

PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FAMILY COURT

TWO DAY WORKSHOP - FRIDAY 30 & SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019

Who is the training for?

This workshop is designed for Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists (CAP); General Adult Psychiatrists, including Forensic Psychiatrists; Advanced trainees in CAP and Forensic Psychiatry with an interest in preparing medico-legal reports for the Family Court (FCA) and Federal Circuit Court of Australia (FCC).

Who will provide the training?

DR ROBERT (BOB) ADLER, CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST

Dr Bob Adler is a consultant psychiatrist with a particular interest in forensic aspects of child and adolescent psychiatry, particularly in the areas of family law and child protection. For the past seven years Dr Adler has worked primarily in private practice.

Dr Adler graduated from the University of Sydney before moving to Newcastle and finally to Melbourne in 1985 as Professor/Director of Child and Family Psychiatry at the Royal Children's Hospital, a position he held until 1998. He was a member of the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria from 1998 and President from July 2008 to June 2010. Dr Adler also worked at the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as a consultant psychiatrist between 1999 and 2012.

PROFESSOR, THE HONORABLE NAHUM MUSHIN, AM

Professor Nahum Mushin graduated from Monash University. He practiced as a solicitor from 1972 to 1980 and as a barrister from 1980 to 1990. He was appointed a Judge of the Family Court of Australia in 1990 and retired from that position in 2011. Following his retirement as a Judge, Professor Mushin was appointed as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Monash University where he teaches lawyers' ethics.

What does the training include?

DAY 1 - FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019: 09:00 - 16:30

Day 1 is open to all psychiatrists and advanced trainees with an interest in the psychiatric assessment of parents (and other guardians) for the FCA and FCC. The day will include:

- An introduction to the *Family Law Act, 1975*
- Consideration of the difficulties facing separating families with children
- A framework for conducting psychiatric assessment of parents
- Case based discussion of reports prepared by Dr Adler



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DAY 2 - SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019: 09:00 - 12:30

This session will address:

- **Preparation of Family Reports, including the following topics:**
 - Parental alienation
 - Allegations of child sexual abuse and
 - Relocation disputes

It is especially of interest to child and adolescent psychiatrists and CAP advanced trainees.

DAY 2 - SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019: 13:30 - 16:30

Dr Adler will be joined by Professor Mushin for this session. The session will address:

- Preparation of psychiatric reports for the Court
- Giving evidence

Catering

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided on both days.

Vegetarians are catered for as a matter of course. Any other specific allergies - please contact us by telephone on (03) 9371 0220.

Venue

Mindful - centre for training and research in developmental health,
Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne
Building C, Conference Rooms 1 & 2
via Gate 1, 50 Flemington Street, TRAVANCORE VIC 3032

Public Transport and Parking

Parking in the area is limited, even on weekends. Public transport is recommended as follows:

No 59 Tram from Elizabeth Street - disembark at Stop 26 (Wellington Street). We are a few minutes' walk down Flemington Street to Gate 1, or via Padman Lane to the rear of the site (steps via this route). Alternatively, the nearest railway station is Flemington Bridge, then walk or tram via Mount Alexander Road.

Cost and registration

Registration and payment is required by no later than Friday 2 August 2019. Limited places are available and early registration is strongly recommended, as registrations may close before this date if full.

\$800 plus GST for RANZCP Fellows

\$400 plus GST for RANZCP Trainees

There are two registration links: RANZCP Fellows and RANZCP Trainees -

<http://ecommerce.mindful.unimelb.edu.au/categories.asp?cID=46>

For general enquiries, please contact Louise Wilson on (03) 9371 0204.

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