

PROGRAM
The Public Defenders' Criminal Law Conference 2025

Saturday 8 March 2025

Time	Speaker	Topic	Points
8:15 am		Registration	
9:00 am	Uncle Michael West	Welcome to Country	
9:05 am	Richard Wilson SC, Senior Public Defender	Welcome by Senior Public Defender	
9:15 am	The Hon. Michael Daley, Attorney General of New South Wales	Opening address	
9:45 am	The Hon. Justice Belinda Rigg, Supreme Court of New South Wales	Keynote address	Substantive Law, Practice and Procedure and Evidence – 1 point
10:45 am	<i>MORNING TEA</i>		
11:15 am	Judge John Pickering SC, District Court of New South Wales, and Karl Prince, Public Defender	Facts on sentence: drafting, negotiating and agreeing	Professional/Barristers' skills – 1 point
12:15 pm	Dr Kerri Eagle (Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist); John Feneley (former Mental Health Commissioner in NSW and part time Deputy President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal); Agnes Dalumpines (Senior Solicitor, Mental Health Advocacy Service, Legal Aid NSW) Facilitator: Cara Feiner, Public Defender	The intersection between criminal and mental health law: what happens when your client becomes a forensic patient?	Professional/Barristers' skills – 1 point
1:15 pm	<i>LUNCH</i>		
2:15 pm	Matthew Johnston SC (Barrister, Forbes Chambers) and Sarah Crellin (Solicitor Advocate, Crown Solicitor's Office) Facilitator: Claire Wasley, Public Defender	Crime x Coronial – representing clients in the crossover world of crime and inquests	Professional/Barristers' skills – 1 point
3:15 pm	Tony Evers, Tom Quilter and Alex Terracini (Public Defenders)	Calling defence witnesses: how, when, why?	Substantive Law, Practice & Procedure & Evidence – 1 point
4:15 pm	<i>CLOSE</i>		

Sunday 9 March 2025

Time	Speaker	Topic	Points
8:55 am	Housekeeping update		
9:00 am	Scott Fraser, Public Defender	Criminal Law Update	Substantive Law, Practice & Procedure & Evidence – 1 point
10:00 am	Judge Penelope Wass SC, District Court of New South Wales, and Magistrate Sean Hughes, Local Court of New South Wales Facilitator: Michael King, Deputy Senior Public Defender	Advocacy – how to get what you want	Professional/Barristers' skills – 1 point
11:00 am	<i>MORNING TEA</i>		
11:30 am	Siobhain Climo, Michelle Fernando, Peter Krisenthal (Public Defenders)	Advanced sentence preparation	Professional/Barristers' skills – 1 point
12:30 pm	Dr Andrew McIntosh (Biomechanist); Professor Johan Duflou (Forensic Pathologist); Professor Macdonald (Mac) Christie (Pharmacologist) Facilitator: Madeleine Avenell SC, Deputy Senior Public Defender	Expert Panel – Briefing, using and calling expert witnesses as a defence lawyer	Practice Management – 1 point
1:30 pm	<i>LUNCH</i>		
2:30 pm	Ken Averre MBE (Barrister, Forbes Chambers)	Unpopular clients and causes – How could you? Why would you? How do you?	Ethics – 1 point
3:30 pm	<i>CLOSE</i>		