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### **DPP welcomes Stanford University's Clinical Professor**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, welcomed Stanford University's Clinical Professor Daryn Reicherter, M.D. to Suva last Friday (26/10/18).

Dr Reicherter is the Director of the Human Rights in Trauma Mental Health Programme and a Clinical Professor at Stanford University, School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences. He was in the country for four days following an invitation from the DPP to give expert evidence in a rape case in the High Court (State-v-Peni Vukici).

He also shared his experience and knowledge with prosecutors and invited members of the public regarding mental and psychiatric trauma and behaviours of survivors of sexual abuse during the ODPP monthly training last Friday. He spoke about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, mental health issues and the neurological changes in the brains of traumatised people. Members from the Fiji Police Force, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre and Empower Pacific Fiji, also attended the session.

Dr Reicherter is an expert in the area of cross-cultural trauma psychiatry, having spent more than a decade dedicated to providing a combination of

administrative and clinical services in trauma mental health both locally and internationally.

He is on the United Nations List of Experts and has provided expert reports and expert testimony for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and for the United Nations International Criminal Court on several occasions.

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**30 October 2018**

*NB: Pictures attached below.*



*The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, with Stanford University's Clinical Professor and Director of the Human Rights in Trauma Mental Health Programme Dr Daryn Reicherter.*



*Stanford University's Clinical Professor Dr Daryn Reicherter speaking to ODPP State counsel and invited members at the ODPP monthly training last Friday (26.10.18) at the GCC Complex, Nasova.*