

# Presenting evidence to support the application of the *Bugmy* sentencing principles: Tips for Best Practice

Rebecca McMahon and Tim Marsh, hosted by Sophie Parsons

3 July 2025 | 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Live-streamed to practitioners  
in VIC & NSW.

Please register via the link provided.

[https://event.webinarjam.com/  
register/38/q04qga6x](https://event.webinarjam.com/register/38/q04qga6x)

## Please join us to discuss the *Bugmy* principles:

- How the *Bugmy* Bar Book resource can improve the quality of subjective evidence presented on behalf of clients
- How to use the *Bugmy* Bar Book publications when instructing experts to prepare reports for clients, including tips on preparing instruction letters for experts
- Advocacy tips – making *Bugmy* submissions
- Considering how to encourage courts to adopt therapeutic elements into mainstream courts



**REBECCA MCMAHON**  
Forbes Chambers NSW

Before being admitted as a barrister in NSW, Rebecca was the principal lawyer of her private firm for 10 years, the managing lawyer of the Redfern office of ALS (NSW/ACT), a criminal defence lawyer at NSW Legal Aid Commission and a prosecutor at NSW Director of Public Prosecutions. Rebecca is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of NSW. Rebecca is the co-chair of the *Bugmy* Bar Book Project. In 2021, she was the recipient of the Terry Keaney Memorial Award.



**TIM MARSH**  
Foley's List VIC

Tim was called to the bar in 2003, having previously been a solicitor at the Office of Public Prosecutions. Tim was appointed a Senior Public Defender in 2011 and Chief Counsel of VLA Chambers in 2013. He returned to the bar in 2020 where he practises exclusively in criminal law with a strong practice in mental impairment and disability law. Tim has appeared in several notable cases including *DPP v Hermann* [2021] VSCA 160, a decision about the application of *Bugmy* sentencing principles that is of national significance for the sentencing of First Nations offenders. Tim is a member of the Victorian committee of ANZAPPL and the editorial committee for the Judicial College of Victoria's sentencing manual.



**SOPHIE PARSONS**

Sophie Parsons is a partner, in-house counsel & accredited criminal law specialist at Doogue + George Defence Lawyers. Sophie has more than 14 years' experience in criminal defence in Victoria and the Northern Territory and was previously employed as a solicitor advocate and manager at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) in Darwin for several years.