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‘In my opinion’ Expert evidence and the law

QT Queenstown, New Zealand + Online

6 September 2024 – Expert Report Writing Course

7 & 8 September 2024 – Annual Scientific Meeting & Awards Dinner

In person & virtual attendance options available!



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2024 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & AWARDS DINNER



Notes

LOCATION

QT Queenstown
30 Brunswick Street, Queenstown 9300, New Zealand
Annual Scientific Meeting & Expert Report Writing Course: Rees Room
Annual Awards Dinner: Queenstown Room

DRESS CODE

Conference: Smart casual or business attire
Dinner: Semi formal attire (no jeans); national dress and College regalia are welcome

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE & RECORDING

This is a hybrid conference. Live and virtual ticket options are available.
Do not attend this event if you are unwell with COVID-like symptoms. Live attendees may switch to virtual attendance at any time if necessary due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness.
Virtual attendees can access the program via Live Stream via Zoom, including participation in audience Q&A via Zoom chat. Additionally, the ASM program is being recorded for viewing at a later time. We aim to make the recording available by Tuesday 17 September 2024. The recording will be available for six months to watch via a password-protected link.

CPD INFORMATION

ACLM CPD Program recognition:
7.5 hours, Relevant to Legal or Forensic Medicine

CPD home submissions:
The following allocations are suggested by ACLM and will be shown on the attendance certificate. It is up to the attendee to check that the activity meets their own CPD home's requirements and to allocate the activity type according to their CPD home's guidelines.

Educational Activity: 7.5 hours
Total: 7.5 hours

Program Level Requirements met:
- Maintaining and developing professionalism
- Maintaining and developing ethical practice

(For the Expert Report Writing course- Please refer to the ACLM [Expert Report Writing course webpage](#) for CPD information.)

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Program

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

08:30 Registration and welcome refreshments

09:00 **DR ADAM GRIFFIN** – *ACLM President*
President's Welcome & Opening Address

Main theme – Expert Evidence and the Law

09:10 MAURICE WALLIN ADDRESS: **HONOURABLE JUSTICE DAVID COLLINS KC**
Judge of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand
Dying to Get Out: Ethical issues of voluntary assisted dying in prisons

09:40 **NGAIRE WATSON** – *Barrister* | **LINDA CRAWFORD** – *Senior Associate, Catherine Henry Lawyers*
What Makes a Good Expert?

10:10 AMERICAN ACLM GUEST (REMOTE): **DR JACK SNYDER** – *American ACLM Past President*
The Role of Experts in Toxic Tort Litigation

10:40 Morning tea

11:00 **PROFESSOR ERWIN LOH** – *President Elect RACMA; National Director of Medical Services, Calvary Health Care* – **The Medicolegal Implications of Medical Board of Australia v Dr Gruner for Doctors Working in Leadership Roles in the Health System**

11:20 **DR DION SUYAPTO** – *Occupational Physician*
Expert Evidence in Impairment Assessment – Expert opinion or just following the Guidelines?

11:40 **BREE KNOESTER** – *Principal Lawyer and Founder, Brave Legal*
Put Your Bathers On and Hop In: From hot-tubbing to AI experts

12:00 **PROFESSOR ALBERT LEE** – *Professor Emeritus of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Governor of Board, World Association for Medical Law; Senior Research Fellow of Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, University of Hong Kong*
Expert Evidence is Key Opinion to Court and Tribunal to Uphold Justice and Fairness

12:20 Lunch

13:20 GUEST: **PROFESSOR STEPHEN CORDNER** – *Emeritus Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, Monash University*
Wrongful Convictions in Australia: Addressing issues in the criminal justice system

14:00 **DR REUBEN JOHNSON** – *Neurosurgeon and Medico Legal Consultant, Wellington Hospital*
Measuring Surprise: Is Ordinary Consequence just another form of Zugzwang?

14:20 **PROFESSOR ROY BERAN** – *Consultant Neurologist and Accredited Sleep Physician; ACLM Joint Head of Teaching Faculty*
Provision of Expert Evidence in the Adversarial Legal System

14:40 **DR NIROSHAN SIVATHASAN** – *Cosmetic Surgeon*
Personal Insights from a Supreme Court Trial

15:00 Afternoon tea

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SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued...)

Open theme – General Legal Medicine topics

- 15:20 **A/PROFESSOR DAVID ERNEST** – *Intensive Care Specialist, Monash Health; Deputy Convenor, Medical Panels Victoria*
Using Artificial Intelligence to Facilitate Information Provision and Participant Comprehension
May Enhance Informed Consent in Human Research
- 15:40 **PROFESSOR MIKE O’CONNOR AM** – *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Western Sydney; Chair, Patient Care and Clinical Review, St George Private Hospital* |
PROFESSOR CAMERON STEWART (REMOTE) – *Professor of Health, Law and Ethics*
Psychological Testing of Applicants for Medical School
- 16:10 **DR JAMES ALLEN** – *Founder of Orbona Foundation*
Evidence, Unconscious Bias and Queer People
- 16:30 **DR RICHARD ARNOLD** – *Doctor (Geriatrics and Pain Trainee)*
Medical Cannabis: Where does the law and clinical practice currently stand?
- 16:50 **DR ADAM GRIFFIN** – *ACLM President*
Day 1 Closing Comments
- 17:00 *ASM Day 1 Ends*

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

- 19:00 - 22:00 **Live event only** – Formal 3 course dinner and beverages
Presentation of College Awards with speech by Dr Adam Griffin - ‘Incredible Experts’
Live music by Chad & Pol duo, Queenstown acoustic artists

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

- 08:30 *Registration and welcome refreshments*
- 09:00 **DR NATASHA LAUKENS** – *Psychiatrist*
Informed Consent and Euthanasia: medical and legal challenges
- 09:20 **PROFESSOR MIKE O’CONNOR AM** – *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Western Sydney; Chair, Patient Care and Clinical Review, St George Private Hospital* |
DR CHRISTOPHER RUDGE (REMOTE) – *Lecturer, Sydney Law School*
Crossing the Rubicon: Sexual boundary violations by physicians – consequences and regulatory strategies
- 09:50 **DR MELISSA LUIG** – *Senior Staff Specialist and the Head of Neonatology at Westmead Hospital*
Navigating the New Extreme in Borderline Viability – Ethical and legal issues
- 10:10 **DR ADAM GRIFFIN** – *ACLM President*
ASM Closing Comments
- 10:15 *ASM Ends*