20 years practice in the Criminal Law – significant changes

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There have been a number of significant changes in the criminal law introduced over the last 20 years, particularly in respect of sentencing and the manner in which sexual offence trials are conducted. This talk will consider the different attitude to victims in the criminal justice process and consider, from a practitioner’s perspective, whether these changes have been successful in addressing the issues various state governments have sought to address. In particular the victim’s involvement in the sentencing process will be discussed including the various measures adopted to in an effort to ensure that sexual assault victims are not re-traumatised by their involvement in the criminal justice system.

Claire Quin attended Monash University where she completed an Arts/Law (Hons) degree in 1988. Soon after she had completed her articles, she worked as an associate to Justice Frank Vincent in the Supreme Court. In 1992, Claire was admitted to the Bar and practiced mainly in criminal law. In 1998, she was appointed a Crown Prosecutor and appeared in both trial and appellate jurisdictions. During 2011-2013, Claire was seconded to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry Into Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-government Organisations and was senior legal counsel to the Committee. She was appointed to the County Court in February this year.

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