



Holding court

→ *SHAKESPEARE'S Briefs* may sound like a brand of Elizabethan underwear. It is, in fact, a unique theatrical production coming soon to the Brisbane Supreme Court complex.

Real-life judges will take part in the 60-minute show, presented by the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble during the World Shakespeare Congress in Brisbane this month.

Ensemble member **Jess Loudon** says the show will incorporate scenes from *The Merchant of Venice*, *Winter's Tale* and *Much Ado About Nothing*, with a real member of the Supreme Court bench presiding at each performance.

"I can't give away who they are but they are really cool," says Loudon, an actor and fifth-year University of Queensland law student.

"People definitely won't be disappointed. They're pretty extraordinary people, and they are extremely enthusiastic."

Subtitled *Let's Kill All the Lawyers* – a reference to *Henry VI – Shakespeare's Briefs* will be performed in the Banco Court in George St from July 17-21. Along with Loudon and the judges, it will star **Rob** and **Anne Pensalfini**, **Chris Koch**, **Tamara Meade**, **Colin Smith**, **Stephen Daniels** and **Hugh Taylor**.

Bookings: 3365 3269.

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