

Whose Opinion Counts?

Liability reports and Peer Professional Opinion

Workshop Program

Opening Address

**His Honour, Judge Horneman-Wren,
District Court of Queensland**

- How important is expert liability opinion in the medico legal context?
- How can expert liability opinion be presented in the most useful way to the court?

How to make your opinion count

Geoff Diehm QC

- Expert liability reporting in medical negligence and disciplinary matters with a focus on how evidence is presented in court.
- Why is an expert liability report required in medical negligence matters: s. 9A of PIPA. When is it appropriate to get a verbal/written opinion?
- The standard of care for professionals: how to utilise or overcome the defence pursuant to Section 22 of Civil Liability Act.
- Experts' treatment of evidential literature: assessing the quality of supportive evidential literature within the rules of evidence. How to present material in a manner to support a legal case.

How to keep a lawyer from writing your liability report Dr Andrew Bell, Colorectal Surgeon

- Professionalism and the liability report
- Pitfalls in assisting the court: the lawyer, the brief, your expertise
- Mea culpa: what to avoid

Briefing an expert: The devil is in the detail Nicola Ellis, Partner, Moray & Agnew

Medical negligence matters:

- How to frame questions for experts with examples of effective/ineffective questions.
- Why lawyers ask certain questions and why it is important to answer that question.

Disciplinary matters:

- When is it appropriate to commission expert opinion in relation to a complaint to the OHO or notification to AHPRA?
- What issues should be the focus of an expert opinion in disciplinary matters (National Law and QCAT rules on expert reporting)?

Expert opinion in health care related deaths Ainslie Kirkegaard, Coronial Registrar

- When, why and how Queensland coroners obtain medical opinion – preliminary versus specialist opinion
- How coroners use expert medical opinion – investigations vs inquests

Closing remarks

**Dr Marc Walden, Pain Medicine Physician
and Anaesthetist**



**The
Medico-Legal
Society of
Queensland Inc.**
May Workshop
**Evan & Mary
Thomson Auditorium**

VENUE Evan & Mary Thomson
Auditorium
Level 1, Wesley Hospital
Chasely Street, Auchenflower

DIRECTIONS Enter Hospital Main Reception,
walk past Admissions and Florist,
to elevators. Take elevator down
to Level 1. Enter courtyard. Follow
directions to Gown & Glove Café.
Veer left at café and walk along
corridor to the Auditorium.

PARKING Parking is available at the Wesley
Hospital car park. Please
exchange your parking voucher
for a discount parking voucher at
the Workshop Registration desk.

Public transport options:
bus or train.
Refer: www.translink.com.au

DATE **Saturday 6 May 2017**

TIME 1.00pm Registration opens
Light lunch buffet
2.00 Workshop commences
4.30 Workshop concludes

DRESS **Smart casual**

COST **\$125 for members*
\$145 for non members**

RSVP **Tuesday 2 May 2017**
NB: Numbers are limited. Please register
early to avoid disappointment.

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Saturday 6 May 2017

Please return this form by Tuesday 2 May 2017:

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My name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Prof Justice Judge

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 (Preferred Name in BLOCK LETTERS please)

Please indicate profession: Doctor Lawyer Associate Other

Organisation :

Preferred email address:

Contact telephone number:

Postal address:

Special requirements: (eg: dietary, wheelchair access)

I require a discounted Wesley Hospital Car Park voucher: Yes No

No. Attending

Cost: Member * & partner: \$125 per guest x
 Non-member & partner: \$145 per guest x

* Current MLSQ members only

Total amount owing \$

I am interested in joining the MLSQ. Please email membership information.

Payment Options:

- Payment is required to confirm reservation as numbers are limited. Tentative bookings cannot be held.
- Prices include GST.
- Cancellation Policy: refunds for cancelled registration available up to 10.00am 3 May 2017

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