

Youth *Advocates* CONFERENCE 2024

In Person

Friday 9 August
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Pullman Auckland Hotel, Regatta Room,
Cnr Waterloo Quadrant & Princes Street,
Auckland

Tickets

Early Bird* (closes 28 July)
Member: \$350 +GST
Non-Member: \$494 +GST
**No other discounts will apply*

Full Price (closes 8 August)
Member: \$500 +GST
Non-Member: \$705 +GST

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Time	Mins	Session	Presenters
7.30am	60	Breakfast (if booked)	
8.30am	5	Opening address	Julie-Anne Kincade KC
8.35am	60	Crossover and Interface: Working across the Youth Court, Family Court, and Mental Health jurisdiction	Judge FitzGerald, Catherine Cull KC, Dr James Gardiner, Vanessa Curac, Rosemary Thomson, Sarah Mandeno, Sacha Norrie (Moderator)
		Introduction by Sacha Norrie	
		Panel discussion	
9.35am	40	Managing the Crossover: roundtable conversations	At least 1 judge per table
10.15am	30	Networking morning tea	
10.45am	60	Te Ao Mārama and its place in the Youth Justice system	Judge Davis, Katie Murray, Andrew Telea, Lila Tu'i, Judge Malosi (Moderator)
		Introduction by Judge Malosi	
		Panel discussion	
11.45am	40	Best-practice FGCs: roundtable conversations	At least 1 judge per table
12.25pm	5	Closing by The Law Association President, Tony Herring	
12.30pm		Finish	

The Programme

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Our *Presenters*

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Judges in Attendance

Her Honour Judge Bennett
His Honour Judge Bidois
Her Honour Judge Clark
His Honour Judge Johnston
Her Honour Judge McMeeken
Her Honour Judge Moala
His Honour Judge Rowe

Presenters

Her Honour Judge Malosi
Principal Youth Court Judge

His Honour Judge Davis

His Honour Judge FitzGerald

Catherine Cull KC
Barrister

Vanessa Curac
Barrister, Friendship Chambers

Dr James Gardiner
*Forensic Psychiatrist; Tū Māia, Te Toka
Tumai Auckland (formerly ADHB)*

Sarah Mandeno
Barrister / Youth Advocate

Katie Murray MNZM, QSM
*Chief Executive of the Waitomo
Papakāinga Development Society*

Sacha Norrie
Barrister, 4 Vulcan | Barristers

Andrew Telea
*Acting Sergeant Youth & Community, Mid/
Far North areas, Northland Police District*

Rosemary Thomson
Barrister, Arney Chambers

Lila Tu'i
Criminal Barrister, Augusta Chambers

Meet Our *Presenters*

Her Honour Judge Malosi

Judge Ida Malosi was appointed to the District Court in 2002 and was a resident judge at the Manukau District Court from that time until moving to Wellington in 2021 to take up the position of National Executive Judge of the District Court. In November 2022, she was appointed the Principal Youth Court Judge. Prior to her appointment to the bench she was a Youth Advocate in South Auckland for many years.

His Honour Judge Davis

Greg Davis was appointed a District Court Judge in June 2010, after working in government and private practice in various jurisdictions including civil, Māori Land Court and the Waitangi Tribunal.

He is Executive Judge for Tai Tokerau and was involved in the development of the Rangatahi and Matariki Courts in Northland, both of which he still presides over, as well as Criminal and Youth Courts.

Judge Davis is of Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tai and Ngāti Raukawa descent and is a fluent speaker of te reo Māori.

His Honour Judge FitzGerald

Judge FitzGerald has been a District Court Judge for 25 years, with a Family Court warrant and Youth Court designation. His Honour believes the crossover between care and protection and youth justice should be recognised in practice for two reasons: first, because the Act recognises and provides for it; and secondly, because more than 90% of children and young people referred to youth justice FGCs have some care and protection status. He believes we should work in a way that responds appropriately to that.

Catherine Cull KC

Barrister

Catherine was appointed King's Counsel in 2022. She has been a Lawyer for Child since 1991 and a Youth Advocate since 2004. She was appointed to the Crown Prosecutions Panel, and undertakes both private and legal aid Criminal trial work at PAL 1 – 4. Catherine is a past director, deputy director and instructor for the NZLS Litigation Skills Course.

Vanessa Curac

Barrister, Friendship Chambers

Vanessa has been practising law for 22 years, starting out as a lawyer for Oranga Tamariki before moving to the private bar.

Vanessa works in the Family Court, Youth Court and District Courts, predominately in South Auckland. In the Family jurisdiction, she acts as counsel, lawyer for child and counsel to assist.

Vanessa employs a junior barrister and juggles her practice with acting as secretary of the South Auckland Bar Association, raising 3 children, sitting on the Board of Trustees for her daughter's College, being a local netball umpire and supervising her son's school discos (much to his dismay).

Dr James Gardiner

Forensic Psychiatrist, Tū Māia, Te Toka Tumai Auckland (formerly ADHB)

James Gardiner is a Forensic Psychiatrist who currently works at Tū Māia, Te Toka Tumai Auckland (formerly ADHB). He holds the role of Lead Clinician for the Taiohi Tu Taiohi Ora Mental Health inreach team, which assesses and treats Young People placed in Whakatakapokai and Korowai

Manaaki Youth Justice Residences. He previously worked and trained at Mason Clinic, mostly working in an in-reach capacity to Auckland Prison. He was appointed as a Specialist Assessor and Medical Consultant for the Intellectual Disability (Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation) Act in 2011, and has held this appointment continuously since then. Dr Gardiner also holds a teaching appointment with the University of Auckland, where he coordinates the postgraduate Youth Forensic Course. He is Chair of the New Zealand Branch of the Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry within the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrist, and is also appointed to the SCAFP binational committee within the College. He has additional interests in Psychiatry training which included previous appointments as a Director of Training and Chair of the Northern Region Psychiatry Training Programme (which administers psychiatry training for around 80 trainees throughout Auckland and Northland).

Sarah Mandeno

Barrister/Youth Advocate

Since 2018 Sarah has been a barrister specialising in serious crime. She was a senior lawyer at the Public Defence Service, Manukau (2016 – 2018) and prosecutor at the Auckland Crown Solicitor's office (1999 – 2004 and 2007 – 2013). She has Legal

Aid Criminal Provider Approval Level (PAL) 4. Since 2018 she has been appointed youth advocate or counsel to assist the Court for proceedings in the Youth Courts in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Katie Murray MNZM, QSM

Chief Executive of the Waitomo Papakāinga Development Society

Katie Murray has served her whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori Māori in Whangaroa and the wider Te Tai Tokerau rohe for 40 years. She has been the Kaiarahi (Chief Executive) of Waitomo Papakainga Development Society Inc since 1993, a social service organisation she established with her whānau for her whānau, to support and protect the institute of whānau.

Katie is an innovator, activist, collaborator and acknowledged leader in te rohe o Te Tai Tokerau. She has spent her life fighting covert and overt racism, striving to create better opportunities for communities and empowering whānau. Her work is grounded in te ao Māori, with years of experience supporting whānau through whānaugatanga, facilitating and developing practical programmes enriched in values such as aroha, tike, pono. Katie Murray is passionate and lifes work is sustained, above all else, by her immense love for her children, mokopuna and whānau.

Sacha Norrie

Youth Advocate and Barrister, 4 Vulcan / Barristers

Sacha Norrie is a Youth Advocate and experienced criminal trial lawyer based in Auckland. After clerking for the Principal Youth Court Judge, Sacha spent six years as a Crown prosecutor in Manukau, including in the Youth Court. In early 2022, she joined the Independent Bar and became a Youth Advocate.

Andrew Telea

Acting Sergeant Youth & Community, Mid/Far North areas, Northland Police District

Andrew has been a police officer for over 30 years, and for the last 5 years has been working as Youth Aid in Kaitaia. Over this time, he has had two successful ITC/FGC plans completed where a total of nearly \$22,000 was paid to victims. Andrew has worked hard to reduce the Kaitaia Youth Court List to zero and maintain low numbers. Matters which could be dealt with alternatively were directed down that pathway. He is a lifelong NZ Warriors fan, UTW!

Rosemary Thomson

Barrister, Arney Chambers

Rosemary is a barrister with over 30 years' experience in criminal and mental health law. She has extensive experience in forensic criminal matters including fitness to plead and insanity.

She was appointed a District Inspector for Mental Health, a watchdog role, in 2003.

Rosemary is a former convener of the ADLS Mental Health & Disability Committee. She has presented seminars on mental health and made submissions to the Ministry of Health.

Rosemary published an article outlining the history of the Child & Adolescent Unit at Lake Alice Psychiatric Hospital: as a comprehensive factual and legal analysis in the lead up to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care, in the Australian Journal of Law & Medicine (JLM) in 2020. Rosemary subsequently presented a paper at the 2021 Australia New Zealand Association of Psychiatrists Psychologists and Lawyers (ANZAPPL) Congress following the Royal Commission's Case Study into the Child & Adolescent Unit at Lake Alice Psychiatric Hospital in the 1970s.

Lila Tu'i

Criminal Barrister, Augusta Chambers

Lila practises in the area of criminal defence with an added speciality as a youth advocate in the Youth Courts of Tāmaki Makaurau, including Te Kōti Rangatahi and Pasifika Court. Lila moved into sole practice in 2018 and undertakes a variety of criminal matters including judge alone and jury trials, parole and appeal hearings. Prior to her transition to the independent defence bar, Lila gained invaluable experience as a police prosecutor in the Counties Manukau and Auckland districts. She also undertook regulatory prosecutions for Auckland Council.

Lila continues her work as a duty lawyer at the Manukau District Court and is on the Police Detention Legal Assistance Roster.

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