Volunteers before the courts – when and why?

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Volunteers before the courts - when and why? This presentation will consider the risk to volunteers of being required to appear in court to answer allegations regarding their volunteering. The presentation will explain the different between criminal and civil liability and the difference between courts and other tribunals. It will explain why volunteers have little to fear and little risk of personal civil liability. The presentation will necessarily discuss the decision in *R v Wells* [2016] NSWDC 169 and the implications of that decision for volunteers.