

Showcasing Solution Focused Courts in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

On 20 and 21 February 2026, the *Bugmy* Bar Book, NSW Bar Association, Te Kura Kaiwhakawā (New Zealand Institute of Judicial Studies) and the University of Technology, Sydney, will be hosting Solution Focused Justice: A Cross Jurisdictional Symposium with the support of the NSW Judicial Commission and Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration.

The symposium will be an opportunity to showcase the way in which solution focused courts and effective and responsive approaches to justice are operating in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, to share experiences, identify examples of best practice and create ongoing connections between members of the legal profession and the judiciary who are involved in delivering justice in solution focused courts.

The *Bugmy* Bar Book is developing a webpage which will post content to inform and inspire members of the judiciary, lawyers, service providers and others who are working within solution focused courts or mainstream courts considering adopting solution focused elements into their courts and practice.

We are asking members of the judiciary presiding over solution-focused courts or lists in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to prepare a 5-7 minute video to briefly introduce their court. The videos will be posted on the *Bugmy* Bar Book website which is hosting the Solution Focused Justice: A Cross Jurisdictional Symposium webpage.

We would be very grateful if you would consider recording a video to support the symposium.

Questions we suggest you address in the video:

1. Introduce yourself and your court.
2. What does your List / Court do and what are the objectives?
3. In your experience what works best in achieving those objectives?
4. How are the practices and approaches adopted different from mainstream courts?
5. How can some of these approaches be adopted in mainstream courts?

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Please see suggested directions on the next page for creating the video If you have any questions please reach out us to and we can assist you, and when you complete the video, please send to info@bugmybarbook.org.au and jcruikshank@benchtv.com.au.

Guide for recording the presentation

- The presentations should be 5-7 minutes in length. The idea of the presentations is to provide a snapshot of your court. If you have any other links or information about your court which you would like to share, please email this to us along with your video presentation and we may post this on our site as well.
- We will be using the Zoom conferencing application for this presentation. Please ensure you have the latest copy of the Zoom app on your device. These can be found at <https://zoom.us/download>.
- If you can, please ensure that the presentations are recorded and saved in 4k resolution.
- When you record can you please reflect back the questions for example “My List / Court has objectives that are...” and “The practices and approaches adopted are different from mainstream courts in the following ways...”.

Background

- If possible, sit in front of a background which is not cluttered – ideally a blank wall.
- Avoid sitting in front of a window, as the light behind you will be too bright.

Lighting

- Please film indoors. It is best to light yourself from the front with two light sources, one at 45 degrees to the right side of your face / body and one at 45 degrees to the left.
- Try to avoid having any obvious light sources behind you, including other lights or a window, as this causes your face to be dark and /or haloed.

Audio

- If possible, please use a phone earpiece/microphone connected to the filming device via a long cable.
- If you have to, use the onboard microphone of a laptop or other device,
- Please make sure that the area where you film is quiet.

If you need assistance in setting up/configuring Zoom on your device and meeting the recommendations above, please contact Jay Cruikshank on 0469 339 783 or at jcruikshank@benchtv.com.au who will arrange a test meeting for you and give further advice.

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