

THE HAL WOOTTEN LECTURE 2008

delivered by

Emeritus Professor Hal Wootten AC QC



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‘ Living in the Law ’

or

A response to Justice Holmes' question:

‘ How can the laborious study of a dry and technical system, the greedy watch for clients and the practice of shopkeepers' arts, the mannerless conflicts over often sordid interests, make out a life? ’

invitation
16 October, 2008

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The annual Hal Wootten Lecture was established in 2006 by the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales in honour of its founding dean. This year, the Faculty has invited Hal to deliver the lecture himself.

Hal will discuss perennial challenges that face everyone who chooses a life in the law, drawing on a lifetime's experience that began when he became a law student over 60 years ago, and included over 20 years practice at the NSW Bar, eleven as a Supreme Court judge, three as a Royal Commissioner and three as a Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal. Among other things, it took him to research in a remote New Guinea village, and to service as Secretary-General of LawAsia, founding President of Australia's first Aboriginal Legal Service, Chairman of the Australian Press Council, and President of the Australian Conservation Foundation. In 1991, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for services to human rights, conservation, legal education and the law.

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Date: **Thursday 16 October 2008**

Time: 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30 start

Venue: The Law Theatre, Faculty of Law,
Kensington Campus UNSW

RSVP: Register online at
www.law.unsw.edu.au

Please register by 14 October

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