



The Medico-Legal Society of Queensland

Christmas Dinner

The Intersection of Family Law and Medicine

Guest Speaker: Hon. Justice Michelle May, Family Court of Australia

In her sixteen years as a Judge of the Family Court, the Honourable Justice Michelle May has often pondered the intersection of the law with the lives of ordinary Australians. With some thirty years experience in practice and on the bench, she has been a well placed observer of community change.

Admitted in 1978, Justice May has always been a constant force within the legal profession. She is a former committee member of the Family Law Practitioners Association, Chairperson of the Family Law Panel of the Bar Association of Queensland and member of the Family Law Council. Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1993, Justice May was the first woman to take silk practising exclusively in family law. Just two years later Justice May was appointed to the Family Court of Australia, the first female judge to join that bench in Queensland. Justice May was the second female Queen's Counsel appointed to the bench in Queensland, only preceded by Justice Susan Kiefel, now a member of the High Court. It is also likely Justice May was the first – and only – Judge to be appointed with her 4 year old triplets looking on in the courtroom.

Throughout her time on the bench, Justice May has remained a figure respected both professionally and personally by all those within the legal profession. In 2010 Justice May was appointed Chair of the Judges' Forum of the International Bar Association and in September 2011, after 6 years as a Council and Board member, she was appointed Deputy President of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration.

Justice May will reflect on the many parallels between health and the law. "Clients" rarely enjoy their time with practitioners of either profession. The services of both fields are often rendered in desperate situations and in a constantly evolving world. Family law is an area unique in its application to the immediacy of social change and the need to balance traditional legal principles with modern expectations. Justice May is particularly interested in the frequency with which medico-legal considerations arise within the family law jurisdiction, often calling for a determination on controversial and emotive issues.

- DATE** **Thursday 24 November 2011**
7.00 pm Pre-Dinner Drinks, Canapés and Christmas Carols
7.45 pm Dinner commences
- VENUE** **Moda Events, Portside, 39 Hercules Street, Hamilton**
(Ample on-site parking)
- ENTERTAINMENT** **Carolling by The Australian Girls Choir**
- DRESS** **Lounge suit for gentlemen**
- COST** **Members and partners \$130 each guest**
Non members and partners \$140 each guest
- RSVP** **Thursday 17 November 2011** *Tickets will not be issued.*
Collect your namebadge at the dinner.

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