and Delegates

1.30

Preparing and Presenting Applications for Bail

There is no second attempt if you simply get it wrong the first time. This facilitated interactive session focuses on the critical aspects of preparing and presenting an application for bail

Senior Counsel, Queensland Bar

2:30 Afternoon Tea

2:45

Plea Bargaining and the Issue of Aggravated Charges

The practice of plea bargaining is now widely accepted among prosecutors, but they are largely immune from judicial review on the basis that prosecutorial decisions are no concern of the courts: *Maxwell v The Queen* (1996) A Crim R 180.

- Exploring the processes and issues associated with prosecution presenting indictments
- What to take into account when advising on a plea connected with an indictment
- How to prepare during the course of an adjournment
- Challenges from experience in having additional and aggravated charges brought against your client

Colin Reid SC, Barrister

3:30

Sexual Offences

With 25 years experience in criminal defence, Levis Menolotto presents a best practice approach to managing these matters; from the second a matter is presented on day one, with pre-trial options, early pleas and dealing with matters summarily, through to consideration of possible post-committal options.

- What to do from square one when approaching a matter involving alleged sexual offences
- Preparing and taking action on pre-trial options
- What to take into account when advising on the issue of early pleas
- The practical approach for dealing with matters summarily
- Considering the range of post-committal options with particular regard to pre-record s93A tapes and the trial

Levis Menolotto, Barrister

4:15

Hostile Witnesses and Practical Advocacy

As a basis for safe conviction the trial judge should be robust in condemning the statement of a witnesses found to be hostile: *R V Andrews* [1987] 1 Qd R 21. This session considers the background and approach of the High Court to hostile witnesses by discussing:

- The background and approach of the High Court to hostile witnesses
- By discussing the real world methods of advocacy concerning the tests and approaches applicable to determining hostility with regard to:
 - Proof of prior inconsistent statements
 - The demeanour of a witness
 - His or her conduct in the witness box and choice of language
 - The answers he or she gives to non-leading questions, and
 - Understanding the procedure, duties of counsel, and approaches to compiling your submissions.

John Hutton, Barrister

5.00 Conference Close

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Glen Cranny, Director, **Gilshenan & Luton Lawyers** has specialised in criminal defence work since 1995 and is today recognised as one of the most prominent and successful criminal lawyers in Queensland, frequently appearing in high profile and complex cases throughout the state. He also advises and represents professional and business people in relation to disciplinary and regulatory investigations. Glen's professional interests include scientific evidence, policing methods, and training and technology.

Craig Chowdhury, Barrister was admitted as a barrister of Supreme Court of Queensland in July 1988, from which time he practiced as a Legal Officer/Senior Legal Officer with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions between 1988 and 1990. Craig was subsequently appointed as Crown Prosecutor, Senior Crown Prosecutor, and Principal Crown Prosecutor for the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions between 1990 and 2000. Craig has since operated as Deputy Public Defender with Legal Aid Queensland between 2000 and 2002 before entering into private practice as a Barrister at the Queensland Bar from 2002 to present.

Terry Fisher, Partner, **Fisher Dore Lawyers** is a partner of criminal defence firm Fisher Dore Lawyers and an accredited criminal law specialist with over 30 years experience in criminal law.

Colin Reid SC, Barrister was admitted as a Barrister in 1983 and has since practiced for 25 years with periods as a Crown Prosecutor and Assistant Public Defender. Colin practices almost exclusively in Criminal Law as a Barrister at the Queensland Bar.

Levis Menolotto, Barrister has 25 years experience as defence counsel in criminal law matters since having practiced with the public defender's office before being admitted to the bar in 1988. With subsequent expertise in working as in-house legal aid until 1997, Levis continues to practice as a specialist criminal defence barrister with an expert knowledge of matters involving sexual offences.

John Hutton, Barrister is a specialist criminal law practitioner with more than 30 years of experience in prosecution and defence since 1974 through his roles as a private practice solicitor, DPP crown prosecutor and current barrister based in the Inns of Court in Brisbane.

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- Accredited Criminal Law Specialists

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