

Criminal Law Conference

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Andrew Anderson

Principle Lawyer,
Anderson Fredericks
Turner



Andrew Anderson is a Principal Lawyer with the law firm Anderson Fredericks Turner. Prior to operating a law firm, Andrew practised as a barrister both in private practice and in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions where he was held an appointment as a Principal Crown Prosecutor. His work includes appearing as junior counsel to the Director of Public Prosecutions in appeals before the High Court, including in the cases of *Roach v The Queen* (evidence of domestic relationship) and *BBH v The Queen* (propensity evidence). Andrew has also appeared on multiple appeals in the Queensland Court of Appeal, both as counsel and as a solicitor advocate.

Kristy Bell

Senior Associate, Fisher
Dore Lawyers; Accredited
Specialist (Criminal Law) –
Qld and Member,
Queensland Law Society
Criminal Law Committee



Kristy Bell is a Senior Associate at Fisher Dore Lawyers, an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law and a member of the Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee. Kristy completed a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice from Griffith University. She has worked exclusively in criminal law for almost nine years. Kristy initially worked in prosecutions and criminal confiscation at both a Commonwealth and State level before moving into criminal defence. Kristy became an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law in 2018 and represents a broad range of clients in the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts and the Court of Appeal.

Georgie Berkman

Judgments Services
Supervisor, Supreme
Court Library Queensland



Georgie Berkman is a non-practising lawyer whose background and interest in prosecutions lends her perfectly to be a vital part of the team managing the Queensland Sentencing Information Service (QGIS). As the Supreme Court Library Queensland's QGIS trainer, Georgie gives highly accessible, targeted and practical training in QGIS to all categories of QGIS users, including Magistrates, solicitors, legal officers and barristers.

David Bowles

Ethics Solicitor, QLS
Ethics and Practice
Centre, Queensland Law
Society



David was admitted as a solicitor in 1996 and was in private practice from that time until joining Queensland Law Society's QLS Ethics and Practice Centre in November 2012.

David's experience, initially as an employee and then as a sole practitioner includes crime, property, litigation and estate planning. As an Ethics Solicitor he is responsible for providing ethical guidance to members, and continuing legal education.

He holds postgraduate certificates in Cybersecurity from Harvard University Extension School and in Project Management from the University of Adelaide EdX program.

Dominic Brunello

Solicitor, Robertson
O'Gorman Solicitors and
Member, Queensland Law
Society Criminal Law
Committee



Dominic Brunello is a senior criminal defence lawyer with Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors. He is a frequent solicitor-advocate before the summary and superior courts in Queensland. He has practised exclusively in criminal litigation since admission to the Roll in 2001, including jobs with Gilshenan & Luton and Robertson O'Gorman. After a 5 year period with Robertson O'Gorman, Dominic worked for 9 years as in-house criminal counsel with the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia at Perth. The 'fused' W.A. legal profession saw him routinely appearing as a barrister at jury trials, appeals and interlocutory applications before the W.A. District & Supreme Courts, and the W.A. Court of Appeal. In 2016 Dominic returned to Brisbane and to Robertson O'Gorman.

Glen Cranny

Principal, Gilshenan &
Luton Legal Practice;
Accredited Specialist
(Criminal Law) - Qld;
Member, Queensland Law
Society Occupational
Discipline Law Committee
and Queensland Law
Society Senior Counsellor



Glen is the Managing Director of Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice, a firm specialising in the defence of criminal and professional misconduct allegations. For the last 25 years, Glen has worked exclusively in the criminal law and related areas. He is a Queensland Law Society accredited specialist in criminal law, and was the chair of the Society's Criminal Law Committee from 2008–2014. Glen has been a QLS Senior Counsellor since 2010.

Glen is a frequent publisher of articles concerning criminal law in various journals, including Proctor. He is a regular presenter, lecturer and media commentator on matters related to criminal law, and is a contributing author to the Queensland College of Law program.

Binari De Saram

Legal Policy Manager,
Queensland Law Society



Binny De Saram is the Manager of Legal Policy at Queensland Law Society and is responsible for coordinating the work of the Criminal Law, Children's Law and Access to Justice and Pro Bono Law legal policy committees. In her role, Binny advocates for good law through oral and written advocacy to government and through the Parliamentary committee process.

Previously, Binny held legal roles with MacGillivrays Solicitors and Australian Government Solicitor. Binny is currently the Queensland Law Society nominee on the LawRight Management Committee and has held volunteer positions with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Open Society Justice Initiative in Cambodia, LawRight's Homeless Persons Legal Clinic, and the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law group.

Binny holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science from the University of Queensland and a Masters of Laws (specialising in international law and human rights) with Honours from the University of Melbourne. In her spare time Binny enjoys spending time with her family and volunteering as the Grants Officer of her daughter's school Parents and Citizens Association Committee.

Craig Eberhardt

Barrister, Queensland Bar
Association

Craig Eberhardt is a criminal trial lawyer based in Brisbane. Craig has practised exclusively in criminal law since 1989. Craig has appeared in a wide range of trials and appeals in Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales. Craig has appeared in the committal hearing, pre-trial applications and trial of John Peros.

Rebecca Fogerty

Partner, Jasper Fogerty
Lawyers; Chair,
Queensland Law Society
Criminal Law Committee;
Member, Queensland Law
Society Criminal Law
Specialist Accreditation
Advisory Committee and
Accredited Specialist
(Criminal Law) – Qld



Rebecca is a partner at Jasper Fogerty Lawyers and practices exclusively in criminal defence. She is a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law. After completing a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) from the University of Queensland, Rebecca spent 12 months as a judge's associate in the District Court of Queensland. She is the current Chair of the Queensland Law Society (QLS) Criminal Law Committee and also sits on the QLS Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee.

Jemma Golding-Wallace

Senior Lawyer, Criminal Law Services, Legal Aid Queensland



Jemma has practised in criminal law for the past ten years both within the private and public sectors. Jemma is currently employed at Legal Aid Queensland and handles a variety of matters in a range of jurisdictions. Jemma is committed to social justice and representing some of the most vulnerable members of the community. She has experienced the increasing impact of social media within the context of criminal law, and is cognisant of issues that arise for both clients and practitioners alike. Jemma graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies in 2009.

Alan MacSporran QC

Chairperson, Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland



Alan MacSporran QC was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law in 1978 and worked as a Crown Prosecutor until 1984 when he went to the private bar. He has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland. Mr MacSporran was appointed Senior Counsel in 2005 and Queens Counsel in 2013.

He has developed a broad practice in criminal law with specific reference to fraud and like offences. He has prosecuted a range of matters on behalf of the Commonwealth Director of Prosecutions including large-scale tax frauds, insider trading and corporate crimes.

Mr MacSporran also has extensive experience in inquests and commissions of inquiry. Between 2000 and 2006 he appeared for witnesses at the Shepherdson Inquiry into electoral fraud, was Counsel Assisting at the inquest into the Childers backpacker fire, and was Counsel Assisting at the inquest into a number of police shootings of mentally ill patients.

Mr MacSporran represented the State of Queensland at the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry and the Queensland Health Payroll System Commission of Inquiry. In 2015 he was appointed to review the Queensland greyhound racing industry. As well as prosecuting matters for the State and Commonwealth, he has provided legal advice to those bodies on a range of matters over many years.

From 2004 to 2009 Mr MacSporran served as the part-time Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner. He has also regularly provided legal advice to, and represented, the Criminal Justice Commission, the Crime and Misconduct Commission and the Crime and Corruption Commission. Mr MacSporran is patron of the Corruption Prevention Network Queensland, a member of the Queensland Law Society Legal Practitioners Admissions Board and a member of the Queensland Integrity Committee.

Bill Potts

President, Queensland Law Society; Director, Potts Lawyers; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Queensland Law Society Senior Counsellor



Bill is the President of Queensland Law Society and a criminal law Director of Potts Lawyers.

Bill is a Queensland Law Society Senior Counsellor who provides confidential guidance on professional and ethical problems. He previously served as president of the Society in 2016 and is currently a Director of the Law Council of Australia. Through these roles, as a leader of the profession, he has worked to support the rule of law in a time of significant change and has advocated for better resourcing of the courts to improve efficiencies in the management of matters.

Bill is passionate about promoting Queensland Law Society as a dynamic and respected membership organisation. As a member and leader of Council, he has achieved successes in advocacy, reductions in insurance premiums and invigorated our engagement with government.

Craig Pratt

Director, Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice; Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) - Qld

Craig is a Director at Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice.

Craig became an accredited specialist in criminal law in 2012. He has extensive experience in both defence and prosecutorial work, and represents clients with respect to sexual offences, serious driving offences, assault and domestic violence matters and in coronial inquests, commissions of inquiry and administrative law. Craig also acts in CCC investigations into professional misconduct and criminal matters. He also acts for police officers, health professionals and others in regulatory and disciplinary proceedings in QCAT and other tribunals. Craig is a member of the Queensland Law Society's Criminal Law Committee.

Patrick Quinn

Senior Associate, Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee



Patrick is a Senior Associate at Gilshenan and Luton Legal Practice. Since his admission in 2011, he has practiced in criminal and misconduct law. Patrick holds a Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology.

Patrick represents clients in a wide range of investigations and proceedings including transport and driving matters, sexual and drug offences, coronial investigations, commissions of inquiry, weapons licensing, crime and corruption proceedings and in professional body investigations and disciplinary proceedings.

Dr Michael Robertson

Ph.D. (Med) (MTIAFT, MSOFT, MFACTA, MANZFSS) Clinical & Forensic Toxicologist and Chemist, Independent Forensic Consulting Pty Ltd



Dr Robertson is a pharmacologist; forensic toxicologist and chemist with more than 25 years' professional experience.

Dr Robertson is an expert in drug, chemical and alcohol-related matters and draws on his wealth of training and experience to assist his clients. He has testified regularly throughout Australia and internationally and has appeared in all Australian States and Territories.

Dr Robertson routinely provides expertise in drug, alcohol, chemical and poison-related matters associated with personal injury, CTD, medical negligence and workplace accidents; family law and criminal law (including drug-facilitated sexual assault, DUI and DUID, cause or contribution to death, drug manufacturing and possession matters, analogue laws) together with matters including exposure to chemicals and other poisons.

Dr Robertson is a member of a number of international organisations and has authored more than a dozen peer-reviewed papers in recognised international journals and is an invited reviewer for a number of international journals. He routinely presents to universities, professional and civic groups including law firms and law societies, police, prosecutors and defence lawyers.

Dan Rogers

Principal, Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors; President, Caxton Community Legal Centre, Accredited Specialist (Criminal Law) – Qld and Member, Queensland Law Society Ethics Committee



Dan practises in criminal law, corporate crime and professional discipline. He has a long association with Caxton Community Legal Centre, where he is currently the President. He regularly presents at criminal law seminars and as a guest lecturer at universities. He has been published in various law journals and in legal texts. In 2016 and 2018, Dan was the chair of the Queensland Law Society's Human Rights Working Group. He was heavily involved in the campaign for a Human Rights Act in Queensland. He is a member of the Society's Ethics Committee and also a current member of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council.

Stafford Shepherd

Director, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre,
Queensland Law Society



Stafford was admitted as a solicitor in 1987. After admission he practised for a number of years in partnership and subsequently as a sole practitioner. Stafford sold his practice in 2004. Between 2004 and 2008 he worked as a consultant to a number of law practices. In 2008 he joined the Queensland Law Society as an Ethics Guidance Officer. In 2015 Stafford was appointed as Director, QLS Ethics and Practice Centre ('the Centre'), and further he serves as secretary to the Society's Ethics Committee. He is also the Society's representative on the Professional Ethics Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

The Centre provides ethical guidance and practice support services. In addition, the Centre delivers practical legal ethics and practice support sessions to members, the profession and students (whether at university or practical legal training).

Stafford is the executive editor of the Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules 2012 in Practice: A Commentary for Australian Legal Practitioners. He has written extensively on legal ethics.

Stafford is a sessional member at the Queensland University of Technology. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws (Commercial and Corporate) from the University of Queensland, a postgraduate certificate in arbitration and mediation from the University of Adelaide. Stafford is also a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). Stafford's areas of interest are land transactions, trust, succession law and the equitable doctrine underpinning legal ethics.

Peter Shields

Deputy President, Parole Board Queensland



Peter commenced his appointment as Deputy President of the Parole Board Queensland on 3 July 2017, having been appointed by Governor in Counsel on 1 June 2017.

Peter is the former Principal at Peter Shields Lawyers, a firm of solicitors who practise exclusively in the area of criminal law. Peter is an accredited specialist in criminal law, was the immediate past chair of the Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and a former member of the Queensland Law Society Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee.

Peter is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and is entered in the Register of Practitioners of the High Court of Australia.

Peter holds both a Master of Laws with a major in public law and a Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology, as well as a Diploma of Legal Practice from Bond University.

James Wallace

Partner, Wallace O'Hagan Lawyers and Member,
Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee



James is a partner at Wallace O'Hagan Lawyers and has practiced in criminal law for over a decade. He has amassed a vast amount of experience in criminal law from simple speeding matters all the way through to murders in the Supreme Court. He has a strong interest in emerging technologies and enjoys keeping up to date with modern trends in the online world. He has advised many clients in relation to their social media usage and how it can impact upon their case. James is a member of the Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and is committed to being at the forefront of emerging issues facing the criminal defence lawyers of today.

Brittany White

Principal, Fuller & White Solicitors and Member, Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee



Brittany is Principal and Legal Practitioner Director of Fuller & White Solicitors, a multi-office firm of solicitors based in Brisbane City and Cleveland practising in the areas of criminal law, traffic law, domestic violence, family law and child protection matters.

Brittany has worked exclusively as a legal practitioner in criminal law and related areas for over ten years, firstly undertaking criminal prosecutions work with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and the Queensland State Government before moving to private criminal defence in 2012. She co-founded Fuller & White Solicitors in August 2016.

Brittany is a member of the Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee and the Legal Aid Industry Reference Group and also volunteers with the Bayside Community Legal Centre.