



Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence (PngCJE)
Supreme & National Court of Justice



2018 Annual Report



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Foreword by the Chief Justice



The Papua New Guinea Centre for Excellence is an integral part of the Judiciary's commitment to Judicial Education and Training in Papua New Guinea. As the founding Chair of the Centre for Judicial Excellence, it is heart warming to see the progress and growth of the Centre over the years. There has been tremendous efforts on the part of our team at the Centre in planning and implementing programs and workshops for the various stakeholders.

Judicial Education and training is an important aspect of professional development of Judges, Magistrates and court staff. Having worked toward establishing a dynamic domestic program through the Centre for Judicial Excellence, there is significant progress towards the goal of being able to provide training for judiciaries in the Pacific Islands. The past year has seen expansion in terms of capability of the institution.

Construction has commenced on the Pacific Islands Centre for Judicial Excellence which is expected to be completed in 2019. This will fulfil the commitment made by our judiciary to create a regional training centre for the Pacific Islands at the meeting of Chief Justices at the Pacific Judicial Conference held in Port Moresby in 2016.

As Chairman of the Board of Directors, I commend the Board for their work in providing leadership and direction to the Executive Director and his team in delivering on the many programs held in Papua New Guinea in the past year. I look forward to the implementation of the plans for 2019 as the Centre of Judicial Excellence continues to expand and deliver on its mandate in the transition to the Pacific Islands Centre for Judicial Excellence for the Papua New Guinea Judiciary and Judiciaries in the Pacific Islands.

Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea
Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE
National and Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea

Executive Director's Reflection



Over the last year we have seen tremendous growth in the PngCJE. There has been an increase in staff complement which has contributed in our capacity to deliver structured and bespoke judicial education and training for the Judiciary, Court Staff and Law and Justice Sector in Papua New Guinea. Our Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE has been a champion of judicial education and training in the Pacific Islands for many years. As Chairman of the Board of PngCJE, his commitment to ensuring that we are resourced to meet the challenges of delivering high quality programs for our stakeholders is unwavering.

Our focus for 2018 has been along the lines of capacity building for the institution as we prepare to take on greater responsibilities. We have been able to focus on improving the quality of our workshops with use of our PNG faculty who are trained judicial educators and facilitators who are experts in various areas relevant to the judiciary. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the PngCJE was renewed for an additional two years through 2020. This MOU establishes the relationship between the Centre, the Department of Justice and Attorney General, the National Judicial Staff Services and the Magisterial Services.

Our infrastructure growth is taking shape as the new PngCJE Building is under construction. This facility which is to transition to the Pacific Islands Centre for Judicial Excellence (PicCJE) is progressing steadily with an expectation of the entire team of the PngCJE moving by mid-2019. It is with great enthusiasm that our team works on daily basis to plan and implement programs that enhances the Judiciary's ability to improve access to justice for the public.

There is a sense of duty that comes with being a judicial educator. The team at the PngCJE is ready, willing and able to chart the course ahead under the leadership of our vibrant Chairman and Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika. In reflecting on his mandate to do the best that can be done to provide programs and workshops that will add value in knowledge, skills and/or awareness for judicial officers, court staff and other stakeholders, it can be seen that the PngCJE is headed in the right direction.

We look forward to continuing to be of service domestically and in due course regionally in supporting Pacific Island judiciaries in their judicial education and program needs.

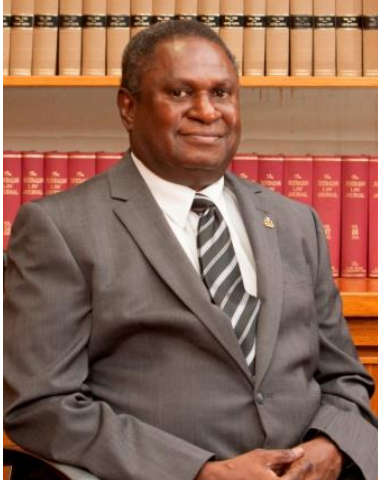
John Carey, JP
Executive Director - PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence



Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence (PngCJE) Supreme & National Court of Justice



Board of Directors



Sir Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE

Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea and Chairman of the Board

Sir Gibbs Salika is the Chief Justice of the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea. He has a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Sir Gibbs commenced employment with the Office of the State Prosecutor as the State Prosecutor after being admitted to the bar in 1979. He later joined the PNG Ombudsman Commission as Legal Counsel and then as a Magistrate. In 1990, he was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea and then as Deputy Chief Justice from February 2009 to November 2018.



Deputy Chief Justice Ambeng Kandakasi, CBE

Justice Ambeng Kandakasi, CBE is the Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea. Justice Kandakasi has a Master of Law degree (LLM) from the University of San Diego, USA, and a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Prior to being appointed as a judge, Justice Kandakasi was a partner of the Young & Williams Lawyers and a tutor at the UPNG School of Law. The Deputy Chief Justice presently chairs the PNG Judiciary's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, and oversees the development and implementation of court annexed mediation in PNG. Justice Kandakasi is a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute as well as the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association.



Ms. Nerrie Eliakim

Ms. Nerrie Eliakim is the Chief Magistrate of Papua New Guinea. She was appointed as a magistrate in 2007 and worked for the Family and Juvenile Courts until her full appointment as Chief Magistrate in 2013. Ms. Eliakim is an ex officio member of all other courts other than the village courts. She has a Law degree (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea and is the first Papua New Guinean female Chief Magistrate.



Mrs. Dessie Magaru

Mrs. Dessie Magaru is the Deputy Chief Magistrate of Papua New Guinea. She has a Master of Law degree (LLM) from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

Mrs. Magaru was previously the Senior Provincial Magistrate in East New Britain.



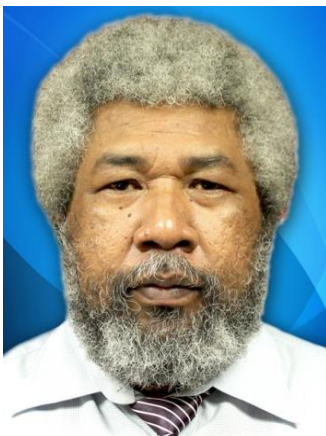
Dr. Eric Kwa

Dr. Eric Kwa is the Secretary for the Department of Justice and Attorney General. He holds a PhD in Environmental Law from Auckland University, New Zealand. He also has a Master of Law degree with Honours (LLM (Hon)) from Wollongong University, Australia, and a Law degree with Honours (LLB (Hon)) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Dr. Kwa has also attended and successfully completed specialized training in teaching Environmental Law at the National University of Singapore and on bio-safety and biotechnology at the Tromso University, Norway.



Ms. Roselyn Gwaibo

Ms. Roselyn Gwaibo is the Deputy Secretary for the Department of Justice and Attorney General. She has a Law degree (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Ms. Gwaibo joined the Department of Justice and Attorney General in 2012 as a Principal Legal Officer within the Office of the State Solicitor before being promoted to Deputy Secretary. She is also a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute.



Mr. Ian Augerea

Mr. Ian Augerea has been the Registrar of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea since 2006. He has a Law degree (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea and is an ex-officio Council member and Lawyer by profession. Mr. Augerea has also been the Admiralty Registrar and Admiralty Marshall since August 2006. He is a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and has training qualifications in Professional Judicial Education.



Mr. Jack Kariko

Mr. Jack Kariko is the Secretary of the National Judicial Staff Services. He is a Lawyer by profession having worked for the Department of Justice and Attorney General as a Legal Officer, Senior Legal Officer and Deputy Secretary (Legal & Policy Branch). In 2014, Mr. Kariko left the department to join the National Judicial Staff Services as the Secretary.



Dr. Vergil Narokobi

Dr. Narokobi is the Legal Counsel of the Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea and the president of the PNG Law Society. He oversees the Office of Counsel and provides advice to the Commission on legal and policy issues. Dr. Narokobi joined the Commission in November 2015 after completing his doctoral studies in Wellington, New Zealand. His main area of practice is in Constitutional Law and Administrative Law.



Dr. Mange Matui

Dr. Mange Matui is the Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea. Dr. Matui holds a Ph.D from Waikato University, LLM from London, and a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Dr. Matui is also a senior lecturer at the UPNG School of Law and an author of a number of Law books and academic articles.



Mrs. Pauline Toliman Mogish, OL

Mrs. Pauline Toliman Mogish, OL is the Director of the Legal Training Institute. She has held this position for the last 19 years.

Mrs. Mogish has a Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree from the University of Papua New Guinea, Certificate from the Victorian Bar Readers Course and the Victorian Bar Council in Melbourne, Australia. Mrs. Mogish began her legal career at the Public Prosecutor's Office as a Legal Officer and then as Principal Legal Officer. Prior to joining LTI, Mrs. Mogish acted as Deputy Solicitor General.



Mr. John Carey, JP

Mr. John Carey, JP is the Executive Director for the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence and the ex-officio Board Secretary. He is a lawyer by profession, admitted to practice in Fiji and the Cayman Islands. He holds a Law degree with Honours from the University of Liverpool (UK), Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics from Walla Walla University, USA, and a MBA degree specializing in Finance from the University of Leicester (UK). He is a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and a member of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association. He is also a member of the Papua New Guinea Human Resource Institute.

PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence Staff

The recruitment of six new staff has been one of the major achievements for PngCJE in 2018. This has brought the total number of PngCJE employees to 12. The new appointments included the Executive Officer, Finance Manager, IT Manager, Research & Publications Manager, Program Officer (Judges &

Magistrates) and a Driver. The recruitment of these officers has greatly reduced the workload previously juggled by the three Program Officers and Administrative Officer. PngCJE is looking forward to completing the final phases of its capacity building within the next 2 years.



Back row (L-R): J.Carey, JP, R. Kone, V.Kila, C.Parkop, R. Oteve, G.Lago, T.Kekebogi.
Front row (L-R): A.Owen, P.Michael, D.Laudiwana, B.Ludin. Absent: J. Thomas.

Staff

1. Mr. John Carey, JP - **Executive Director**
2. Mrs. Caribbean Parkop - **Executive Officer**
3. Mr. Gitu Lago - **Finance Manager**
4. Mr. Barry Ludin – **IT Manager**
5. Ms. Debbie Laudiwana - **Research and Publications Manager**
6. Mr. Tongia Kekebogi - **Program Officer (Judges and Magistrates)**
7. Mr. Peter Michael - **Program Officer (NJSS)**
8. Ms. Vali Kila - **Program Officer (MS)**
9. Ms. Arabella Owen - **Program Officer (LJSA)**
10. Mrs. Jennifer Thomas – **Admin. Officer**
11. Mr. Ravao Kone - **Driver**

About the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence

The Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence (PngCJE) was established in 2010 under a Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the Chief Justice, Chief Magistrate and the Secretary for the Department of Justice and Attorney General.

The centre is responsible for the delivery of judicial training programs for Judges, Magistrates, Court officers and other officers of the Law and Justice Sector (LJS) agencies that play a part in the Court process. The three key objectives for the establishment of the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence are to:

- 1. promote judicial excellence;**
- 2. promote professional development and training; and**
- 3. foster an awareness of judicial administration, developments in the law and social and community issues.**

The Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea, Sir Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE, has been a strong proponent of judicial education locally and regionally and has provided significant resources

to develop and grow the PngCJE. The centre will also be expanding on to conducting and/or coordinating judicial development services for other Pacific island judiciaries should they wish to participate.

Assistance to other Pacific island jurisdictions

The PNG Judiciary through the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence is a major player in the Pacific. It contributes to judicial capacity building in the region through offering judicial education programs to other Pacific jurisdictions.

PNGCJE Partners

The PngCJE works closely with regional judicial training institutions and from jurisdictions that have a similar legal system as that of Papua New Guinea. Some of these institutions include Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEDI) of Canada, Judicial Commission of New South Wales, Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI), National Judicial College of Australia (NJCA), Institute of Judicial Studies New Zealand (IJS), and UK Judicial College.

Brief overview of PNGCJE Professional Development Activities



Since its formation in 2010, the centre has been coordinating and/or conducting judicial trainings in Papua New Guinea, which are aimed at improving knowledge, skills and attitudes of judicial officers and court staff.

The trainings are designed, delivered and evaluated by National and Supreme Court Judges as well as other senior judicial officers, court staff and members of the Law and Justice Sector agencies. At present most of the training activities are delivered via the traditional face-to-face mode. The centre is working on having a dedicated learning area which will eventually include delivery of training via a learning

management system and other synchronous and asynchronous methods.

With the recent recruitment of an IT specialist, the centre is now critically examining the use of information technology in delivering structured training programs via blended learning approaches.

Scope and Structure of Trainings

All judicial training/professional development activities are aligned to the five principles of Judicial Education and Development, which are:

- Substantive Law and Court Practice & Procedure;
- Judicial Skills;
- Judicial Disposition;

- Judicial Management; and
- General Skills or interdisciplinary.

Principles of Judicial Education and Training

1.Substantive Law, Court Practice and Procedure

This principle helps judicial officers maintain their knowledge and mastery of the law. Judges and magistrates learn to keep up to date with new developments and changes in the law and deepen their understanding of it.

2. Judicial Skills

This category takes in communication skills, decision making, writing and presenting clear judgments, as well as various other basic judicial skills training.

3. Judicial Disposition

Social Context, Outlook, Attitudes and Values are the main focus of this principle. Courses/programs that relate to this area include Dealing with People With Disabilities and Access to Justice, Gender Inequality, Family and Domestic Violence.

4. Judicial Management

This category includes courtroom management, managing cases, and dealing with alternative dispute resolutions. Courses under this area help judicial officers to be competent in presiding over trials and deciding on cases.

5. General Skills

The final category relates to a variety of approaches applied in upholding the principles of judicial education such as workshop lectures, case studies, collaborative learning, practical exercises with case scenarios, and research paper presentations.

Our Core Values

Core values that underpin the professional development activities of PNGCJE include:

- excellence in developing professional integrity and high levels of competency, skills and experiences of Judicial officers through continuous professional education and training;
- equipping Judicial Officers to meet the challenges of the modern times with regard to quality and timeliness of judicial decision-making process;
- providing a competent, skilled and experienced workforce that support Judicial Officers in the discharge of their judicial functions;
- promoting good governance and the rule of law.



Our Aim

Achieve an independent, honest and competent judiciary through delivery of effective and responsive Judicial Education.



2018 Professional Development and Training



2018 Calendar of Training Activities

In 2018 the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence completed 14 training activities, which demonstrates our commitment to providing judicial education in Papua New Guinea. Below is an outline of these training activities.

Date	Training Activities	Recipients
March 7 – 9	Combating Trafficking in Persons & the Referral Pathways in PNG	NJSS Corporate Service Staff
April 26	Sir Salamo Injia Lecture Series 1 Former Chief Justice of Australia, Robert French	Law and Justice Sector Agencies & the Public
May 31 to June 1	Combating Trafficking in Persons & the Referral Pathways in PNG	Judges
May 31	Judgment Editing Training (JET)	Court Registry Staff
May to July	Certificate in Court Administration	Court Registry Staff
July 26 – 27	People with Disabilities and Access to Justice	Judges
July 30 – 31	Judicial Orientation for Newly Appointed Judges	Judges
October 15 – 18	PngCJE Capacity Building Workshop	PngCJE Staff
October 30	Sir Salamo Injia Lecture Series 2 Chief Justice of South Africa, Mogoeng Mogoeng	Law and Justice Sector Agencies & the Public
November 25	Event for PNG Female Judges, Magistrates and Lawyers	Female Judges, Magistrates and Lawyers
November 26 - 27	Human Rights Workshop (Gender and Family Violence Issues as they Arise in the <u>National Courts of PNG</u>: Appropriate Responses)	Judges
November 28 - 30	Human Rights Workshop (Gender and Family Violence Issues as they Arise in the <u>District Courts of PNG</u>: Appropriate Responses)	Magistrates
November 28	Bench Bar Dinner	Judges and Lawyers
November 29	Sir Salamo Injia Lecture Series 3 – Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook –New Zealand Supreme Court	Law & Justice Sector Agencies and the public

Training Highlights



Sir Salamo Injia Lecture Series 1
Former Chief Justice of Australia, Honorable Robert French, AC
26 April 2018



Former Chief Justice of Australia, Honorable Robert French, AC.

The first lecture was delivered by the former Chief Justice of Australia, Honorable Robert French, AC at the University of Papua New Guinea's New Lecture Theatre.

Hon. Robert French, AC is a retired Australian lawyer and judge who served as the twelfth Chief Justice of Australia, in office from 2008 to 2017. He has been the chancellor of the University of Western Australia since 2017.

The former Australian Chief Justice spoke on the topic of ***“International Commercial Dispute Resolution”***, particularly addressing judicial and arbitral processes in transnational commercial dispute resolution.

The lecture presentation focused on the scope of co-operation between the judiciaries of different countries and the public policy debates surrounding Investor/State Dispute Settlement Processes.



Judgment Editing Training

31 May 2018

Facilitated by the Managing Editor of Pacific Island Legal information Institute (PacLII) and Mr. Philip Wapu (Judgment Editor - NJSS), this one day workshop took 22 selected Court Registry staff through the skill of editing written judgments. There were a total of 15 Judge's Secretaries, seven Judgment Editing Officers and a Deputy Registrar from the High Court of the Solomon Islands.

The main focus of the workshop was to get participants exposed to the PacLII software and its judgment editing template.

Ms. Kym Frerik gave instruction guidelines on publishing judgment decisions through an automated system.

The workshop also covered the following related topics:

- Overview of Publishing on PacLII;
- Formatting Guidelines and Template Styles;
- Hidden Data & File Handling;
- Case Naming Guidelines;
- Document Standard;
- Publishing priorities; and
- Registry Management System.



Certificate in Court Administration

May – July 2018

The Certificate in Court Administration program was an initiative of the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence. The program which ran from May to July was aimed at assisting middle management Staff of NJSS understand the:

- Court environment;
- Government structure;
- Law and Justice Sector;
- Elements of the National Judicial System (NJS); and
- Functions and Roles of the Courts.

A total of 20 NJSS staff, were engaged in this three month training. Faculty of trainers

ranged from judges and magistrates to senior registry officers.

The certificate program comprised of the following six (6) courses:

- PNG Government Structure;
- Elements of the National Judicial System;
- PNG Legal System;
- Structure and Function of National Judicial Staff Services;
- Leadership and Good Governance; and
- Effective Communication.



Combating Trafficking in Persons in Papua New Guinea

31 May – 1 June 2018

This judiciary awareness workshop on Combating Trafficking in Persons was hosted by the Department of Justice & Attorney General and the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence. The workshop is a first of its kind with the main objective of creating awareness amongst the Judiciary on the offence of Human Trafficking.

Information relating to Human Trafficking was presented in a tiered system from basic to complex issues. Professor Jennifer Burn from Sydney University of Technology was the lead facilitator, assisted by Dr. Lawrence Kalinoe from the Department of Justice and Attorney General, Mr. Solomon Kantha (Immigration and Citizenship Authority) and Mr. Kedar

Poudyal from the United Nations Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights. Mr. Isi Oru from the Family and Sexual Violence Committee – CIMC was also invited to present a topic on victims of human trafficking and related issues.

Apart from concerns being raised about the need to finalize and update certain legislations as well as clarify certain sections of the law, many of the judges who attended the workshop stated that the training was very useful and informative.

A total of 32 judges attended the workshop.

“Quite an eye-opener for one who has not had any hands-on exposure apart from news articles.”

“...very useful and informative”



Persons with Disabilities and Access to Justice

26 – 27 July 2018

With the theme “Access to Justice by Persons with Disabilities”, participants in this workshop heard from a panel of prominent speakers, a range of topics about people living with disabilities and the challenges they face in accessing justice.

The workshop included representatives from the Department of Community Development and Religion (DCDR), PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons (PNGADP), and National Board of Disabled Persons. Also present were Child and Family Services, and UN Women.

Justice Tamate chaired the workshop.

The first day of training looked at the roles of the different organizations that deal with Persons Living with Disabilities.

Ms. Anna Solomon, Secretary of DCDR, spoke about the role of the department and the PNG National Policy on Disability.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was then addressed by the Executive Officer of PNGADP.

The second day of the workshop took a more practical approach with participants looking at case studies, and judges sharing their experiences in dealing with persons with disabilities in the court room.

There was much group discussions and presentations in which participants found relevant to their courts.



Judicial Orientation for New Judges

30 – 31 July 2018

This Orientation course is offered on an annual basis with the main purpose of assisting newly appointed judges make the transition from their previous roles to being a Judge.

The course is designed to provide them with the fundamental skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for becoming effective and efficient in their judicial responsibilities.

This year's orientation saw a team of senior, experienced judges and co- facilitators take the newly appointed judges through some of the following topics:

- Fundamentals of Justice;

- Judicial Conduct and Ethics;
- Framework for Court Excellence;
- Criminal trial processes, evidence, decision and sentencing; and
- Civil Trial & Procedure, Case Management.

The newly appointed and participating judges in the training included:

- Justice Jim Wala Tamate;
- Justice Teresa Berrigan;
- Acting Justice Sinclair Gora;
- Acting Justice David Susame;
- Acting Justice John Kaumi; and
- Acting Justice John Numapo.



PngCJE Team Capacity Building Workshop and Visit

15 October 2018

The staff of the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence were privileged to receive Mr. Lorenz Metzner on 15 October for a three day workshop on team building.

Mr. Metzner is the Project Management Specialist and Team Leader of the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI), whose goal is to build fairer societies by supporting the courts in 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICSs) to develop more accessible, just, efficient and responsive justice services.



The workshop themed “PngCJE Team Capacity Building” was conducted for the purpose of strengthening PngCJE’s capacity to manage ongoing judicial

development activities and competence to demonstrate results.

The workshop facilitated discussions and practical exercises on: team roles and responsibilities; systems and processes that exist, or are needed at the CJE; and on the nature of judicial development and education.

The visit by Mr. Metzner also undertook a targeted needs assessment for the key roles at the centre. The assessment resulted in some of the staff requesting further training in the area of Monitoring & Evaluation, Legal Research Skills, General Computer Literacy, and Project Management.



Sir Salamo Injia Lecture Series 2

Chief Justice of South Africa - Honorable Mogoeng Mogoeng

30 October 2018



South African Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng and Former Chief Justice of PNG, Sir Salamo Injia, Kt, GCL

One of the highlights of the year was the lecture presentation by the Chief Justice of South Africa, Mogoeng Mogoeng.

Mr. Mogoeng's lecture was titled ***“Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law in Post-Apartheid South Africa and Lessons for PNG”***.

The Chief Justice's speech resonated on the rule of law and on what it means to have a truly independent Judiciary. He reiterated on

the concept of the 'Separation of Powers' and the need to recognize that no-one is above the law.

Chief Justice Mogoeng is the 4th Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa since the dawn of democracy. He was appointed to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Africa in 2009 and subsequently elevated to the position of Chief Justice of South Africa in 2011.

Event for Female Judges, Magistrates and Lawyers

25 November 2018



A good number of female judges, lawyers and magistrates had attended this cocktail reception held at the Jackson's Bar, Gateway Hotel.

The event was organized for the purpose of socializing and networking among the Law and Justice Sector women folk.



Among those present were Justice Leka Nablu, Justice Jacinta Murray, and invited guest speaker for the third Salamo Injia Lecture Series, Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook. Also privileged to attend were Port Moresby based female lawyers as well as a number of senior magistrates from within NCD, and the outer provinces.



Human Rights Workshop (Gender, and Family Violence Issues as they Arise in the National and District Courts of PNG: A Workshop on Appropriate Responses for Judges and Magistrates)

26 – 30 November 2018

The Human Rights workshop was a joint initiative of the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence and the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI).

Dr. Carolyn Graydon, PJSI Human Rights Adviser, and Justice David Cannings, CBE were the facilitators of this week long refresher training.



Main objective of the training was to explore judges' and magistrates' understanding of Gender and Family Violence, its causes and how these are reflected in the processes and outcomes received by parties coming before the courts. Another focus of the workshop was to identify good practices in providing responsive justice services to victims of gender and family violence and how to address them.



A total of 31 judges and 32 magistrates from around the country had participated in this lively and interesting workshop.



*"Thank you so much..... it will help me to dispense justice to women and children who are usually the most vulnerable in society.
God bless".*

Workshop participant

Bench Bar Dinner

28 November 2018

Co-facilitated by the PNG Law Society and the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence, the 4th annual Bench Bar dinner was one of the final judicial activities hosted to end the 2018 legal year. Lawyers from various organizations, government departments/agencies and private law firms were invited to this event held at the Stanley Hotel.

Among the special guests invited to this function were the Governor of NCD Honorable Powes Parkop, MP, Minister for Civil Aviation Honorable Alfred Manase, MP and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Honorable Rimbink Pato, OBE, MP.

Other important guests who were present at the dinner included Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook of New Zealand Supreme Court, the Chief Justice of Vanuatu, His Honor Justice Vincent Lunabek and Papua New Guinea's newly appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme and National Courts, Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE.



The Bench Bar Dinner is hosted to provide an opportunity for lawyers to interact with judges and other members of the law and justice sector in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.



Sir Salamo Injia Lecture Series 3 – Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook
New Zealand Supreme Court
29 November 2018



Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook

The final lecture for the year was presented by Honorable Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook from the New Zealand Supreme Court.

Justice Glazebrook spoke about ***'Interaction between Custom and Human Rights in the Constitution of Papua New Guinea and other Commonwealth Countries'***.

Dame Susan was appointed a judge of the High Court of New Zealand on 14 December 2000, having served until the time as temporary judge of the court. She was appointed to the Court of Appeal on 24 May 2002. On 6 August 2012, she was appointed to the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

It was a pleasure to have her as our final speaker for the 2018 Lecture Series.





2018 in pictures



PngCJE Executive Director speaking to the audience at the first Sir Salamo Injia Lecture at UPNG.



Justices Les Gavara-Nanu, OBE, CSM, Panuel Mogish and David Cannings, CBE listening to a presentation during the Judicial Orientation workshop.



Lawyers attending the 2018 Bench Bar Dinner at the Stanley Hotel.



Mr. John Carey, JP giving a session during the 2018 Judicial Orientation workshop for Judges.



Facilitators of the Judgment Editing Workshop, Ms. Frerik and Mr. Wapu.



Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE giving his opening remarks at the 2018 Human Rights Workshop.



Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook (left) and Justice Berna Collier .



Justice Colin Makail (centre) and other participating judges at the 2018 Human Rights workshop.



Some of the participants of the Certificate in Court Administration program with Justice David Cannings, CBE.



Members of the law and justice sector listening to the lecture presentation by Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook.



Magistrates and JSS4D Team Leader, Edwina Kotoisuva, at the closing dinner for the Human Rights Workshop.



Justice David Cannings, CBE presenting a certificate of participation to Magistrate Laura Kuvi.



Justice Dame Susan Glazebrook and invited guests at the reception for female judicial officers.

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