

Access to Justice

Panel Discussion & Networking Event



Anne Cregan, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin, Pro Bono Group
Professor Tania Sourdin, Dean of University of Newcastle Law School
Josephine Adamson, Solicitor, Hunter Community Legal Centre

5.30pm Monday 17 May 2021

University of Newcastle, Room #502 Level 5, NUspace, Cnr Auckland & Hunter Sts, Newcastle



Professor Tania Sourdin PhD, LLM, BA, LLB

Professor Tania Sourdin is the Dean of the University of Newcastle Law School and was previously the Foundation Chair and Director of the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI) at Monash University in Australia.

Professor Sourdin is the author of a number of more than 135 books, articles and papers, that are focussed on justice reform issues and has published and presented widely on a range of topics including ADR, justice innovation, justice issues, mediation, conflict resolution, collaborative law, artificial intelligence, technology and organisational change.



Anne Cregan is a partner in Gilbert + Tobin's pro bono practice. She has over 25 years' experience acting for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and refugees and asylum seekers and the organisations working with those communities.

Anne has acted in public interest and test case litigation in relation to judicial independence, discrimination, the capacity of people with cognitive impairment or mental illness to participate in proceedings affecting them, consumer law and imprisonment without conviction.

Anne has been an active contributor to the development of pro bono practice in Australia and is recognised for her expertise in making the law accessible, particularly for hard to reach communities.

Anne has a long-standing interest in the law as it affects people with cognitive impairment and/or mental illness and has presented and consulted widely and been actively engaged in law reform on the issues. She also has an interest in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop legal structures in support of self-determination.

Currently Anne is on the steering committee of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law, the Board of Kingsford Legal Centre at the University of NSW, the Board of the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Young People, the Indigenous Issues Committee of the Law Society of NSW, and is a founding member of Justice Reinvestment Inc.



Josephine Adamson graduated from Newcastle Law School with Honours in 2019. Throughout her studies, she volunteered with the Hunter Community Legal Centre and developed a passion for social justice and assisting disadvantaged members of the community. Upon graduating, she spent three months working in legal support at Legal Aid Newcastle's criminal office. Since her admission in February 2020, she has been

employed as a generalist solicitor with the Hunter Community Legal Centre. The Centre provides free legal assistance to people who live, work and study in the Hunter Valley with a particular focus on assisting vulnerable members of the community.

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