



The Australasian Institute of
Judicial Administration Incorporated

**Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration
Strategic Plan
2008 – 2011**

Introduction

This plan will guide the activities of the AIJA over the next three years. Each year the plan will be updated to reflect the changing environment and emerging challenges.

Aims and values

The AIJA's objective is to promote excellence in the administration of justice throughout Australia, New Zealand and surrounding regions. The AIJA is committed to the integrity of the justice system, independence of the judiciary and equality of access to justice.

Stakeholders

- Judicial officers
- Tribunal members
- Court administrators and their staff
- Litigants
- Lawyers and law students
- Justice agencies
- Commonwealth and state governments
- Monash University and other academic/research agencies
- Members and
- The community

The changing judicial administration environment

Courts and tribunals face a number of opportunities and challenges. The pace of technological change has already begun to transform the way courts and tribunals work. New information and communications platforms will help to keep pace with an increasing public demand for access and transparency. Technology is likely to become an ever more important tool in negotiating sometimes difficult interactions with the media to ensure fair and accurate reporting of legal processes.

Courts and tribunals continue to be asked to improve the timeliness with which they finalise cases. Judicial leadership will assist courts and tribunals to meet this challenge through the improvement of case management systems, simplification of rules and procedures and use of alternative dispute resolution in civil and criminal cases.

2007 – 2010 activities

1. Project themes will guide AIJA educational and research activities
2. Co-ordinated research and education plans will be developed for each project theme
3. Specific, rather than generic, educational activities will be conducted
4. The President and Executive Director will work with courts in the Asia-Pacific region and national education bodies
5. The AIJA will develop and maintain relationships with courts, tribunals, Australian, New Zealand and regional governments to influence policy and promote the work of the AIJA
6. Through its website and publications, the AIJA will provide information to members and non-members with a view to promoting improvements to the administration of justice.

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Achievements

2008- 2011 project themes	Education activities	Research projects
1. Cost of litigation		
2. Procedure (including caseflow management): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • civil • criminal • appellate 		
3. Court performance and accountability		
4. Disadvantaged & self-represented litigants		
5. Alternative approaches to justice, including alternative dispute resolution and problem-solving justice		
6. The impact of technology on the justice system		

Other activities	Achievements
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