



7GBC/WSU 'What's Happening in Criminal Law CPD Day' – 18 October 2025

In conjunction with Western Sydney University (WSU), Seven Garfield Barwick Chambers (7GBC) is convening a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Day to raise funds for important scholarships at WSU, as part of the School of Law's 30th Anniversary program.

The CPD Day will be held at:

Western Sydney University Parramatta Campus South (Lecture Theatre 18)
Saturday, 18 October 2025 (parking will be available).

The conference will be opened by Professor Catherine Renshaw (Dean of WSU Law School) and Professor George Williams AO (Vice-Chancellor and President of WSU, and constitutional law expert). A number of distinguished speakers — both former and current members of 7GBC — have confirmed their attendance, as follows:

- The Hon Justice Lincoln Crowley – Supreme Court of Queensland and the first First Nations lawyer to be appointed to a superior court of record in Australia. Topic: 'Advocacy'.
- The Hon Geoffrey Bellew SC – Former NSW Supreme Court Justice; now Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria; Chairperson of the State Parole Authority; Head of the NSW Racing Appeals Tribunal; Chairperson of the NRL Judiciary Panel; Adjunct Professor of Law; and Head of Judiciary, International Rugby League. Topic: 'Parole'.
- The Hon John Hatzistergos AM – Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC); former NSW Attorney General; Adjunct Professor of Law; and former Judge of the District Court of NSW. Topic: 'ICAC'.
- The Hon Justice Paul McGuire – Supreme Court of NSW. Topic: 'Sentencing for Commonwealth Offences'.
- His Honour Magistrate Glenn Walsh – Local Court of NSW. Topic: Local Court Practice and Procedure.
- Richard Wilson SC – Senior Public Defender for NSW. Topic: 'Criminal Law Update'.
- Patrick Griffin SC – Head of Floor at 7GBC. Topic: Professional Responsibility, Ethics and Disciplinary Law.
- Michelle England SC – 7GBC member and former Acting Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, NSW. Topic: Statutory Construction for Criminal Lawyers.

Tickets are \$550 and can be purchased via [Western Sydney University](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au)

All profits raised from the CPD Day will be donated to the WSU Indigenous Law Scholarship and the Hon Brian Sully AM QC Memorial Scholarship. The funds will be put to good use. Two-thirds of WSU students are the first in their family to attend university. WSU also has the largest number of students from low socioeconomic backgrounds and the largest number of non-English-speaking background students in Australia.

The theme of the CPD Day is 'What's Happening in Criminal Law', and all presentations will align with this theme.

The WSU Scholarships That Will Be Supported

The Hon Brian Sully AM QC Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by WSU following the death of the Hon Brian Sully AM QC in 2019. Upon his retirement from the Supreme Court of NSW, Mr Sully joined WSU (on a pro bono basis) as an Adjunct Professor, where he lectured in Advocacy and Criminal Procedure. He was admired by many WSU students and by both former and current members of 7GBC. Mr Sully donated his judicial robes to WSU, which are now displayed in a sealed cabinet in Building 22 at the Campbelltown Campus. He also donated his substantial personal law library to the University prior to his passing.

WSU Indigenous Law Scholarship

7GBC is proud that the Hon Justice Lincoln Crowley began his career at 7GBC as a Reader and remained a Door Tenant until his elevation to the Supreme Court of Queensland. In addition to creating a platform for legal professionals, scholars, and students to discuss developments in the field, the CPD Day also honours his Honour's appointment to the Bench. WSU — as the institution serving the largest urban Indigenous population in the country — is committed to ensuring that more of its students can follow in his Honour's path.

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