

# SI hosts regional judicial orientation workshop

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*Participants at the workshop.*

A Regional Lay Judicial Officer Orientation workshop is currently underway in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Hosted by the Honourable Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer and the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI), the workshop commence on Monday 20 and will conclude on Friday 24 November 2017.

The workshop is attended by thirty newly-appointed judges and senior court staff, from across the Pacific region.

Participants from the Solomon Islands Judiciary will attend the workshop along with participants who have travelled from their respective judiciaries in Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The aim of the workshop is to promote the competence of newly-appointed non-law trained (lay) judicial officers being judges and magistrates to perform their duties, and to promote excellence in the delivery of justice across the Pacific region.

This Workshop will provide newly appointed lay judicial officers from across the Pacific region the opportunity to share, exchange and develop professional experience. The workshop will develop judicial knowledge, skills and attitudes, and promote understanding of the judicial role

and conduct on/off the bench. It will also familiarise the basic principles and practice of procedural fairness in criminal and civil proceedings.

Additionally, it will explain the special interests of parties coming to court including juveniles, victims of crimes including sexual and gender-based violence, people with disabilities and those with language barriers.

The Regional Judicial Leadership Workshop is one of the many workshops held by the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative within the pacific. The initiative is funded by New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade which has supported promoting the rule of law across the Pacific over recent years.

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