

Criminal Law Forum 2025



Join us – In Person or via Livestream

Be part of a timely and thought-provoking event as leading voices from across the profession explore key developments and pressing issues in the criminal justice system.

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER
4:00PM – 7:00PM
3 CPD HOURS

Programme	
	3:45pm – 4:00pm Registration
	4:00pm – 4:05pm
Welcome by TLANZ President Tony Herring	
	4:05pm – 4:10pm
Opening by the Chair Julie-Anne Kincade KC	
	4:10pm – 4:50pm
The District Court of New Zealand – The Engine Room of Criminal Justice	
Presenters: Chief District Court Judge, His Honour Judge Taumaunu & Her Honour Judge Forrest	
New initiatives to drive timely access to justice:	
• Protocols and timely justice initiatives • Case review hearing and JAT changes • Evolving and improving: how can we do better?	
	4:50pm – 5:30pm
Sentencing Reform: Recent and Proposed Changes	
Presenter: Julie-Anne Kincade KC	
Julie-Anne Kincade KC will provide insights into the Sentencing (Reinstating Three Strikes) Amendment Act 2024 and the Sentencing (Reform) Amendment Bill, discussing their implications for criminal practice and the wider justice system.	
	5:30pm – 5:35pm Break

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5:35pm – 6:00pm

Firearms Prohibition Orders – A Rights-Consistent Approach

Presenter: Emma Priest

Explore this new area, which has limited case law development, so you can advocate for your clients.

- Why FPOs should not be “rubber-stamped” by the Courts.
- Who qualifies for an FPO? What is the legal test?
- When do FPOs begin and what happens if you have one?
- What should the prosecution have to do to prove the test is met? And when you should oppose?
- What does a rights-consistent approach look like? And who is the legislation targeting?

Emma Priest will discuss her recent work in this area including the first appeals against FPOs and a proposed approach to the first prosecution for a breach of an FPO.

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Family Violence Court Initiatives

Presenters: His Honour Judge Goodwin & Her Honour Judge Ryan

Discussion on the Manukau Family Violence Pilot Project and broader initiatives within the District Court system addressing family violence.

6:30pm – 6:55pm

Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment: A Specialist Court

Presenters: His Honour Judge Clark & Her Honour Judge Parsons

Te Whare Whakapiki Wairua | The Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court has proved a successful therapeutic model since its inception in 2012. With three permanent courts, this session will look at the AODTC's operations within the District Court.

6:55pm – 7:00pm

Closing by the Chair

Julie-Anne Kincade KC

7:00pm – 8:00pm Networking
Drinks & Canapés