Dear Colleague:

“**To Err is Human? Professional Disciplinary Tribunals: Research and Practice”**

 **Note for legal professionals: Continuing Professional Development 6.5 hours.**

Please save the date for this exciting conference. Co-hosted by AUT and the University of Otago, the event will be held at **AUT’s Auckland City Campus on February 15, 2019. Don’t delay: seating is limited.**

With the wisdom of Tribunal Chairs and expert speakers, the conference will illuminate common disciplinary issues across **health, education and legal professions**.

The keynote speech by Professor Bernadette McSherry (Foundation Director of the Melbourne Social Equity Institute at the University of Melbourne) will address proceedings for mental health and substance use issues with an international perspectives across professions. Our legal colleagues from New South Wales will be contributing international wisdom.

The conference is dedicated to understanding how these New Zealand tribunals function:

* **Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal**
* **Education Council Disciplinary Tribunal**
* **Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal**

Topics include

* How health and mental health issues contribute to misconduct
* Who receives name suppression and why
* Patterns of misconduct in aged care facilities
* Emerging debates on the Health and Disability Commissioner complaint process
* Practising lawyers’ insights
* International research on vulnerable clients and vulnerable lawyers

The insights will be informative for Tribunal members, regulatory authorities, and those bodies that regulate the professions. We welcome lawyers, health providers, teachers, academics and students interested in disciplinary processes). By sharing knowledge across Tribunals, we aim to foster meaningful research with impact.

Please do share this invitation and we look forward to meeting you at this dynamic event.

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