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Australian Chief Justice Susan Kiefel visits the new court complex



The Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Honourable Susan Mary Kiefel AC LLM (Cantab) visited the Waigani National and Supreme Courts recently. Her honor met with the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika to tour the new state-of-the-art court complex which is currently being

constructed. She also met with PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence Executive Director, Dr John Carey with his senior management staff to discuss judicial education and training programs the division has been facilitating for PNG and the Pacific Island Judiciaries. Honorable Susan Kiefel was in the

country for the Sir Buri Kidu Lecture Series held on May 17, at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG). She was the guest speaker who gave the lecture on the topic of Prerogative Writs and Modern Judicial Review: Constancy and Change. The lecture series was hosted at the University of Papua New Guinea

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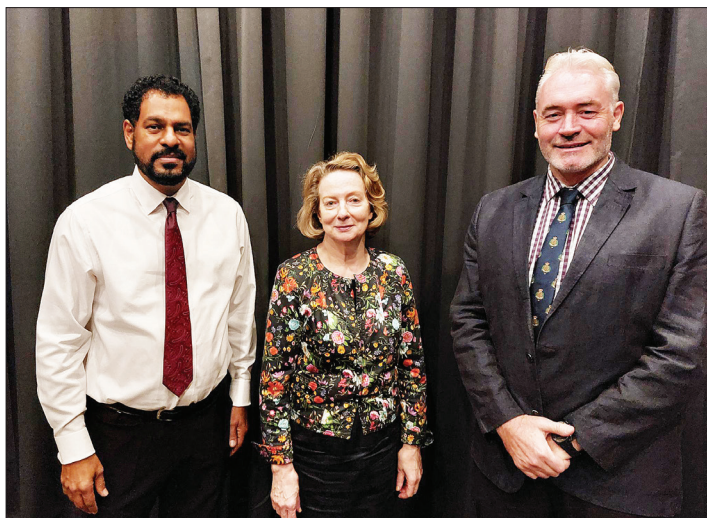
Australian Chief Justice Susan Kiefel (front left) and Chief Justice of PNG Supreme and National Courts Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika along with other PNG Judges at the Sir Buri Kidu Lecture Series.

AUSTRALIAN Chief Justice Honourable Susan Kiefel says judicial reviews are a critical part of the court process as these reflect the importance of the Constitution. She said this when giving a lecture at the Sir Buri Kidu Lecture Series on the topic of “Prerogative writs and modern judiciary review - constancy and change” at the University of Papua New Guinea on May

17, 2023. “The Constitution is the supreme law of the land and it cannot be undermined and influenced by any government decisions,” she said. She said the judicial reviews kept the government actions in check. “The Constitution Review Committee is immune to change and the courts should continue to review their decisions as this will help in

shaping sovereignty of this country,” she said. Her Honour said the Constitution was designed to encourage the Papua New Guinean way of life. She said the Constitution was to guide the courts to hold the government accountable for its actions. “The judicial review is an important part of the court’s system, it has powers to hold government liable for its deci-

sions and actions,” she said. Her Honour added that in 1972, the late Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare spoke of the idea of homegrown Constitution before the country gained independence. “The Constitution cannot be of foreign precedent or transfer of power from other authorities to say what the law is; section 75 (5) of the Constitution cannot be removed by the parliament,” she said.



(From left to right) PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence Executive Director, Mr John Carey, Australian CJ Susan Kiefel and David Denniston.



(Left-Right) PNGCJE Acting Deputy Executive Director Mrs. Stacey Levakia-Wali with the Executive Dean of the School of Law Mr. Sam Kaipu presenting a gift to Chief Justice Susan Kiefel.

Chief Justice of Australia Honourable Susan Kiefel on her visit to PNG

The Chief Justice of Australia **Honourable Susan Kiefel AC LLM** on her visit to PNG for the Sir Buri Kidu Lecture Series visited the New Court Complex, the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence, the National Museum, the Parliament House and the Legal Training Institute. Below is a pictorial of her and the places that she visited.



Australian Chief Justice Honourable Susan Kiefel AC LLM (left) with Chief Justice Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika with Judges at the Sir Buri Kidu Lecture Series.



Students, Lawyers and Judges at the Sir Buri Kidu Lecture Series.



Susan Kiefel AC LLM at the Lecture Series.



(Left-Right) CJ Sir Gibbs Salika, Australian CJ Susan Kiefel AC and Justice Les Gavara-Nanu.



(Left-Right) PNGCJE program officer Ms Vali Kila, PNGCJE IT Manager Mr Barry Ludin, PNGCJE Research and Publications Manager Ms Debbie Laudwana, PNGCJE Executive Director Dr John Carey, Australian Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC, CJ Sir Gibbs Salika, Ms Philippa Lynch, Justice Berna Collier and PNGCJE Acting executive Director Mrs Stacey Levakia-Wali.



(Left-Right) Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika and Australian Chief Justice Honourable Susan Kiefel AC LLM.



(Left-Right) Mr Scott, Mr Michael Albrecht, Australian CJ Susan Kiefel AC, Ms Philippa Lynch and Justice Collier.



(Left-Right) CJ Sir Gibbs Salika, Mr Michael Albrecht, Australian CJ Susan Kiefel AC and PNGCJE program officer Ms Vali Kila.



The new Court Complex.



(Left-Right) NJSS support Staff, the Bomana War Cemetery Tour Guide, Ms Philippa Lynch, Mr Scott and Justice Collier.



The Bomana War Cemetery.



(Left-Right) Australian CJ Susan Kiefel AC, CJ Sir Gibbs Salika and Mr Michael Albrecht.



(Left-Right) Ms Philippa Lynch, Mr Michael Albrecht, Australian CJ Susan Kiefel AC, Justice Berna Collier, Mr Scott and The National Art and Museum Tour Guide.



(Left-Right) Australian CJ Susan Kiefel AC, Mr Michael Albrecht, Mr Scott, Justice Berna Collier and The National Art and Museum Tour Guide.

Appointment of Acting Deputy Executive Director for PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE)



AFTER almost a year and a half, the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) is now delighted and proud to announce the appointment of Mrs Stacey Levakia-Wali as the Acting Deputy Executive Director effective 11 May, 2023.

The PNGCJE was established in 2010 with the purpose to enhance the quality of judicial education by coordinating and facilitating judicial training and education programs for Judicial Officers, Court staff, Magisterial Staff and Lay-Judicial Officers in PNG whilst the Pacific Centre for Judicial Excellence replicates these roles and activities, but for the Pacific Region.

Mrs Levakia-Wali from East New Britain Province is married with five children. She has a bachelor's degree in Arts and a bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Papua New Guinea. She joined the PNGCJE in 2021 as a Program Officer for



Regional Judicial Officers. "To be honest, the concept of Judicial Education had never crossed my mind. Usually when it comes to training in the Law and Justice Sector, you immediately think of specialist training for lawyers, that is prosecutors and state commercial lawyers. I was intrigued by the concept of judicial training when I joined PNGCJE, which is a specialized niche for Judges", Mrs Levakia-Wali stated.

"Judicial education is an interesting area that is also very important to the professional development of Judicial Officers. Coordinating judicial training programs for Judges in the Pacific allows me to also research other Pacific Jurisdictions and look at the similarities that they have to that of our jurisdiction and see the different areas of law that are applied by Judges in the Pacific in their own jurisdiction. The most satis-

fying aspect of the role is that I play a part in supporting Judges to deliver justice. PNGCJE is a compact and effective unit that has done well, I think what I bring to PNGCJE is a different perspective in terms of how to assist progress and the growth and further expansion of PNGCJE.

I also bring my experience from working in the private sector and my network from working with the Department of Justice and Attorney General, which has assisted me tremendously in performing my duties. At the end of the day, it is hard work and being passionate about your job," she said.

PNGCJE Executive Director Dr John Carey when making the announcement said the management of PNGCJE looked forward to working along with Mrs Levakia-Wali in her new role and encouraged the entire team to support her as she embarks on the journey of leadership in the organization.

Appointment of Finance Manager, PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE)



THE PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) is delighted to announce the recent appointment of Mr. Peter Davani, as the Finance Manager for the division effective April 17, 2023.

Mr. Davani who is from Oro and Central Province of Papua New Guinea, is a Certified Practicing Accountant. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role of the PNGCJE Finance Manager.

He has a bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Papua New Guinea and has been working in the private sector for quite a number of years.

Mr. Davani joins the PNGCJE and the National Judicial Staff Services from the Melanesian Trustee Services, where he has distinguished himself as a team leader and mentor.

He acknowledged his previous employers for the encouragement and support that has brought him to where he is now. "My previous roles have



The newly appointed PNGCJE Finance Manager, Mr. Peter Davani in his office.

allowed me to grow as an Accountant. I have learnt a lot of great things along the way and what it takes to achieve one's goals as well as aiming to achieve the aspirations of the organization. I look forward to contributing to the development of the PNGCJE by assisting my fellow colleagues

achieve their goals. You strive to be the best; you learn and at the same time try to help others grow. I am a firm believer in learning and development. As the saying goes, we never stop learning," Mr. Davani added. "This role with the PNGCJE is not about profits but about the

quality of delivery," he said. Apart from his career, Mr. Davani has always been involved with sports. Currently he is the Treasurer of the PNG Olympic Committee. He does this voluntarily. He is also involved with coaching, administering, and mentoring in his local basketball club.

Recent Recruitment of Ms. Belliam Iomu to the Position of Research and Editorial Assistant



THE PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence is pleased to announce the recent recruitment of Ms. Belliam Iomu to the position of Research and Editorial Assistant in our Research and Publications unit.

From East New Britain, Central and Gulf, Ms. Belliam studied Journalism and Public Relations at the University of Papua New Guinea and was a reporter with *The National* newspaper where she distinguished herself as a dedicated and reliable employee with exceptional work ethics.

In the short period that she has been with the PNGCJE, the staff have found her to be a joy to work with, given her warm and outgoing personality.

Since joining the division, Belliam has produced publications out to the media and has supplied news articles and press releases for the division's website.

Apart from her love of writing stories and producing various publications, Belliam has a passion for graphics design and has been experimenting with various graphic design tools, such as the In-Design

software to create brochures, newsletters, and other print materials.

"Apart from what I love doing, which is drafting and writing press releases, feature stories and news articles, I also like playing around with the InDesign software, which has really helped me create pictorials and update the PNGCJE quarterly newsletters.

"I know that with such publications I am producing, it will let people know of what the PNGCJE is doing to promote continuing education and training for PNG and Pacific

Island Judicial officers and Court officers.

"I thank the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence, for bringing me onboard.

They have been friendly and welcoming, and with such working environment, I know I will fit in well and produce what is expected from me," she said.

If you happen to be in the PNGCJE office, stop by to get to know Ms. Iomu.

We know that she would be delighted to learn more about you and will provide you with the best customer service.

PNGCJE welcomes another vibrant young lady, Grace Aipit

The PNGCJE also welcomes another vibrant young lady to its office administration team. Ms. Grace Aipit, from the Sirunki District of Enga province has joined the PNGCJE as Administration Officer and Secretary. She will be responsible for providing clerical and organizational

support to Program Officers in the implementation of judicial education and training programs for Pacific Island Judicial Officers, Lay Judicial Officers, and Court personnel. A graduate of Port Moresby Business College, Grace has a Diploma in Business Studies and brings with her a wealth

of experience from her previous employment as a legal secretary.

With her extensive connections with law and justice sector agencies, and her acumen for legal secretarial aid, we believe that Ms. Aipit will be an asset to the PNGCJE administration support team.



PNGCJE staff graduates from DWU with Diploma in Management



A COURT officer and mother of five, who graduated with a Diploma in Management from Divine Word University is encouraging mothers and young girls in schools to strive on in their education as it is their way out in these trying times.

Ms Jennifer Thomas works as an Administrative Assistant at the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence under the National Judicial Staff Services (NJSS). Her desire to broaden her knowledge and go back to school was motivated and encouraged by a colleague of hers who was doing her bachelor's degree.

With the encouragement and motivation from her colleague, she enrolled at the Divine Word University's Flexible Learning Centre at the Port Moresby Campus in 2021 for the Diploma in Management program after many years away from school.

"It is not easy to work and study at the same time. My encouragement especially to young girls and working-class

women out there is to never give up."

"If you think positively and aim for something in life, strive for it.

As the saying goes, "Education doesn't stop."

And education surely did not stop for Jennifer, as she further pushed herself to get a Diploma in Management at DWU, while juggling three roles at the same time – being a mother, a student and a public servant.

"The Diploma in Management program comprises eight courses of study and is designed to enhance knowledge and skills in professionals both in the public and private sectors. The aim of the program is to equip working professionals with fundamental and contemporary knowledge necessary to manage or lead organizations. We had lecture presentations for four semesters with intervals of two semesters per year," she said.

Ms Thomas said going back to school after so many years was a bit challenging for her given the use of modern technologies in place, but that did not stop



her from pushing forward and adapting to the new trend of technology.

She has been serving the NJSS for 17 years and the PNGCJE Division for seven years working as an Administrative

Assistant and Secretary.

"I learnt a lot from taking up the courses and know that when I exit, I can also implement the skills and knowledge to start up something for myself," Ms Thomas said.



Staff receive ToT training

THE PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) has effectively facilitated a week-long Training of Trainers (ToT) program at the Waigani National and Supreme Court premises last week.

PNGCJE Acting Deputy Executive Director, Mrs Stacey Levakia-Wali, while speaking at the opening, encouraged the participants to take heed of the topics as it was going to provide each of them the necessary skills and knowledge to run their own training sessions in the future.

"It is quite difficult to train adults because we come from different backgrounds, and to us when it comes to trainings, we all picture the scenario of a school, teacher and students and so when dealing with adults it is a whole different scenario," she said.

PNGCJE program officer for Magisterial Services Ms Emmah John said the training was facilitated for participants to learn the skills necessary to deliver adult learning content that promote active learner engagement. The training was also intended to explain the importance of Judicial

Education and Training. Fifteen Court officers had participated in the program, two were NJSS staff while the rest were from the District Court Registry, Human Resource, Training and Development, Finance, Information Technology and Policy Divisions of the Magisterial Services.

The ToT training is intended to equip officers who are new to the training field or subject matter experts who will be tasked to train others in their areas of expertise. The ToT is also intended to assist instructors present efficient information that reinforces learning," she said. Ms John said the ToT training is a shared effort from both the Magisterial Services and the NJSS. The training was facilitated by Program Officers and Managers from the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence and the NJSS Human Resource division. Ms John said they are planning to have another training in the near future to accommodate needs of managers and supervisors from the other business units within the Magisterial Services that could not make it to this training.



Justice Lawrence Kangwia gives Leadership Tribunal webinar

JUDGES from the Supreme and National Courts at Waigani recently attended a one-hour webinar on the topic, “Conducting Leadership Tribunal Hearing” which was presented by Justice Lawrence Kangwia, ML.

The webinar was moderated by PNGCJE Program officer for Judges and Magistrates, Mr Tongia Kekebogi.

Mr Kekebogi said the webinar was facilitated to equip Judges on how to conduct leadership tribunal hearings.

“Justice Lawrence Kangwia is a resident Judge of the National Court in Lae. His Honour has extensive experience in the Judiciary with a total of 34 years. With 23 of those years spent as a magistrate prior to his appointment as an Acting Judge in 2010.

To date, he has served as a Judge for 11 years.

He recently chaired the Kramer Tribunal Hearing. He was a member of three different leadership tribunal proceedings during his tenure as a magistrate,” Mr Kekebogi said.

His Honour was happy to share his experience and his knowledge on the topic with other Judges.

“My contributions will reflect on my experiences and what I believe is the law relating to the leadership tribunal,” Judge Kangwia mentioned.

His Honour said Leadership Tribunals are a creature of recommendations by the constitutions of planning pre-independence committee to establish a leadership code to qualify obligations on leaders relating to their conduct in public and their personal life. “The

code of conduct is fortified under section 27 of the Constitution as responsibilities of office. Section 27 imposes very high duties and responsibilities of leaders holding the public office.

The prime purpose of the code of conduct is to ensure that private interest does not interfere with public obligations,” he said.

His Honour discussed on the process of the Leadership Tribunal Hearings and how it is done.

A question-and-answer session was concluded successfully at the end of the webinar.

Deputy Registrar conducts webinar on Customary Law in PNG

THE Pacific Centre for Judicial Excellence recently conducted a webinar on Customary Law in PNG, Lessons for the Pacific on 23 May.

The one-hour webinar was moderated by PCJE Program officer – Ms. Arabella Owen and presented by Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, Mr David Gonol.

The webinar was conducted at the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) premises. PNGCJE Research and Publications Manager, Ms Debbie Laudiwana, while giving the welcome remarks, said Mr Go-

nol was an expert in the area of PNG underlying Law particularly in Customary Law and is very passionate about ensuring PNG Customs and customary law finds its place in the PNG legal system.

He is also the first Papua New Guinean to write a book on the Underlying Law in PNG.

Mr Gonol shared on the topic of Customary Law in regard to the PNG experience.

“Section 9 of the PNG Constitution - Hierarchy of Laws provides for the different hierarchy of laws. There are:

■ **The Constitution;**

■ **The Organic Laws;**
■ **Acts of Parliament;**
■ **Emergency Regulations;**
■ **Provincial Laws;**
■ **Sub-ordinate legislation or any other law made under the constitution; and**
■ **Underlying Law.**

The underlying law is the common law in PNG which is a very interesting law,” he said.

“Under the Underlying Law we have the Customary and the English Common Law as well as rules formulated by the courts, especially in situations where there are no rules of law.

For instance, if a matter comes

before the courts and there are no applicable rules of law in the legislations under the constitution the courts have the power to formulate new rules to apply and these rules become Underlying Laws.

Mr Gonol whilst facilitating the webinar also gave examples of the underlying law in PNG for the participants to understand. A 15-minute question-and-answer session was concluded successfully.

Mr Gonol thanked the participants in PNG and the Pacific for the one-hour webinar and for the positive feedback to the webinar.

Judges attend election petition webinar session

Four Judges from the Waigani National and Supreme Courts attended an Election Petition Webinar training for Judges to equip themselves on the matter.

An election petition is a procedure applied by aggrieved candidates in an election challenging the result in the court of Disputed Returns. The one-hour election petition webinar was conducted at the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) premises.

It was moderated by the PNGCJE Program Officer for Judges and Magistrates Mr Tongia Kekebogi. The election petition webinar session was presented by current Judge Administrator of the State Claims in the National Court of Justice in Waigani, Justice Collin Kenway Makail.



His Honor was once the Judge administrator of the election petition track, back in 2012-2013 and shared with the other four Judges his wealth of experience and knowledge on the topic: Conducting Election Petition trial in the National Court of Justice in PNG. “This webinar is for the election petition track, conducting election

petition trials. It is one of the many webinars where PNGCJE is going to be facilitating for Judges,” he said.

“We are going to start off this year’s training program with election petition trainings since election petition cases are currently going through trials.

At the end of the election petition

webinar session, Judges that participated were able to confidently:

1. Identify the differences between an election petition trial, a civil trial and a criminal trial;
2. Decide when to make an Interlocutory ruling on admissibility of evidence during trial;
3. Manage witnesses and documentary evidence;
4. Identify the burden of proof with respect to errors and omissions, illegalities and offences that fall under the Criminal Code; and
5. Identify different types of orders at end of litigation.

A question-and-answer session was concluded successfully at the end of the webinar.

Justice Makail thanked PNGCJE for the first webinar facilitated for the year.



PNGCJE facilitates training in New Ireland Province

WITH the objective to deliver structured 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 PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) has successfully facilitated a four-day training in Kavieng, New Ireland Province.

PNGCJE Program officer for the National Judicial Staff Services (NJSS) and lead facilitator of the Customer Service training, Mr Peter Michael said 25 officers from the National and District Courts in Kavieng had recently participated in Customer Service and Computer Skills trainings. “The trainings are to ensure our officers are better acquainted with necessary knowledge and skills to deliver

er better and effective Court service that is satisfying to Court users, and also to ensure court staff are equipped with necessary computing skills,” he said.

Mr Michael said there were some issues during the training due to power blackouts but that did not prevent them from facilitating and completing the trainings successfully. Also assisting Mr. Michael in the facilitation of the two

training courses were Program Officer for Judges and Magistrate, Mr Tongia Kekebogi, PNGCJE IT Manager, Mr Barry Ludin, and Program officer for Magisterial Services, Ms. Emmah John

“We have just started with Kavieng and we intend to gradually roll out both trainings to cover all our provincial Court centres, however this all depends on the availability of funds,” Mr Michael said.



Participants of the recent customer service and computer skills training in Kavieng, New Ireland Province.

Judges, Magistrates urged to attend more judicial training workshops



Magistrates all set during the one-week forum.

THE Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika has urged Judges and Magistrates of the Waigani Supreme and National Courts to attend judicial workshops as it was vital to equip them in their line of work.

These remarks were made to a total of 13 Judges and 21 Magistrates during a week-long judicial forum facilitated by the Victorian Bar and coordinated by PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence.

“Such judicial trainings are

vital to improve ourselves and I thank our colleagues from the Victorian Bar for sharing their experiences with us.

“We have learnt a lot during this week-long workshop and we appreciate such judicial trainings as there are many things that we have learnt and we hope there will be more similar judicial training workshops in the future for the Judges and magistrates, Chief Justice Sir Salika said. Retired President of the Victorian Court of Appeal, the Honourable Christopher

Maxwell AC, while speaking during the closing ceremony said it was a privilege to have worked with the Judges and Magistrates during the one-week workshop.

“I could not have dreamt that we could have such a fruitful exchange of trainings that we had this week and that is because of your engagement and every session has been richer in its discussion than we could have expected.

There is real interest and enthusiasm in your judiciary with judges and magistrates and this

proves to me that you gave the opportunity to learn topics on judicial excellence,” he said.

Mr Maxwell went on to say he was thrilled to see a significant number of female judicial officers during the sessions and acknowledged all the participants who attended the week-long training.

He thanked PNGCJE Program Officer for Judges and Magistrates Mr Kekebogi for putting all the sessions together and running a successful judicial training workshop which ended on a high note.

Queensland's Chief Justice Honourable Helen Bowskill on her visit to PNG

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The Queensland's Chief Justice Honourable Helen Bowskill on her visit to PNG toured the new Waigani National and Supreme Court complex, the Parliament House, The National Museum and the Legal Training Institute and the School of Law at UPNG. Below is a pictorial of her and the sites she visited.



(From left-right) Justice Collier, Queensland's Chief Justice Honourable Helen Bowskill, Vice Chancellor, Professor Frank Griffin, and the Dean of the School of Law Mr Sam Kaipu.



(Fourth from left) Queensland's Chief Justice Honourable Helen Bowskill and (third from right) Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika with the touring team at the new court complex.



Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill.



(Middle pink coat) Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill with staff from the Victorian Bar and students of LTI.



(From left) Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill at the National Museum.



(From left-right) Mr Scott, Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill, Justice Collier and Miss Molly.



(From left-Right) Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill, Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika and Justice Collier.



Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill (middle) and staff from the Victorian Bar.



Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill (middle) with staff of PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence.



Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill with Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika touring the new court complex.



Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill speaking to the Judges and Magistrates at the Judges and Magistrates training.



(from left) PNGCJE Acting Deputy Executive Director, Stacey Lewakia-Wali with ladies from the Law Society and Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill (middle).



Queensland's Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill with Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika and Miss Molly.

PNGCJE delivering effective and responsive Judicial Education for a competent and efficient Judiciary

Queensland Chief Justice speaks to LTI students



Queensland Chief Justice speaking to the LTI students during the 24th Civil and Criminal Advocacy workshop series.

DO not plan too far ahead and take opportunities with an open mind.

This were the remarks made by Queensland's Chief Justice Helen Bowskill during her visit to the Legal Training Institute to speak to the students during the 24th Civil and Criminal

Advocacy Workshop Series that was held last week. Her Honour during her speech encouraged students to be always prepared for new challenges that came their way. "If you plan too far ahead you might just miss out on good opportunities that come your way.

I say this because I have gone through such situations. At first I did not know what I was doing and who I would become in the future. I took on opportunities that came my way and one of those opportunities was to take up secretarial courses and this led to who I am today. "I had dropped out many

times from tertiary institutions but this did not stop me from trying other opportunities that came my way," she said. She talked about her own experiences and what she went through to become a Judge. She encouraged students to just be themselves and take opportunities with an open mind.



Chief Justice Helen Bowskill (front, fourth from left) with PNG Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika (front, third from right) with the touring team.

Qld Chief Justice, Helen Bowskill visits the Waigani Supreme and National Court

THE Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland, the Honourable Chief Justice Helen Bowskill recently visited the Waigani National and Supreme Courts.

Her Honour met with the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea, Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika to tour the new state-of-the-art court complex, which is currently undergoing construction.

During the tour of the new court complex, her honour was extremely pleased with how the court building was constructed and commended the Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika, the hard-working staff and the construction company. She was very much delighted to be invited to attend the opening of the court complex once completed.

Chief Justice Bowskill is a graduate of Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (1995). She was the recipient of the University Medal in 1995.

In 1998 her Honour was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland and was later appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013. Chief Justice Bowskill was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 19 March 2022, having previously served as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland (2017–2022), Senior Judge Administrator (2021–22), and a judge of the District Court of Queensland, the Childrens Court of Queensland and the Planning and Environment Court of Queensland (2014–17).



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About Us

The PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence was established in 2010 under a Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the Chief Justice of the Supreme and National Courts, the Chief Magistrate and the Secretary for the Department of Justice and Attorney General. The Centre is primarily responsible for the delivery of professional continuing judicial trainings and development activities for Judges, Magistrates, Court Staff and other officers of the Law and Justice Sector Agencies in PNG as well as other Pacific Island countries.

Key Objectives for the establishment of PNGCJE

- Promote Judicial Excellence;
- Promote professional development and training and;
- Foster awareness of judicial administration, developments in the law and social and community issues.

Our Core Values

The core values that underpin the professional development activities of PNGCJE are;

- Excellence in the professional integrity and competence of judicial officers and Court Staff;
- Excellence in dispensation of justice by the courts according to international best practices;
- High level of competency, skills and experiences of Judicial Officers and Court Staff;
- Maintenance of democracy, good governance and the Rule of Law by the Judiciary.

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