Mental Health Law Conference 2017

Vida Law and the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (ANZAPPL) are pleased to provide details of the Mental Health Law Conference for 2017.

This year’s theme is Stigma, Discrimination and Human Rights in Mental Health. Topics and speakers for the 2017 conference include:

- **Discrimination and mental health** – Janet Anderson-Bidois, Chief Legal Adviser and Michael White, Senior Legal Adviser, Human Rights Commission
- **The law on discrimination “by reason of mental disability”** - central concepts and dilemmas – Professor John Dawson, University of Otago (Christchurch and Dunedin)
- **Removing stigma and discrimination – a positive obligation in human rights law** – Associate Professor Kris Gledhill, AUT (Wellington)
- **Is the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992 discriminatory?** – Iris Reuvecamp, Vida Law
- **Social shaming via the use of social media – perpetuating stigma and discrimination** – Professor Warren Brookbanks, AUT (Wellington, Hamilton, Auckland)
- **Mental Health and employment law** – Shaun Robinson, CEO (Wellington and Auckland)
  Moira Clunie, Manager Research and Advocacy, Mental Health Foundation (Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin)
- **The media’s role in influencing societal perspectives of mental illness** – Mike Wesley-Smith, Journalist, The Nation (Auckland)
- **Not in my neighbourhood** – Sally Pitts-Brown, CEO, Pathways
- **Challenging stigma and discrimination in mental health** – Robyn Shearer (CEO), Caro Swanson, Service User Lead, Te Pou o te Whakaaro Nui (Wellington and Auckland)

This full day conference will be presented in Wellington (30 October); Hamilton (9 November); Auckland (10 November); Christchurch (16 November); and Dunedin (17 November).

The cost to attend the conference is $280 plus GST. To register for the conference, please complete and return the attached registration form. For further information, please email Anne Le’aupae at Notanzappl@gmail.com or Iris Reuvecamp at iris@vidalaw.co.nz.