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Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

This Framework identifies the knowledge, skills, behaviours and attitudes that the Victorian judiciary are expected to demonstrate in performing their judicial role. There are six headline abilities and associated qualities as follows:

1. Knowledge and technical skill
2. Communication and authority
3. Decision making
4. Professionalism and integrity
5. Efficiency
6. Leadership and management

Each JCV program aligns with one or more of these abilities and qualities.

CIVIL LAW

Civil Juries
Civil Law Twilight Series
Constitutional Role of the Judge

CRIMINAL LAW

Advanced Practical Evidence
Current Issues in Criminal Law Twilight Series
Evidence-Based Law
Family and Elder Abuse
Forensic Medicine Series
NJI (Canada) International Online Program: Child Pornography

JUDICIAL PRACTICE

Managing Courtroom Tensions
The Media and the Court
NJI (Canada) International Online Program: Social Media
Philosophy, Law and Literature

SKILLS

Oral Decisions Refresher

FIELD VISITS

Understanding the Use of Telecommunications and Surveillance Devices
Visit to Speed Measurement Support Centre
The Judicial College of Victoria is delighted to work with the following academics in 2013:

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CIVIL LAW TWILIGHT SERIES

February 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
October 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

In this twilight series, senior and recently retired judges will address topics of perennial relevance to judicial officers working in the civil jurisdiction.

February 2013 1.5 CPD hours Substantive Law and Practice

Expert Evidence in Civil Cases will discuss best practice for managing expert witnesses in civil cases, including practices such as receiving concurrent evidence.

October 2013 1.5 CPD hours Substantive Law and Practice

Current Issues in Civil Law will provide a short survey of important recent decisions of appellate courts, as well as discuss significant reports and articles affecting civil cases. Participants will discuss the application of the key principles through a series of hypothetical case scenarios.

Presenters
The Honourable John Doyle AC QC, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia, Justice Jack Forrest, Justice David Beach

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: sound knowledge of law and its application

CIVIL JURIES

April 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm

6 CPD hours Substantive Law and Practice

This full-day, highly interactive workshop will simplify the task of preparing a civil jury charge and equip judges to direct civil juries with confidence. Participants will receive a comprehensive folder of civil charge ‘modules’, prepared by the Faculty, and use these to develop complete charges in response to a range of hypothetical case scenarios.

Faculty
The Honourable David Ashley QC, Justice Jack Forrest, Justice David Beach, Judge Chris O’Neill, Judge Philip Misso, Judge Frank Saccardo

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: properly applies appropriate legal principles to issues before the court; Professionalism and integrity: maintains independence and authority of the court

CIVIL LAW

CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF THE JUDGE

March 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm

6 CPD hours Substantive Law and Practice

Designed and delivered in collaboration with the Melbourne Law School, this workshop explores the role of all judicial officers in maintaining the institutional integrity of courts as outlined in Chapter III of the Constitution. It examines themes such as separation of powers between the executive and the judiciary in the state sector, as well as the supervisory jurisdiction of state Supreme Courts.

Faculty
Justice Pamela Tate, Professor Cheryl Saunders AO, Professor Adrienne Stone

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: properly applies appropriate legal principles to issues before the court; Professionalism and integrity: maintains independence and authority of the court
Experts from the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine will deliver practical sessions for judicial officers who regularly review forensic evidence. The sessions will be relevant to those who hear civil matters such as cases involving WorkCover, TAC and medically related deaths, as well as to judicial officers sitting in crime.

**April 2013**

1.5 CPD hours

**Skills Development**

**Interpreting Medical Reports** will enable judicial officers to better analyse forensic medical reports.

**April 2013**

1.5 CPD hours

**Skills Development**

**Understanding Toxicology** will explain how forensic toxicology testing is undertaken and how to interpret findings.

**Presenters**

Judge Richard Smith (Chair), Professor Olaf Drummer, Clinical Associate Professor David Ranson, Associate Professor David Wells

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**

Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge; absorbs and analyses complex and competing factual and legal material; Decision making: properly weighs sufficiency and quality of evidence

**UNDERSTANDING THE MIND TWILIGHT SERIES**

**June 2013**, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

This twilight series will give judicial officers the opportunity to learn more about the mental health conditions and cognitive impairments suffered by many individuals who appear before them in court.

**June 2013**

1.5 CPD hours

**Social Context**

**Understanding Borderline Personality Disorders** will describe the useful factors to consider when managing offenders with borderline personality disorders.

**June 2013**

1.5 CPD hours

**Social Context**

**Addiction Recovery** will provide judicial officers with insight into which strategies are most successful in assisting the process of addiction recovery.

**August 2013**

1.5 CPD hours

**Social Context**

**Understanding Acquired Brain Injuries** will broaden judicial officers’ understanding of how an acquired brain injury can affect a person’s functioning such that general deterrence becomes a less suitable sentencing consideration.

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EVIDENCE-BASED LAW

June 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm

6 CPD hours

This full-day program will consider empirical research in the fields of psychology, neurobiology and other sciences, which has a bearing on legal principles and court practice. Research, now considered incontrovertible in other disciplines, is very often inconsistent with age-old assumptions embedded in the law, particularly in the areas of:

- evidence law and impermissible reasoning
- jury management and directions
- witness credibility
- principles of general and specific deterrence in sentencing
- victim behaviour, particularly in sexual assault cases
- identification evidence
- bail conditions
- child protection.

Presenters will include experts who are involved in some of this important research, as well as judicial officers and legal practitioners with an interest in evidence-based practice and reliability standards in legal reasoning.

Steering Committee
Judge Gerard Mullaly, Magistrate Andrew McKenna, Saul Holt, Victoria Legal Aid

FAMILY AND ELDER ABUSE

July 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm

6 CPD hours

Elder abuse is defined as ‘any act occurring within a relationship where there is an implication of trust, which results in harm to an older person’, and it is on the rise. This full-day workshop will examine the challenges facing Victoria’s ageing population and the ways these intersect with the work of judicial officers, as well as discussing family violence issues more generally.

Steering Committee
Judge Jane Patrick, Magistrate Pauline Spencer, Full Time VCAT Member Genevieve Nihill

ADVANCED PRACTICAL EVIDENCE

August 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm

6 CPD hours

This program will explore the practical and procedural aspects of evidence law. It puts substantive questions of admissibility to one side, in order to delve into advanced questions that arise ‘on the fly’ in a trial setting. Participants will workshop technical evidence issues, with a focus on how best to tackle difficult discretionary judgments.

Steering Committee
The Honourable Tim Smith QC, Justice Mark Weinberg, Judge Felicity Hampel, Deputy Chief Magistrate Peter Lauritsen, Magistrate Duncan Reynolds

Presenters
Associate Professor David Best, Associate Professor Malcolm Hopwood

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge; weighs relevant issues and matters of law to formulate reasoned and coherent decisions

Communication and authority: displays sensitivity to specific communication needs for reasons of language or disability; Professionalism and integrity: is scrupulously fair to all participants in proceedings, attending properly to any particular needs; treats all people appearing before the courts with dignity and respect

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

Professionalism and integrity: maintains independence and authority of the court; Decision making: objectively and impartially evaluates evidence; relies on own judgment

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

Knowledge and technical skill: weighs relevant issues and matters of law to formulate reasoned and coherent decisions; stays up to date with changes to law and procedure; Decision making: makes firm, confident decisions
**CURRENT ISSUES IN CRIMINAL LAW**

**TWILIGHT SERIES**

August 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
October 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

1.5 CPD hours

**Substantive Law and Practice**

With legislative changes and initiatives foreshadowed in the criminal jurisdiction, the sessions in this twilight series will address issues as they affect judicial practice, such as people-smuggling and trafficking for sex work, tendency and coincidence, and topical procedural issues. Judicial officers with particular experience of the issues will present the sessions, which will have a practical focus.

**Presenters**
Judge Meryl Sexton, Judge Frank Gucciardo, Judge Richard Maidment

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**
Knowledge and technical skill: sound knowledge of law and its application; stays up to date with changes to law and procedure

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**NJ (CANADA) INTERNATIONAL ONLINE PROGRAM: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Delivered in collaboration with the National Judicial Institute (Canada) and commencing in February 2013, this five-week online program will explore the international phenomenon of the abuse of children via the internet. It will cover such offences as child pornography (making, distribution, importing, possession) and luring. It will also include discussion of expert evidence in this context, as well as legal issues in prosecution and sentencing of such offences.

**Presenters**
Justice Lex Lasry, Chief Judge Michael Rozenes AO, Chief Magistrate Ian L. Gray, Dr Craig Hassed, Adjunct Professor Muriel Bamblett AM, Professor Tania Sourdin, Peter McCormick, Maria Dimopoulos, Maryanne Mooney

**Steering Committee**
Chief Judge Michael Rozenes AO, Chief Magistrate Ian L. Gray

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge

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**JUDICIAL PRACTICE**

**JUDICIAL ORIENTATION**

February 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm

18 CPD hours

**Judicial Orientation**

This three-day program focuses on the fundamental skills required of all judicial officers in a modern justice system. Topics include institutional ethics, decision making, ex tempore rulings, working with interpreters, self-represented litigants, mindfulness, communication skills and courtroom dynamics.

This program is also available to more experienced judicial officers seeking refreshers in these areas.

**Presenters**
Justice Lex Lasry, Chief Judge Michael Rozenes AO, Chief Magistrate Ian L. Gray, Dr Craig Hassed, Adjunct Professor Muriel Bamblett AM, Professor Tania Sourdin, Peter McCormick, Maria Dimopoulos, Maryanne Mooney

**Steering Committee**
Chief Judge Michael Rozenes AO, Chief Magistrate Ian L. Gray

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**
Knowledge and technical skill; Communication and authority; Decision making; Professionalism and integrity; Efficiency
MANAGING COURTROOM TENSIONS

March 2013, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
3 CPD hours

This half-day workshop provides judicial officers with an opportunity to explore, practise and discuss with their peers ways to handle the situations that give rise to tension in the courtroom. The workshop will cover managing the emotions of all parties in the courtroom; techniques for defusing a highly charged hearing; managing litigants’ unrealistic expectations; and managing counsel’s behaviour towards self-represented litigants.

Presenter
Joanna Kalowski

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

Communication and authority: establishes and maintains authority of the court; controls court proceedings through fair and effective management and intervention; Professionalism and integrity: treats all people attending, appearing or working in court with respect and dignity

THE MEDIA AND THE COURT

March 2013, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
3 CPD hours

The interface between the media and the law has recently raised many issues, which will be the focus of this half-day program. Participants will learn about social media’s impact on the legal world – including court reporting via social media, and new social media jurisprudence. Participants can also expect a full rundown on the new journalists’ privilege, which is due to commence in 2013.

Steering Committee
The Honourable Bernard Teague AO, Judge Irene Lawson, Magistrate Kate Hawkins, Magistrate Mandy Chambers, Associate Professor Jonathan Clough

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge; Communication and authority: establishes and maintains the authority of the court

JOACAC: KOORI TWILIGHT SERIES

March 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
July 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

The Judicial Officers’ Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Committee (JOACAC) comprises judicial representatives from all Victorian jurisdictions as well as the federal jurisdictions, and other Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians with an interest in Aboriginal cultural awareness education for the judiciary. These twilight seminars are a very important part of JOACAC’s work to build relationships between judicial officers and Aboriginal Victorians.

March 2013
1.5 CPD hours

10-Year Anniversary of the Koori Courts will review the experience and impact of the Koori Courts since their commencement 10 years ago. Judicial officers and Elders from the three Koori Court jurisdictions – County, Magistrates’ and Children’s – will reflect on their experiences and discuss the impact of this unique initiative on the Koori community more broadly.

July 2013
1.5 CPD hours

Aboriginal Identity explores how Indigenous people today identify their Aboriginality in the wake of the stolen generation, dislocation of community and disenfranchisement. It also discusses how Aboriginality is not always readily identified or acknowledged in the justice system, making it difficult to provide appropriate services for them.

Steering Committee
JOACAC chaired by Justice Stephen Kaye

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers

Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge; Communication and authority: displays sensitivity to specific communication needs for reason of language; Professionalism and integrity: is scrupulously fair to all participants in proceedings, attending properly to any particular needs
TECHNOLOGY TWILIGHT SERIES

May 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

This twilight series will focus on understanding the impact of technology on the role of judicial officers and will address emerging issues in the interaction of technology with law and the courts.

May 2013

Digital Forensics will look at the process of recovering digital evidence, and the commonly argued defences that arise.

May 2013

Technology in the Courtroom will consider the practical and legal implications of electronic evidence presentation and tablet technology in the courtroom.

May 2013

Understanding Social Networks will provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the various social media sites, and consider how the ever-increasing use of these sites affects their judicial role.

Presenters
Associate Professor Jonathan Clough, Associate Professor Melissa de Zwart

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge; Efficiency: actively manages cases to promote efficient and just conclusion of business; uses information technology effectively

CORONERS’ INTENSIVE

May 2013

This annual two-day workshop is designed to keep judicial officers on top of the issues arising under the Coroners Act 2008 (Vic) and assist with the practical application of the law. It will provide a greater understanding of recent developments within the coronial system and help develop and refine case management.

Steering Committee
Judge Jennifer Coate, Magistrate Audrey Jamieson, Magistrate Stella Stuthridge

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: appropriately conducts proceedings in accordance with current procedural rules; Decision making: produces well-structured judgments that are clear, reasoned and appropriately concise

COURT CRAFT

August 2013, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
November 2013, 9.00am – 5.00pm

This two-component program provides judicial officers with insights into how they carry out their role and what their strengths and weaknesses are. It provides opportunities for self-reflection and indicates areas for further development.

Component 1: Confidential, honest and genuine feedback through a 360-degree feedback process
Component 2: Work with professional actors to focus on practising techniques in courtroom interaction, using courtroom scenarios that are filmed and constructively critiqued

Presenters
Maryanne Mooney, Psychologist, and communication skills experts

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Professionalism and integrity: maintains personal independence and integrity; treats all people attending, appearing or working in court with respect and dignity; Communication and authority: communicates effectively

NJi (CANADA) INTERNATIONAL ONLINE PROGRAM: SOCIAL MEDIA

Should court reporters and members of the public be allowed to live-tweet courtroom proceedings? How much weight should Facebook photos and comments be afforded in litigation? Should jury members be restricted from all social media use during a trial? Social media have changed the way information is distributed in society. In the absence of specific regulations, the role of social media in the courts has largely been left to judicial discretion. But are judicial officers the best arbiters between competing interests, especially when they are not necessarily active users of social media? Delivered in collaboration with the National Judicial Institute (Canada), this online program allows participants the opportunity to share their thoughts with international judicial officers, based on their own social media and legal experiences.

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge; Efficiency: actively manages cases to promote efficient and just conclusion of business; uses information technology effectively
PHILOSOPHY, LAW AND LITERATURE

September 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm
12 CPD hours

Designed for longer serving judicial officers, this two-day program is a sophisticated, engaging exploration of the principles of justice and the judicial role. Through philosophy, novels, plays and case law, participants will reflect on their role as decision makers and to what extent the modern legal system allows them to implement principles of fairness and the common social good.

Presenters
Professor Douglas Lind, Judge Damian Murphy (Chair)

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: controls court proceedings through fair and effective management and intervention; logically identifies critical issues; Professionalism and integrity: maintains independence and authority of the court; treats all people attending, appearing and working in the court with respect and dignity

LOGIC AND LEGAL REASONING IN JUDICIAL DECISION MAKING

September 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm
12 CPD hours

This workshop addresses the importance of sound reasoning and logic in judicial decision making. It provides an overview of the most common forms of argument in judicial reasoning and opinion writing.

After this program participants will be able to:
- describe the place of reasoning and logic in judicial decision making;
- distinguish between inductive and deductive reasoning;
- articulate the logical significance of validity, truth, soundness and fallacies; and
- analyse judicial decisions for soundness of reasoning.

Presenters
Professor Douglas Lind, Chief Judge Michael Rozenes AO (Chair)

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: logically identifies critical issues; weighs relevant issues and matters to formulate reasoned and coherent decisions; Decision making: reaches reasoned decision based on relevant law and findings of fact

SKILLS

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS: MEETING THE CHALLENGES

May 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm
6 CPD hours

This workshop is designed to provide participants with practical techniques in facilitation and conflict management. Through a series of facilitated courtroom scenarios, participants will workshop how and when to apply these techniques to help them respond effectively to the challenges that self-represented litigants can present.

Presenter
Professor Tania Sourdin

Steering Committee
Justice Katherine Williams, Judge Rachelle Lewitan AM, Magistrate Caitlin English, Senior Sessional VCAT Member Bernadette Steele

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Communication and authority: establishes and maintains authority of the court; controls court proceedings through fair and effective management and intervention; Professionalism and integrity: treats all people attending, appearing or working in court with respect and dignity
**ORAL DECISIONS**

May 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm  
12 CPD hours  
Skills Development  
This two-day highly interactive workshop aims to enhance participants’ techniques in preparing and delivering oral decisions. Participants will learn how to identify the special features and requirements for the delivery of an oral decision, and consider when the use of an oral decision is appropriate.

**Faculty**  
Professor Edward Berry, Justice Lex Lasry, Judge Lisa Hannan, Judge Frank Gucciardo, Magistrate Kate Hawkins, Senior Sessional VCAT Member Bernadette Steele

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**  
Communication and authority: manages hearing to enable fair and timely disposal; always explains the decision and gives reasons; Efficiency: manages cases using most efficient approach and procedures

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**ORAL DECISIONS REFRESHER***

May 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm  
6 CPD hours  
Skills Development  
* For Oral Decisions alumni

This one-day workshop is designed to refresh the skills learnt at the two-day Oral Decisions program. Participants will revisit Professor Ed Berry’s techniques for preparing and delivering oral decisions. They will also participate in engaging new exercises designed to further improve their delivery style.

**Presenters**  
Professor Edward Berry, Justice Lex Lasry

**Steering Committee**  
Justice Lex Lasry, Judge Lisa Hannan, Judge Frank Gucciardo, Magistrate Kate Hawkins, Senior Sessional VCAT Member Bernadette Steele

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**  
Communication and authority: manages hearing to enable fair and timely disposal; always explains the decision and gives reasons; Efficiency: manages cases using most efficient approach and procedures

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**JUDGMENT WRITING**

August 2013, 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Day 3, concluding 12.30pm  
14 CPD hours  
Skills Development  
This two-and-a-half-day program teaches participants to simplify and streamline their judgment writing techniques, giving them more time to focus on other aspects of their judicial role. Participants will learn to identify the key elements of a judgment, clarify their reasons and develop a more effective writing method.

**Faculty**  
Professor James Raymond, writers Professor Christopher Wallace-Crabbe AM, Gideon Haigh and Ginger Briggs, and judges trained by Professor Raymond

**Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers**  
Communication and authority: is careful in the use of language; drafts clear, reasoned decisions with appropriate concision; Decision making: promulgates decisions with appropriate expedition

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FIELD VISITS

VISIT TO SPEED MEASUREMENT SUPPORT CENTRE

February 2013, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
3 CPD hours

With the increased number and variety of speed detectors used in law enforcement, this visit is designed to help judicial officers gain a greater understanding of the technology. Participants will learn about speed detector functionality, typical sources of error, and requirements placed on operators.

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge

VISIT TO VICTORIA POLICE FORENSIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

May 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm
6 CPD hours

Through discussions and tours of the laboratory areas, participants will gain a greater understanding of forensic science examination, its uses and limitations.

Participants will view demonstrations of DNA and fingerprint database matches, and tour units such as the firearms library, ballistics, cannabis examination, vehicle examination, crime scene, exhibit management, fire and explosions, and chemical trace and microscopy.

Judicial officers sitting in crime, particularly new appointees, will find this visit useful.

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge

UNDERSTANDING THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES

May 2013, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
3 CPD hours

Many cases that come before the courts rely on evidence gathered through the use of telecommunications interceptions and surveillance devices. Presented by Special Projects Unit staff, this tour will enable participants to gain a greater insight into:

– the processes involved in the preparation of affidavits in support of applications for relevant warrants;
– how telecommunications are intercepted and monitored;
– the manner in which evidence is prepared for production in court; and
– the stringent legislative compliance obligations.

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge
PRISON VISITS

June 2013, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
Melbourne Assessment Prison and Judy Lazarus Transition Centre
3 CPD hours

September 2013, 9.00am – 4.30pm
Barwon Prison and Dame Phyllis Frost Centre
6 CPD hours

These field trips increase awareness of how prisons operate, while providing participants with knowledge of prison industries to address a range of issues, including sentence management and rehabilitative programs.

Judicial officers sitting in crime, particularly new appointees, will find these escorted tours valuable.

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge

VISIT TO THOMAS EMBLING HOSPITAL

September 2013, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
3 CPD hours

The Thomas Embling Hospital is a modern forensic mental health hospital with 116 beds, spanning acute and continuing care and including a dedicated women’s unit. Judicial officers will obtain a firsthand view of the treatment regimes and facilities available to patients. These insights into mental health issues will provide judicial officers with another perspective, one that comes into play towards the end of the disposition process.

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Communication and authority: courtesy, patience, tolerance, sensitivity and compassion

BACK TO COUNTRY:
A WEEKEND ON YORTA YORTA LAND

October 2013
18 CPD hours

The spiritual connection to ancestral land is a most important part of Aboriginal cultural pride. This two-and-a-half day program offers a rare opportunity for participants to gain a genuine sense of what this means. Elders, respected persons and other members of the Yorta Yorta community (near Echuca) will welcome participants onto their land, to sites of historical and contemporary significance, and share the stories and history of the local area. Participants will experience the living culture of the Yorta Yorta people, and have the opportunity to build lasting relationships with this great Aboriginal community.

Steering Committee
JOACAC chaired by Justice Stephen Kaye

Framework of Judicial Abilities and Qualities for Victorian Judicial Officers
Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge;
Communication and authority: courtesy, patience, tolerance, sensitivity and compassion

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Knowledge and technical skill: broadens and extends knowledge;
Communication and authority: courtesy, patience, tolerance, sensitivity and compassion