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Day 1 – The Legal Profession

Online Dispute Resolution

3.00pm – 3.45pm

About Professor Tania Sourdin

Professor Tania Sourdin is the Dean of the University of Newcastle Law School and was previously the Foundation Chair and Director of the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI) at Monash University in Australia.

In the past two decades, she has conducted qualitative and quantitative research projects into aspects of the dispute resolution and justice system systems in 12 Courts and Tribunals and six external dispute resolution schemes within Australia. Other research has focussed on therapeutic justices, restorative justice, justice innovation, technology, delay and systemic reforms. She has more recently completed work on evaluating justice apps (that builds on her two past Australian Research Council grants on Technology and Artificial Intelligence). Professor Sourdin is the author of a number of more than 140 books, articles and papers, that are focussed on justice reform issues and has published and presented widely on a range of topics including ADR, justice innovation, justice issues, mediation, conflict resolution, collaborative law, artificial intelligence, technology and organisational change.

She has also retained a part time practice focus and has worked for more than 30 years as a lawyer, 25 years in various senior part time tribunal positions and as a mediator and has since 2014 been the National Broadband Network (a \$40 Billion plus project) Industry Dispute Resolution Advisor within Australia. In 2020 she completed the 6th edition of her book 'Alternative Dispute Resolution' (Thomson Reuters) and also a book on 'Justice Apps' (Routledge). In May 2021 her book on 'Judges, Technology and Artificial Intelligence' (Edward Elgar) was published.