



How did you do it?

A panel discussion on juggling parenting and a career in criminal law

The Membership Committee of Victorian Women Lawyers, in conjunction with Criminal Law Mums, welcomes you to join us for a lively discussion, where our diverse panel of speakers will share their insight on how to juggle parenting responsibilities and a career in the criminal law profession, and achieve personal goals and overall happiness.

Guests will also have the opportunity to network over a glass of bubbles and a delicious grazing table.

All ticket sales will be donated to Shine for Kids, a charity to support children, young people and families with relatives in the criminal justice system.

DATE: Friday, 15 March 2019

LOCATION: David Ross Chambers, L12, 271 William Street, Melbourne

TIME: 5:30pm registrations, 6pm panel

discussion

TICKET PRICE: \$15 for VWL and Criminal Law Mums members, \$25 for non-members



RSVP by Tuesday 12 March 2019 at vwl.asn.au/events-3 Bookings are essential.

Her Honour Judge Elizabeth Gaynor has practised in Criminal Law since 1984, first as a duty solicitor for Legal Aid, then as a barrister for 17 years. In 2002, she was appointed to the County Court Bench where she has presided over criminal matters ever since. Her Honour has two children.

Her Honour Magistrate Sharon Cure has been a Magistrate for 10 years, first in Melbourne and currently in Tasmania. Before that, she was at the Victorian Bar for 9 years and for a similar period at the Office of Public Prosecutions, during which time she had two children. Her Honour is passionate about Drug Court in Northern Tasmania as the supervising Magistrate.

Sharn Coombes has been a member of the Victorian Bar for 19 years. She has appeared for both the prosecution and defence within the criminal jurisdiction, acted on a pro-bono basis for the Women's Legal Service, and was appointed a Crown Prosecutor at age 38. Sharn has balanced her family life with her career, raising four children with her husband and continuously embracing new challenges. In her latest challenge, Sharn placed runner-up on Australian Survivor 2018.

Fiona Todd has been a member of the Victorian Bar since 2011 and has built a successful practice as a defence advocate. She is a Victoria Legal Aid Criminal Trial preferred barrister and holds a Victorian Bar Indictable Crime Certificate. Fiona is on Foley's List and sits in David Ross Chambers.

Virginia Warren (aka The Zen Lawyer) is a partner in a general law practice on the Mornington Peninsula. Over her life she has collected many other labels, including a conflict alchemist, collaborative lawyer, yoga instructor and author of her soon to be released book "Let's Kiss All the Lawyers! ... said no-one, ever". Virginia's research has allowed her to formulate a plan to rescue those suffering from the presently great discontent evident within the legal profession.

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