



The Medico-Legal Society of Queensland

MOCK CORONER'S INQUEST

It was the morning of 22 July 2004. Complaining of severe abdominal pain, Mary Garden was brought by ambulance to St Elsewhere's Hospital. It was her sixth attendance in relation to this ailment in 11 days. She was admitted to the surgical ward, after being diagnosed with a bowel obstruction. Following an operation, Mary was transferred to the intensive care unit. The ICU team quickly realised that Mary was not recovering as would be expected. The doctors who were called to ICU at intervals throughout the night made various attempts to address her decline but none succeeded. Mary died the following morning around 5 am. Her death was not reported to local police until two days afterwards.

How not to get caught in court

On 16 May 2009, Queensland Coroner, Michael Barnes, will preside over the inquest into Mary Garden's death. The Medico-Legal Society of Queensland invites you to witness the proceedings.

- ▶▶ Hear evidence from the Junior House Officer, Dr Harried (Intern Dr Meredith Ogilvie-Brown) and Consultant Surgeon, Dr Kronk (Prof. Daryl Wall).
- ▶▶ Legal representatives, David Tait SC, David Boddice SC, Christopher Fitzpatrick and Katharine Philp will cross-examine the witnesses and independent expert, Prof. John Fraser.
- ▶▶ Coroner Barnes will outline the role of the coroner, the scope of an inquest and what is admissible evidence.
- ▶▶ Other legal issues include:
 - What is a reportable death?
 - Timely notification of death to the Coroner
 - Signing a death certificate. Whose responsibility is it?
 - Rules of Natural Justice
 - Finding legal representation
 - Giving evidence and written statements
- ▶▶ Review mistakes made in the case of Mary Garden.

VENUE The Coroner's Court
Brisbane Central Magistrates Court
363 George St (Cnr Turbot St), Brisbane City
*(Closest public car parks:
King George Square or Roma Street Transit Centre)*

DATE **Saturday 16 May 2009**

TIME **1.15pm sharp!** Security access to the building
1.30 Proceedings commence
3.30 Inquest concludes
Afternoon tea served

DRESS Smart casual

COST \$110 pp

RSVP Numbers are strictly limited
Register immediately to avoid disappointment
*Tickets will not be issued
Collect your namebadge on arrival*

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How not to get caught in court or Avoid being the Junior Doc in the Dock!

Who Should Attend?

- Doctors in Training Programs
- Interns, Residents & Registrars
- Final Year Medical & Law Students
- MLSQ Members
- Solicitors and Barristers
- Medical Defence Organisations
- Medico-Legal specialist organisations

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Complete and return this form to:

MLSQ, PO Box 5145, Kenmore East, Q 4069
Email: office@medico-legal.com.au **Tel & Fax: 07 3871 0595**

My name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof/Justice/Judge

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(Preferred Name in BLOCK LETTERS please)

Organisation/Hospital:

Email:

Telephone:

Postal address:

Special requirements: *(eg: dietary, wheelchair, seating arrangements)*

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

Number of tickets

Cost: (including GST)

\$110 pp

x

Total amount owing:

\$

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