

22 October 2020



**END OF YEAR DINNER
Thursday 5 November 2020**

Dear Member

"Medicine and Murder – the central and key role of medical evidence in murder trials"

This letter is to advise you of the details for our End of Year Dinner.

We are delighted to announce the speaker for our dinner will be **Aaron Perkins QC**. Aaron Perkins is one of New Zealand's most experienced criminal prosecutors. For over 25 years he was responsible for managing all trials in the High Court at Auckland under the Auckland Crown Solicitor's warrant, before re-joining the independent bar and taking silk in 2016. Since 1987, Aaron has specialised in the prosecution of homicide trials and has completed more than 100 murder trials and continues to prosecute trials on behalf of the Crown as well as regulatory bodies and government entities. He has represented the Crown in the Waitangi Tribunal, as well as appearing for defendants in both civil and criminal proceedings. For our end of year dinner the Committee is delighted to have Aaron share with us his extensive experience prosecuting homicide cases – in particular, Aaron will shed light on the central role medical evidence takes in almost all murder cases, the variety of medical experts that regularly are essential to the Crown's case in prosecuting murder charges, and the surprisingly crucial importance this evidence plays.

The dinner will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 5 November 2020
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm dinner
Venue: Northern Club
Cost: \$95 per person (note that you may bring one partner or guest)
(inclusive of three-course menu and all beverages)
Dress: Black Tie

*Any guest fee payable for this event is not deductible from future membership subscriptions

Please confirm your attendance by return email to medico-legal@officeassistant.co.nz.

Please note that places are limited. If you are planning to attend it is **most important** that you reply by close of business on **Thursday, 29 October 2020**, and advise the name of your partner/guest.

Upon receipt of your acceptance, we will arrange for an invoice to be sent to you for settlement prior to the dinner.

Please note for health and wellbeing of all attendees, this dinner shall only proceed should Auckland remain at Alert Level 1.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Miller
Secretary