ACJI Event: Technology Innovation Panel Discussion

Technology is rapidly changing the world in which we live. Our technology panel will explore the ways in which technology is reshaping the justice sector now and into the future. Paul Faulkner from McGirr Technologies will speak of his firsthand experience in delivering digital solutions to Victorian courts and tribunals. Ross Paull, CEO of Guided Resolution, will explain how web-based software applications are being used in alternative dispute resolution. Professor Tania Sourdin, Director of ACJI, will discuss the three main layers of technological change and how this will reshape justice processes.

Panellists: (from left to right)
Paul Faulkner; Ross Paull; Tania Sourdin

Paul Faulkner
Paul spent many years as a freelance technology consultant in the UK with global organisations including Accenture, IBM Global Services and the BBC. Since 2008 he has worked as a project manager with a range of Victorian State Government departments, successfully delivering several multi-million dollar projects including working with Court Services Victoria, helping to roll out an end-to-end Electronic Court File solution for the County Court Criminal jurisdictions. The County Court of Victoria is now one of the most advanced electronic criminal courts in the country, helping to deliver judicial services more efficiently and swiftly than ever before. Paul is now part of the Leadership Team at McGirr Technologies, Australia's leading provider of digital court solutions. The company’s mission is to help courts to improve “Access to Justice” with the use of modern, digital technologies.

Ross Paull
Ross founded Guided Resolution following a wide-ranging career in the financial services industry encompassing both debt and equity products, the sell-side and buy-side sectors and international product development in North America, Europe and Asia. He co-founded Terra Capital Partners, LLC, a global real estate investment and finance business from scratch with partners headquartered in New York. Prior to that he was Head of Asia Pacific for JP Morgan's Real Estate Investment Group based in Sydney and a Regional Sector Director, US Equities Research for ABN Amro Inc., based in New York.

Tania Sourdin
Professor Tania Sourdin is the Foundation Chair and Director of the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI) at Monash University in Australia. She has led national research projects and produced important recommendations for justice reform and sits on a range of government advisory committees and industry boards. She is particularly focussed on improving the justice sector through innovation and effective process use and has conducted extensive research into conflict resolution and disputant perceptions. Tania has completed two Australian Research Council collaborative projects focused on technology and artificial intelligence. She has written and presented and within Australia about the impact of technology on the justice system. She is an active mediator, conciliator and adjudicator and is a member of a number of panels and a past member of a number of tribunals. In 2014 she was appointed as the NBN Dispute Resolution Industry Advisor. As well, Professor Sourdin is the author of books (including Alternative Dispute Resolution (Thomson Reuters) – 4th ed –2012 articles, papers and has published and presented widely on a range of topics related to justice innovation.