

Public Lecture – Supporting good quality jury decision-making

Thursday, November 12

Hosted by the University of Queensland Law School and the Queensland Law Reform Commission, this is an opportunity for a public discussion of law reform, juries, and jury research, and to explore key issues relevant to jury decision-making. This lecture brings together three distinguished panellists to speak about how best to support humans to make 'good-quality' decisions in a trial context. Attendees of the jury research and practice conference and members of the public are welcome to attend this event.

Facilitated by: Chair Fleur Kingham, Queensland Law Reform Commission

Featured speakers: Deputy Chief Judge Meryl Sexton, Professor Jane Goodman-Delahunty, and Associate Professor Carolyn McKay.

Event details

Date: Thursday, 12 November

Time: 5:15 pm for a 5:30 pm start. Followed by drinks and canapés until 7pm.

Venue: Banco Court (Level 3), QEII Courts of Law Building,
415 George Street, Brisbane, QLD

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Chair Fleur Kingham

Facilitator



**Deputy Chief Judge
Meryl Sexton**

Speaker



**Professor Jane
Goodman-Delahunty**

Speaker



**Associate Professor
Carolyn McKay**

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Chair Fleur Kingham

Fleur Kingham was appointed the Chair of the Queensland Law Reform Commission in 2023. During her term, the Commission has conducted reviews on both administrative and criminal topics and is now reviewing Queensland's evidence law. The Chair's judicial career included appointments as President of the Land Court of Queensland, Judge of District Court and as the first Deputy President of QCAT. Ms Kingham has a LLB (Hons) and a BA from the University of Queensland and a Master of International Law (Dist) from the University of Nottingham. She was awarded honorary doctorates by Griffith University in 2016 and the University of Queensland in 2025. In 2024, she was named the Eminent Environmental Lawyer of the Year by the Law Council of Australia.

Deputy Chief Judge Meryl Sexton

Appointed as a Judge of the County Court of Victoria on 20 August 2001, Her Honour was appointed as the inaugural Deputy Chief Judge of the County Court on 22 February 2022. She signed the Victorian Bar roll in 1985 and began appearing in criminal trials in 1987. From 1995 until her judicial appointment, she was a Crown Prosecutor for the State of Victoria. In October 2005, Her Honour became the inaugural Judge in Charge of the Sex Offences List at the County Court, a position she held for a total of eight years, and which she resumed in late 2025.

Her Honour has been a member of multi-jurisdictional State Government committees advising on criminal law review, in particular sexual offences, the Child Witness Service, the Intermediary Program, and the inaugural Jury Directions Advisory Group. Her Honour is currently chair of the re-formed Jury Directions Group, and a member of the Juries Advisory Group. She was a member of the council of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine for ten years.

Deputy Chief Judge Sexton has lectured extensively on the practice and procedure of criminal law to a variety of groups, particularly in relation to sexual offences, and the evidence of children. Since 1995, Her Honour has engaged in law reform consultations at all levels of government, including other jurisdictions.

Professor Jane Goodman-Delahunty

Professor Jane Goodman-Delahunty is a registered psychologist, a member of the bar, and an academic. Her transdisciplinary career exemplifies the scientist-practitioner model. She completed an award-winning dissertation on jury comprehension of scientific evidence while litigating her first jury trial, a class action against a US metropolitan police force. She has conducted studies of jury satisfaction and competence with real juries, shadow juries, and realistic live and video simulated trials. For the Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, to assess unfair prejudice in response to tendency evidence, she led the largest Australian jury experiment with 90 deliberating juries.

Jane's empirical legal research has been supported by over \$9 million in international funding, including 11 Australian Research Council grants. She has authored 280 scholarly books and articles. Jane is a past president of peak interdisciplinary psychology-law associations on two continents. While a Commissioner of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission for 12 years, she contributed extensively to references on jury selection, jury service, majority verdicts, blind or deaf jurors, the role of juries in sentencing, and a comprehensive review of jury directions with 50 pages of jury-friendly recommendations. She has consulted internationally as an expert on jury behaviour and juror stress for over 40 years in North America, the Asia-Pacific, New Zealand and Australia.

Jane is an Honorary Professor in the University of Newcastle School of Law and Justice and has been a Member of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for 20 years. She hopes to serve on a jury in the near future.

Associate Professor Carolyn McKay

Associate Professor Carolyn McKay is recognised for her research into technologies in criminal justice. In 2025, Carolyn completed an Australian Research Council DECRA: '[The Digital Criminal Justice Project: Vulnerability and the Digital Subject](#)' (DE210100586) and related open access book: 'Digital Vulnerability in Criminal Justice: Vulnerable people and communication technologies' (Palgrave Pivot, 2026). Her earlier monograph, 'The Pixelated Prisoner: Prison video links, court 'appearance' and the justice matrix' (Routledge, 2018) was based on her PhD.

At Sydney Law School, Carolyn teaches Criminal Law, Process & Legal Research, and Digital Criminology. Commencing 2026, Carolyn is Associate Dean (Research Education) for Sydney Law School. She served as Co-Director, Sydney Institute of Criminology 2021-2024; and served on the NSW Bar Association's Media Information Law & Technology Committee 2019-2024. Since 2023, Carolyn has collaborated with international researchers on the [Virtual Criminal Justice Network](#). She has been a Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, England 2019; Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Basque Country, Spain 2014 & 2025; Radboud University, The Netherlands 2023; and Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong 2026.

Carolyn previously consulted on anti-dumping trade disputes and indirect taxation in both Sydney and Tokyo. She also has an [active visual arts practice](#) and, in 2023, she was the recipient of the Council of Law Deans' Australian Legal Research Award for non-traditional research output for her 'Crime Scene Motel Project'.