

Bar Association of Queensland  
Annual Conference  
2–3 March 2018



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# ACCESS TO JUSTICE



Hilton Brisbane  
Wintergarden, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane



## President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome all members and guests to the 2018 BAQ Annual Conference in Brisbane.

Our conference theme in 2018 is "Access to Justice", where a number of sessions will explore ways and means, procedurally or practically, of improving access to justice for the community. Other important and relevant topics will be covered as well.

The Conference Committee is to be congratulated on planning this excellent program and they are:

Our chair, Geoff Diehm QC; The Honourable Justice Logan RFD, The Honourable Justice Bond and His Honour Judge Porter QC; together with Jeff Hunter QC; Elizabeth Wilson QC; Adam Pomerence QC; Stephen Lee, Jennifer McArdle and Florence Chen have worked hard to present the comprehensive program.

I also wish to thank our generous sponsors for their continuing support and for the role they play in making the conference such a special event each year.

**G A Thompson QC**

President



## Friday 2 March 2018

Registration from 12pm



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### MASTERCLASS

Small workshop groups in court rooms under tutelage of senior barristers led by experienced judges.

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTERS
12.30 pm– 1.00pm		Masterclass registration
1.00 – 4.00pm <i>Barrister Skills</i> 3 CPD points	<b>Leading Evidence</b>	<b>Criminal stream:</b> The Hon. Justice Debra Mullins, Supreme Court of Queensland  <b>Civil Stream:</b> The Hon. Justice John Bond, Supreme Court of Queensland  <b>Family Law Stream:</b> The Hon. Justice Jenny Hogan, Family Court of Australia

## Friday 2 March 2018

Banco Court

### WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION

Following the Masterclass, the Conference Welcome and Opening Session chaired by the President, Sandy Thompson QC, will be held at the Banco Court, with opening remarks by the Hon. Chief Justice Holmes. We are delighted that our presenter for the opening session will be The Hon. Justice John Dowsett AM.

The Welcome, Opening Session and Cocktail Reception are included in the full conference registration fee.

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTERS
5.00 – 5.10pm	<b>Conference Welcome</b>	Sandy Thompson QC, President BAQ
5.10 – 5.15pm	<b>Opening remarks</b>	The Hon. Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland
5.15 - 6.00pm <i>Barrister Skills</i> 1 CPD point	<b>Perspectives on Retirement from the Bench</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> The Hon. Justice John Dowsett AM, Federal Court of Australia
6.00 – 8.00pm	<b>Conference Cocktail Reception</b>	Join us for canapes and drinks in the foyer.

# Saturday 3 March 2018

## CONFERENCE SESSIONS DAY TWO

TIME	TOPICS	PRESENTERS
8.00am	Hilton Ballroom Lobby – Registration, arrival tea and coffee, sponsor displays	
9.00 – 9.10am	<b>Welcome to the Country</b>	Songwoman Maroochy
9.10 - 9.20am	<b>Welcome</b>	Sandy Thompson QC, President BAQ
9.20 - 9.40am		The Hon. Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills
9.40 – 10.40am <i>Session 2</i>	<b>Keynote speaker</b>	The Hon. Wayne Stewart Martin AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia
10.40 – 11.10am	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11.10am – 12.10pm <i>Session 3</i>	<b>Neuroplasticity implications for mental health</b>	<b>Chair:</b> James Bell QC <b>Presenter:</b> Hanne Paust, Psychologist
12.10 – 1.10pm <i>Session 4</i>	<b>Emerging Directions in Access to Justice</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Damien O'Brien QC <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda Macpherson, Law Right</li><li>• Anthony Reilly, Legal Aid</li><li>• Leonie Campbell, Law Council</li></ul>
1.10 - 2.10pm	<b>Lunch and meet up</b>	
2.10 – 3.10pm <i>Session 5</i>	<b>Masterclass - Stream A - Civil</b> Class Actions - Lessons from the Past and Predictions for the Future	<b>Chair:</b> The Hon. Justice Peter Applegarth, Supreme Court of Queensland <b>Presenter:</b> Professor Michael Legg, University of New South Wales
	<b>Masterclass - Stream B - Criminal</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Elizabeth Wilson QC <b>Presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Hon. Justice David Boddice, Supreme Court of Queensland</li><li>• His Honour Chief Judge Kerry O'Brien, District Court of Queensland</li></ul>
3.10 - 3.40pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3.40 – 4.40pm <i>Session 6</i>	<b>Ethic Hypothetical</b> Words of wisdom for the worried barrister	<b>Chair:</b> Kerri Mellifont QC <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anthony Glynn QC</li><li>• Sandy Thompson QC</li><li>• Erin Longbottom</li><li>• Stephen Lee</li><li>• Florence Chen</li></ul>
4.40pm	<b>Wrap up and Vote of thanks</b>	
5.00 - 6.30pm	<b>Conference Sunset Drinks</b>	

# Conference Registration Fees

## FRIDAY MASTERCLASS - Friday 2 march 2018

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<b>\$175</b>	<b>Optional</b> Friday advocacy skills workshop <i>Masterclass only</i>
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## CONFERENCE

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<b>\$595*</b>	<b>Member less than 5 years early bird</b> Book and pay before 5 February 2018
<b>\$645*</b>	<b>Member less than 5 years</b> Book and pay before closing date 23 February 2018
<b>\$645*</b>	<b>Member early bird</b> Book and pay before 5 February 2018
<b>\$715*</b>	<b>Member standard</b> Book and pay before the closing date 23 February 2018
<b>\$845*</b>	<b>Non Member early bird</b> Book and pay before 5 February 2018
<b>\$915*</b>	<b>Non Member standard</b> Book and pay before the closing date 23 February 2018

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\*Conference registration includes, Welcome and Opening session, Friday function, Saturday Conference, refreshments during breaks, lunch and Sunset Drinks. **(Masterclass not included)**



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## Additional information

### CPD Points:

Attendance at the entire Conference including the **Optional** Friday Masterclass, will accrue 10 CPD points covering all mandatory categories.

### Accommodation:

Accommodation is not included in the registration fee. However, the Association has negotiated special rates with **Hilton** Brisbane. Click [here](#) for online bookings at the Hilton.

### Special requirements:

To make the Conference as enjoyable as possible please advise us of any special dietary, or other special requirements.

### Conference attire:

Business attire is recommended for the Friday Masterclass, Friday Opening Seminar and Reception. Smart casual is recommended for the Saturday Conference. As you will be sitting for several hours and the temperature in the Conference rooms can vary slightly, a jacket or jumper may be necessary.

### Cancellations:

All requests for refunds must be made to the Bar Association of Queensland and will be discretionary. An administration fee of \$110 will be charged. No refunds after 16 February 2018, however substitutions are permitted.

### Registrations:

To register for this event, please go to [Bar Association of Queensland](#) website and register online.

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