



cpd Continuing Professional Development
The New South Wales Bar Association

in conjunction with
The Rule of Law Association of Australia

Is the Rule of Law under challenge in Australia?

Friday, 20 November 2009

9.00am – 1.30pm including lunch

Level 4, Hilton Sydney, 488 George St

**Full attendance at the conference will accrue 3 CPD points
(Advocacy and Substantive Law strands)**

Cost: \$160 (incl GST)

Late registrations (week before the conference) \$180 (incl GST)

Registration includes morning tea and lunch

The conference will cover issues and concerns relating to the separation of powers and the rule of law in Australia. The first session will be on a perspective of legal practitioners who on a day-to-day basis experience the application of laws in the Courts and the exercise of powers by administrative agencies which are part of the executive arm of government.

The second component of the conference will be a perspective on the issues and the scope for reform of the system which is a product of the rule of law. This perspective will be given by key legislators, judicial officers and the President of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Conference programme

9.00 am

Opening remarks from the conference chair
The Hon J J Spigelman AC, Chief Justice of NSW

Official conference opening address
The Hon Robert McClelland MP, Attorney-General of Australia

9.15 am

Session 1 – What are the challenges in Australia to the Rule of Law?

Session chair **Professor Martin Krygier, Professor of Law (UNSW)**

Panel
The Hon Justice David Hammerschlag, Supreme Court of NSW
David McLeod, Lempriere Abbott McLeod Solicitor, Solicitors to David Hicks
Robin Speed, President of the Rule of Law Association of Australia
Richard McHugh SC, Banco Chambers

10.30 am

Morning tea

11.00 am

Session 2 - Reform and Review

Session chair **His Hon Judge Michael Bozic SC, District Court of NSW**

Panel
Senator the Hon George Brandis SC, Shadow Attorney-General of Australia
The Hon Justice Margaret Stone, Federal Court of Australia
Professor David Weisbrot AM, President Australian Law Reform Commission

12.15 pm

Chair's closing remarks, conference summary and next steps
The Hon J J Spigelman AC, Chief Justice of NSW

12.30pm

Lunch



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Registration Form

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