

The Faculty of Law and Alcohol Healthwatch
present a public lecture by Children's Court Magistrate
Judge Catherine Crawford of West Australia



Date: Tuesday 19 May 2015

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Venue: Northey Lecture Theatre, Level 2,
Faculty of Law, 9 Eden Crescent,
Auckland

**“How youth affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
are treated in criminal jurisdictions”**

Children adversely affected by neurodisability resulting from prenatal alcohol exposure, can be at increased risk of committing crime or being a victim of crime. Such outcomes are doomed to be repeated when there is systematic failure to identify and appropriately accommodate their disability across the lifespan.

The International Consensus Statement on Legal Issues of FASD from Canada identified that the actions of people affected by FASD “clash with assumptions about human behaviour at almost every stage of the justice system”. The recent Privy Council decision to quash the 20 year murder conviction of Mr Teina Pora provides a timely reminder of the implications of getting this wrong.

Judge Crawford is visiting New Zealand as part of a Churchill Fellowship to investigate how young people with FASD are accommodated within various judicial systems. In addition to knowledge gained in Australia, she will discuss what she has learned about services in the USA and Canada, where FASD is more readily accommodated as a matter of course.

The Public Lecture will be of interest to anyone working with vulnerable children, young people, their families/whānau or adults at increased risk of offending and reoffending.

Please RSVP to: www.law.auckland.ac.nz/crawford