

About the Civil Justice Research Group

The Civil Justice Research Group fosters research, discussion and debate about the administration of civil justice. We focus on the role and operation of civil courts and tribunals, access to civil justice, and wider questions about the resolution of civil disputes. We bring together scholars, judges, practitioners and others interested in discussing law and policy, identifying opportunities for change and initiating reforms. The work of the Group informs the teaching of civil justice subjects in LLB, JD and MLM programmes at the Melbourne Law School. The Civil Justice Research Group is committed to the exchange of knowledge among academic and other communities, and collaborates with judges, lawyers, policymakers and law reform agencies in its teaching and research activities.

People

In 2013, the Civil Justice Research Group Director was Gary Cazalet; his Deputy Directors were Dr. Linda Haller and Dr. Michelle Taylor-Sands. The Group's internal membership was as follows:

- Professor David Studdert
- Dr Jacqueline Horan
- Mr Matthew Bell
- Mr Andrew Roberts
- Professor Camille Cameron
- Dr Genevieve Grant

Visiting academics researching or teaching in the Civil Justice fields are welcome to be associated with the Group and participate in its range of activities.

Research and teaching

Members of the Civil Justice Research Group research across many areas of civil justice, including public interest law, legal ethics and regulation, litigant codes of conduct, and civil justice reform. Research outcomes are disseminated publicly through publications, seminars and conferences and through the teaching program.

The teaching subjects include:

- Dispute Resolution
- Civil Litigation
- Legal Ethics
- Contracts
- Civil Practice and Procedures

Recently Published Research

Francesca Bartlett and Linda Haller, 'Disclosing Lawyers: questioning law and process in the admission of Australian lawyers' (2013) 41 *Federal Law Review* (forthcoming).

Engagement activities and events

The Civil Justice Research Group members organise a range of activities and events and also contribute to a variety of bodies, committees and associations in Australia and abroad concerned with the advancement of civil justice. These events are intended for a wide audience, including practitioners, academics, and graduate students interested in these topics. Over the course of 2013, these comprised a lunch seminar and a roundtable event.

2013 Events

The Civil Justice Research Group hosted the following events in 2013:-

February 25 th & 26 th	Conference	'Current Issues in Civil Justice'. This successful conference focussed on topics including: Case Management; Alternative Dispute Resolution and Civil Justice; Teaching – civil procedure and dispute resolution; and duties to the Court.
Scheduled for 10 th October	Evening Seminar	Speaker: the CJRG's current visitor, Associate Professor Mary Anne Noone from La Trobe University and her colleague and co-author Dr Lola Akin Ojelabi. The seminar topic will be "Ethical Challenges for Mediators". This seminar is already attracting many colleagues from the civil justice teaching community, members of the profession and mediators.

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