

Mental Health & Disability Law Forum: Reflecting on Practice, Reframing for the Future

Being held in memory of the late Judge Recordon

Date Thursday, 13 August 2026

Time 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

With networking and refreshments to follow
(in-person attendees)

CPD Hours 2 CPD Hours

Who Should Attend? Anyone involved, or wanting to become involved, in mental health and disability law

In Person Location The Law Association of New Zealand
Level 18, 48 Shortland Street, Auckland CBD

Livestream



Chair

Andrew Molloy

Senior Advisory District Inspector
for Mental Health and
for Intellectual Disability



Presenters and Panellists



**Her Honour
Judge Morrison**



Dr Kris Gledhill
Professor,
AUT Law School



**Associate Professor
Sarah Gordon**
Lived Experience Academic,
Te Huataki Waiora



Rosaline Fuata'i
Barrister/Mediator and
District Inspector for
Auckland and Northland



Rosemary Thomson
Barrister, Arney Chambers
and District Inspector
for Auckland

We are offering this session at 50% off recognising the value this work brings to society.

Restocking Your Kete: Practising Well In The Mental Health Court

A practical and engaging session focused on tools, techniques and current thinking to support lawyers in effectively representing clients.

Her Honour Judge Morrison

Supported Decision-Making in Practice

Explore the shift from substitute decision-making to supported decision-making under the CRPD.

This session will cover:

- What this shift means in practice
- Approaches to better support clients
- Key developments shaping legal practice

Associate Professor Sarah Gordon

Mental Health Law and Strategic Litigation

Understand how mental health law continues to evolve alongside human rights obligations.

Topics include:

- Recent developments in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Rights-compliant legal frameworks
- Opportunities for strategic litigation

Dr Kris Gledhill

Getting Future-Ready

A forward-focused discussion on preparing for change in mental health law and practice.

Chair/Moderator: Andrew Molloy

Her Honour Judge Morrison, Dr Kris Gledhill, Associate Professor Sarah Gordon, Rosaline Fuata'i and Rosemary Thomson