



The Australasian College of Legal Medicine
2026 Annual Scientific Meeting & Awards Dinner

Health & Justice

17 & 18 October 2026 – Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns, Queensland

Preceded by ACLM's popular *Expert Report Writing course* on 16 October



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Program Snapshot



16 October 2026: Expert Report Writing course

Commences 08:30, ends 15:30, local time (AEST)

This is a one day course, following the standard ACLM Expert Report Writing course program. Participants will appreciate the essence and content of a good legal medicine report, and will evaluate and improve their skills to establish a high standard of report writing. This course will benefit any health care professionals who may be called upon to prepare expert reports.

17 & 18 October 2026: Annual Scientific Meeting - 'Health & Justice'

Day 1 – Commences 09:00, ends approx. 16:15, local time (AEST)

Day 2 – Commences 09:00, ends approx. 12:30, local time (AEST)

The program will feature Guest, College and Open speakers.

17 October 2026: Annual Awards Dinner

Commences 19:00, ends 22:00, local time (AEST). Three course set menu with beverages, featuring a Guest Speaker, David Gillespie, and formal ceremony to award ACLM's newest Fellows and Members.

AWARDS DINNER GUEST SPEAKER: **DAVID GILLESPIE** – *Taming Toxic People*

David Gillespie is a bestselling non-fiction author and researcher known for his deep dives into psychology, health, and nutritional science. With a background in corporate law, David applies rigorous analytical skills to complex subjects, translating them into accessible, practical knowledge. He has authored several critically acclaimed books, empowering readers and audiences to make informed decisions about their physical wellbeing, relationships, and workplace dynamics.



ASM Speakers

Guest Speakers:

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE DAVID COLLINS – *Acting Judge of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand*
Dilemma In Trying to Define Death

DR CHRISTOPHER MEREDITH – *Neurosurgeon; American College of Legal Medicine representative speaker*
Prisoner's Rights to Health Care in the U.S. from Arrest to Conviction

DR CHRISTOPHER RUDGE – *Lecturer (Teaching and Research), Sydney Law School*
With Great Biomedical Power Comes Real Professional Duty: Freebirth and the Limits of Professional Regulation

DR GEORGE SKOWRONSKI – *Clinical Ethics Lead at St George Public Hospital*
Posthumous Reproduction

ACLM College Speakers:

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE IAN FRECKELTON AO KC – *Judge of the Supreme Court of Nauru; Professor of Law* – *Informed Consent: Practicalities, Realities and New International Perspectives*

DR MIKE O'CONNOR AM – *Chair of Patient Care and Clinical Review, St George Private Hospital; ACLM President* – *Psychopathic Doctors: Caterpillars or Butterflies?*

ASM Speakers (continued)



A/PROFESSOR DAVID ERNEST – *Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Monash University; Intensive Care Physician* – [Medical Panels: An effective medical dispute tribunal in Victoria](#)

A/PROFESSOR DAVINDER HANS – *Consultant Psychiatrist, Director of Advanced Training of Youth Psychiatry (WA) & Director of Youth Psychiatry, WA Country Health Service*

[Young Minds, Big Decisions: Patient-Centred Informed Consent for Psychotropic Medications in Young People](#)

A/PROFESSOR CHRIS MILLS – *Interventional Gastroenterologist, General Physician, Lawyer and Bioethicist*
– [Dying to Get There: Reforming Voluntary Assisted Dying in Victoria](#) – [Legislative Progress, Persistent Rural Inequity, and the Road Ahead](#)

DR SHAMINI RAMOO – *Lead of the Adult Medical Forensic Team at Prevention and Response to Violence Abuse and Neglect (PARVAN) Services, Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD)*

[Bridging Health and Justice: Medico-Legal experience in the Northern Sydney LHD Sexual Assault and Domestic and Family Violence Services](#)

DR LO RAMON YIU – *Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Tseung Kwan O Hospital, Hong Kong*

[Gross Negligence Manslaughter: Is it an appropriate mechanism to address death caused by medical mishap?](#)

DR MARK WOODROW – *General Manager - Medical Advisory Services and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Avant; Emergency VMP at Wesley Hospital; President MLSQ*

[If It Isn't Written, It Didn't Happen](#) – [Guiding principle or legal reality?](#)

Open Speakers:

DR LANA ANDERSON – *Lawyer and Doctor*

[Medicinal Cannabis and Driving Laws](#)

PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN GERICKE – *Consultant Neurologist and Public Health Physician at Deakin and Calvary Bruce Private Hospitals, Canberra; Clinical Professor of Medicine, Australian National University; Honorary Professor of Public Health, University of Queensland*

[Loss of Chance and the Right to Compensation in Medical Litigation](#)

NATY GUERRORO-DIAZ – *Head of Medical Law (Victoria), Slater & Gordon*

[Disparity in Pain Management](#)

PROFESSOR HONGJIE MAN – *Ph D; Professor and the Director of the Institution for Health Law and Policy Studies, East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai*

[Digital Technology Empowers the Realization of the Right to Health – A Chinese Perspective](#)

ANDRA LAPE MAZRIMAITE – *Attorney at Law, Lecturer, Lithuania*

[Medical Liability Without Blame? Patient Complaints, Compensation and Healthcare Accountability: The Lithuanian Case](#)

A/PROFESSOR MAN TENG IONG – *Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau*

[The Law for AI in Healthcare: Integrating Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Frameworks for Safe and Equitable AI Adoption](#)

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