National Wellness for Law Forum

Making Wellness Core Business 14 - 15 Feb 2019

The Wellness for Law Forum 2019 is being jointly hosted by Melbourne Law School and Monash University, Faculty of Law. This is the ninth annual gathering of the national Wellness Network for Law and its supporters, from academia and the profession. The Forums provide the opportunity for scholarship and good practice to be shared in a collegiate and supportive environment.

The program for the two days is split between wellbeing in legal education and wellbeing in the legal profession.

Day 1 – Wellbeing in Legal Education:
Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street Carlton

Day 1 is designed primarily for legal academics, but the focus for 2019 has been expanded to include colleagues from medicine and health sciences to share experiences and learning on wellness and the tertiary learning experience and transition to professional life. This expanded focus reflects recent national survey results indicating that a quarter of all tertiary students experience mental ill-health on an annual basis. Keynote speakers include Professor Larry Krieger (joining us online from Florida State University, United States) and Ms Vivienne Browne from Orygen, the National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health, and author of Under the Radar: The mental health of Australian university students. There will be dedicated concurrent sessions for medicine and health sciences and a special session on setting up the Wellness Network for Law by Professor Rachael Field from Bond University.

Day 2 – Wellbeing in the Legal Profession:
Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Day 2 will include keynote speakers and panels, including members of the judiciary, practitioners and researchers on wellbeing in the legal profession. Attendees at Day 2 may be eligible for 6 CPD units, see the Forum’s website https://law.unimelb.edu.au/wellness-for-law-forum for more details.

Keynote speakers include The Hon. Anne Ferguson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria; The Hon. Justice Clyde Croft, Supreme Court of Victoria; The Hon. Associate Justice Mary Jane Ierodiaconou, Supreme Court of Victoria; The Hon. Diana Bryant AO, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia; The Hon. Bernard Teague, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria; Judge Frank Gucciardo, County Court of Victoria; Ms Pauline Spencer, Magistrates Court of Victoria; Ms Fiona McLeay, Victorian Legal Services Commissioner; as well as practitioners and researchers into mental health and wellbeing in the legal profession. For further information see www.monash.edu/law/news-and-events/events/current/wellness-for-law-forum

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Call for Papers

The Call for Papers is now open and closes on Thursday 20 December 2018. Presenters will be notified whether their paper has been accepted no later than 18 January 2019.

Registration

Registration is available separately for each day, so that attendees can choose to attend either or both days. A dinner option at an additional cost is available on Day 1. A cocktail function, which is included in the cost of registration, will conclude Day 2.

For details regarding abstract submission and registration please see www.law.unimelb.edu.au/wellness-for-law-forum

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