

# MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS

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As part of the process of seeking to simplify the issues and maintain the attention and understanding of the jury you will seek to adopt simple and direct language.

If your address is to be interrupted by a necessary adjournment you will wish to take full advantage of that.

Immediately before the adjournment you will focus full attention upon one of the stronger arguments in your armory.

The jury will then retire with that consideration in mind.

They will have the whole of the break to ponder it.

When the hearing resumes following the adjournment you can remind the jury that you were discussing that powerful point immediately before the adjournment and by repetition reinforce it. You may then move on to your next point.

In most cases when you reach the end of your address it is desirable to claim the verdict.

Bring the matter to a conclusion by telling the jury exactly what it is that you want.

It may be imprudent to demand a particular result because the jury may consider you to be intruding upon the function they have been told is for them alone.

Rather you should confidently request the result.

The conclusion of your address should be on a strong note. It should not peter out. The address should not simply fade to black.

The members of the jury must be left with the full force of your argument uppermost in their minds as you resume your seat. ①

## ANZAPPL Conference

Future priorities will be the focus of the Australian New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and the Law's 22nd Annual Congress (Conference) in Darwin on July 11 to 14.

Titled Changing Climates: Future Priorities in Psychiatry, Psychology and the Law, the conference's keynote speaker is an internationally known Canadian psychologist from the Universite de Montreal, Dr Sheilagh Hodgins.

As part of the Conference, local practitioners have been asked to prepare and present the feature session which takes place traditionally on the Saturday afternoon (13 July).

It usually takes the form of a mock trial or a hypothetical involving practitioners from the three disciplines. The object is to make a serious point in the exercise but also to entertain.

Solicitor General Tom Pauling and DPP Rex Wild have been asked by ANZAPPL to prepare and present this session.

And they'd like others to be a part as well.

Those interested in participating should contact Rex Wild on 8999 7315 ASAP.

The main part of the Conference itself is shaping up well.

### *30 abstracts*

"The response to our call for papers has been encouraging with more than 30 abstracts received," ANZAPPL's Gordon Barrett QC said.

ANZAPPL was set up in the 1970s by the late Dr Rob Myers, a psychiatrist who saw the advantages to the three professions (and their clients) in a greater dialogue between them (the professions).