



Fundraiser an outstanding success

On Wednesday, 13 April 2005 a cocktail party to raise funds for the Indigenous Barristers Trust (The Mum Shirl Fund) was held at Sydney's Sky Phoenix restaurant. More than 150 guests attended, including the patron of the trust, the Hon Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, Attorney General Bob Debus, and the Hon Dr Andrew Refshauge MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. The highlight of the evening was a heartfelt and insightful speech by Noel Pearson in which he expressed the view that the original decision in *Mabo* had been misunderstood by the community, and that the opportunity for attitudinal change towards native title was lost. He also raised concerns that the Native Title Act had been interpreted by courts in a way that diminished Indigenous land rights. Guests were also treated to the premiere of a promotional DVD about the Indigenous Barristers' Trust, which will soon be available on the Bar Association's web site.

The trust was established in 2001, during the presidency of Ruth McColl SC, to help Indigenous lawyers overcome serious financial impediments to practising at the



Noel Pearson.
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Bar. After a protracted dispute with the Australian Taxation Office, the trust was endorsed as a deductible gift recipient in mid-2004. This allowed the Indigenous Barristers Working Party, chaired by Chris Ronalds SC, to begin fundraising in earnest. In December last year, the 2004 senior counsel together donated \$40,000.



Streamlining civil procedures across jurisdictions

The *Civil Procedure Bill 2005* was introduced into the NSW Legislative Assembly on 6 April 2005, with the minister's second reading speech delivered on that day. A copy of the Bill may be obtained from the parliamentary web site at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

The introduction to the explanatory note relating to the Bill, as introduced into parliament, is summarised below.

Overview of the Bill

Civil procedure is currently governed by a number of Acts and instruments, including not only the Acts by which various courts are established (and the rules of practice and procedure made under them) but also

other Acts and instruments that deal with particular aspects of civil procedure. Different regimes exist for different courts and different subject-matters, the differences frequently being merely an accident of history. Such differences make it difficult for litigants to take advantage of modern computer technology in relation to the creation, filing and service of court process, and make it difficult for courts to take advantage of such technology in relation to case management.

The object of this Bill is to consolidate as much as possible of the law relating to civil procedure, particularly insofar as it affects proceedings in the Supreme Court, the District Court and the Local Court (the

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A message from the President

In a speech delivered recently by Chief Justice Gleeson at a conference on the Gold Coast he drew attention to the problems associated with advocates speaking directly to the media about cases in which they are retained to appear for a party. The chief justice was critical of a shift from the approach taken in the past where interviews or comments were never given or made by barristers about current or threatened proceedings to the position today where both of these things occur from time to time. In my opinion, this change should never have occurred and the former approach should be resurrected.

The task of an advocate is difficult and complex. Fearless and independent representation of a particular party is the hallmark of the job. The interests brought forward for adjudication in civil proceedings and criminal trials are definitively the province of the trial judge or jury. There is no permissible room in this process for a third line of influence which incorporates the public dissemination of the views of participating advocates. The principle is most obvious in its application to cases tried before juries but is not limited to such cases.



Ian Harrison SC

President of the New South Wales Bar Association.

New South Wales Barristers' Rule 59(b) is very clear. That rule permits a barrister, with the consent of the instructing solicitor or the client, to answer unsolicited questions from journalists concerning proceedings in which there is no possibility of a jury ever hearing the case or any re-

trial. The rule further limits the role in which a barrister may comment to the provision of information which is anodyne and uncoloured. However, a realistic examination of the rule demonstrates that compliance with it appears simple in theory but will prove difficult in practice. Moreover, the material which the rule permits a barrister to divulge can easily be supplied in compliance with the regime for which rule 59(a) provides. The temptation for an advocate to provide coloured or subjective comments, or to infuse the information provided with his or her own opinions, is often great and circumstances which give rise to it should be avoided.

Barristers' Rule 59 does not prevent a barrister answering unsolicited questions from journalists in proceedings which could never possibly be heard by a jury. However, journalists will comment upon cases with the benefit of information provided to them under rule 59(a), if that occurs, and with the benefit of their own observation of proceedings in court. Barristers are not the item of news and should take all steps to avoid becoming it. Just as barristers must never subject themselves to the possibility that they may become a witness in a case in which they are retained, so also should they avoid any involvement in the encouragement of a collateral agenda beyond the courtroom.

I remain convinced that barristers should not speak to the media in two situations. First, in circumstances where it involves a case in which they appear. Secondly, in any other circumstances one can think of.

CPD videos

The following are the latest CPD seminars to be added to the Bar Library's video collection. Members may borrow videos by contacting the library on ph: (02) 9233 4025 or e-mail: library@nswbar.asn.au

Overview of the new Uniform Civil Procedure Bill and Rules, Attorney General's Department of NSW, 8 March 2005, **VID/230**

The Civil Liability Act and recognised psychiatric illness, Dr Kipling Walker, 16 March 2005, **VID/231**

Parentage testing in the District Court of New South Wales, Margaret Bateman, 15 March 2005, **VID/232**

The role of counsel assisting in commissions of inquiry, the Hon Justice Peter Hall, 23 March 2005, **VID/233**

The earthly rewards of philanthropy (why establishing your own foundation is such a positively good idea!), Dr John Keogh, 22 March 2005, **VID/234**

Streamlining civil procedures across jurisdictions

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replace the core provisions of the *Supreme Court Rules 1970*, the *District Court Rules 1973* and the *Local Courts (Civil Claims) Rules 1988* (Schedule 7).

Part 4 replicates the provisions with respect to mediation that currently exist in the *Supreme Court Act 1970*, the *District Court Act 1973* and the *Local Courts (Civil Claims) Act 1970*, but does not

include the provisions with respect to neutral evaluation that accompany the mediation provisions of the latter two Acts. Part 5 replicates the provisions of the *Arbitration (Civil Actions) Act 1983*, together with the provisions of the *Supreme Court Act 1970*, the *District Court Act 1973* and the *Local Courts (Civil Claims) Act 1970* that invoke that Act.





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Bar Council business for February – March 2005

Statutory definition of 'act of bankruptcy'

The Bar Council noted that the statutory definition of 'act of bankruptcy' in s3 of the *Legal Profession Act 1987* focuses upon *presentation* of a creditor's petition, not service of it. It is only service which brings the existence of a petition to the notice of a respondent.

Clause 134 of the *Legal Profession Regulation 2002* requires a barrister to give notice within seven days of the commission of an act of bankruptcy. Clause 137(1) deems failure to give notice, without reasonable cause, to be professional misconduct.

Unless notification is given to the Bar Council within seven days of presentation of a petition, a barrister will inevitably be in breach of the barrister's reporting requirements, even though the barrister does not know of the existence of the notifiable event.

The council asked to have the definition of 'act of bankruptcy' in the Act amended to focus upon service of a creditor's petition, rather than presentation. This would bring it into line with the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth) – an act of bankruptcy is committed when a party fails to comply with the requirements of a bankruptcy notice which has been served on that party.

New South Wales Government's review of legal and administrative costs in dust diseases compensation claims

The president advised that he and the senior vice president had met with the director general of the New South Wales Attorney General's Department, and the deputy director general of the Cabinet

Office on Tuesday 15 February to discuss the Bar Association's submission to the New South Wales Government's review of legal and administrative costs in dust diseases compensation claims.

The president advised that consideration was being given to the introduction of an expert adjudication system. This system would involve barristers acting as adjudicators.

Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators conference

The president advised that he attended a conference of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators on 23 February 2005. The members of the Institute had expressed their appreciation to the president for him having personally attended the conference.

Counsel's fees in workers compensation matters

The council noted that the scale of fees for workers compensation matters had not been increased for more than a decade. The scale still applies to compensation matters relating to coal miners. The president undertook to again write to the special minister of state asking that the scale be revised, at least to take account of CPI increases since it was last revised. The executive director advised that numerous written representations had been made in recent years to ministers and agencies on this issue, and meetings held. Unfortunately, these representations had been unsuccessful.

Provision of court transcripts by e-mail

The Bar Council noted that the new system of providing transcripts by e-mail was proving very successful. The executive

director was asked to pass on the Bar Council's feedback to the director, Reporting Services Branch, Attorney General's Department.

Draft submission on the Legislative Council Standing Committee Inquiry into Personal Injuries Compensation Legislation

The Bar Council discussed at length the proposed submission to the inquiry into personal injuries compensation legislation. A number of minor amendments were proposed.

The council noted that the focus of the submission was on the interests of persons who are injured and access to justice.

Bar Council resolved to forward a revised version of the submission to the Legislative Council Standing Committee.

The council expressed its appreciation to the Personal Injuries Litigation Committee and Slattery QC for their working in drafting this submission. The council also expressed its appreciation to the Bar Association's projects officer, Ms Kim Kemp, for her work in assisting with the preparation of this submission.

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Law Week 15-21 May 2005



Book launch

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Members of the public and the legal profession who have an interest in the early legal history of the colony of New South Wales are invited to attend the

official launch of this book the Hon J J Spigelman AC, Chief Justice of New South Wales. Abbey's bookshop will have a mobile sales unit on hand to sell copies.

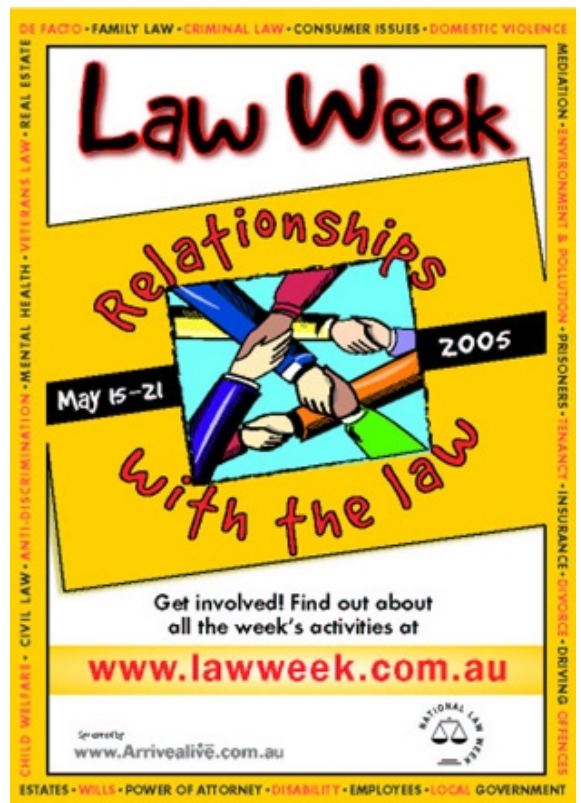
Date: Thursday, 19 May 2005 at 6.00pm (speeches begin at 6.30)

Venue: New South Wales Bar Association Common Room, Lower Ground Floor, Selborne Chambers, 174 Phillip Street, Sydney.

Contact: Chris Winslow, ph: (02) 9229 1732

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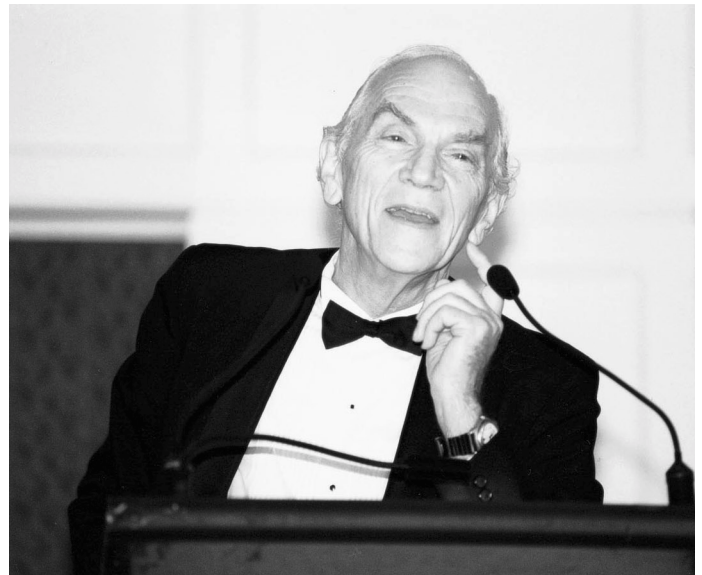
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Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2005 at 6.00pm

Venue: Dixson Room, Mitchell Library, State Library, Macquarie Street Sydney.

Contact: Chris Winslow (02) 9229 1732

E-mail: cwinslow@nswbar.asn.au



2005 Justice Awards

Now in their seventh year, the Justice Awards recognise the contributions individuals have made to improving access to justice in New South Wales, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people.

The 2005 Justice Awards will be held on the evening of Thursday 6 October in the Strangers Dining Room at Parliament House. The Hon Sir Anthony Mason AC KBE will deliver the 2005 Law and Justice Address.

Nominations are now open for the following awards:

- Justice Medal
- Aboriginal Justice Award
- Combined Community Legal Centres Group Award
- Law and Justice Volunteer Award (sponsored by the Bar Association)
- Pro Bono Partnership Award

The closing date for nominations is Friday 5 August 2005.

For further information about the nomination process or to book tickets for the 2005 Justice Awards, visit the Law and Justice Foundation web site at www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards



Life membership for the Hon Mary Gaudron

At its meeting on 24 February 2005 the Bar Council resolved that the Hon Mary Gaudron, formerly a justice of the High Court of Australia, be appointed a life member of the Bar Association for her exceptional service to the profession of the law. A life membership certificate will be presented to the Hon Mary Gaudron at a function to be arranged.



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Speeches to note

'The state of the judiciary', by the Hon Murray Gleeson AM, Chief Justice of Australia, 19th Biennial Conference of LawAsia, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, 24 March 2005. A copy of the speech may be obtained from the High Court web site at www.hcourt.gov.au or from the Bar Library.

'Independence of the legal profession: global and regional challenges', by the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG, Presidents of Law Associations in Asia Conference (POLA), Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, 20 March 2005. A copy of the speech may be obtained from the High Court web site at www.hcourt.gov.au or from the Bar Library.

'The state of the profession', by John North, President of the Law Council of Australia, 19th Biennial Conference of LawAsia, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, 24 March 2005. A copy of the speech may be obtained from the Law Council's web site at www.lawcouncil.asn.au or from the Bar Library.

'National security: Proportionality, restraint & commonsense', by the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG, Australian Law Reform Commission, National Security Law Conference, Federal Court of Australia Conference Room, Sydney, 12 March 2005. A copy of the speech may be obtained from the High Court web site at www.hcourt.gov.au or from the Bar Library.

'The principle of legality and the clear statement of principle', Opening address by the Hon JJ Spigelman AC, Chief Justice of New South Wales, New South Wales Bar Association's 'Working with statutes' conference, Sydney, 18 March 2005. A copy of the speech may be obtained from the Supreme Court's web site at www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/sc or from the Bar Library.

Speech notes of the Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, Conference Dinner, New South Wales Bar Association's 'Working with statutes' conference. Speech delivered at Fort Denison, Sydney Harbour, Saturday 19 March 2005. A copy of the speech notes is held in the Bar Library.

'Sorting the wheat from the chaff: Indictable criminal case processing reforms – an overview of upcoming changes to practice and procedure for indictable matters', by John Feneley, Assistant Director General, Policy & Crime Prevention, 5 April 2005. A copy of the speech may be obtained from the Bar Library.



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The awards apply to work published, broadcast or televised between 1 May 2004 to 30 April 2005.

Journalists may enter themselves or be nominated by a member of the judging panel or by a third party.

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Media briefing

'Suing your legal representatives', *The Law Report*, Radio National, 22 March 2005, Ian Harrison SC, interview regarding advocates immunity.

'Radio National Weekend Breakfast', Radio National, 26 March 2005, Ian Harrison SC, interview regarding comments by the Hon Murray Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of Australia, about the difficulty of attracting members of the profession to a career on the Bench.

'Statewide mornings', ABC 702 Sydney, 6 April 2005, Ian Harrison SC, interview regarding reduced sentences for guilty pleas.

'No trickery', letter to the editor, *Sydney Morning Herald*, by Ian Harrison SC, Thursday, 7 April 2005.

Crown prosecutors allocated for pre-trial pleas

By N R Cowdery AM QC, Director of Public Prosecutions

Recently there has been some debate within the profession as to the reasons underlying the trend for late pleas of guilty in both the District and Supreme courts. One reason which has been advanced in some quarters is that trials are not allocated to a crown prosecutor in sufficient time for there to be any meaningful negotiations before the trial.

Without wishing to debate the merits of this proposition, I should like to bring to the attention of your members the fact that in the Sydney head office and in each of the ten regional offices there is at least one dedicated crown prosecutor whose role is to:

- settle bills of indictment following committal proceedings;
- negotiate pleas of guilty; and
- consider applications for 'no further proceedings.'

These experienced crown prosecutors are available to deal with such issues immediately after committal and in the period between arraignment and trial.

Representations in relation to regionally-based matters should be referred in the first instance to the Managing Lawyer, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, at the following addresses:

Parramatta Level 3, 146 Marsden Street
Parramatta 2150
(PO Box 3696, Parramatta 2124)
DX 8210 Parramatta
Phone: 9891 9800
Fax: 9891 9866

Penrith Level 3 'Danallam House'
311 High Street
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(PO Box 779 Newcastle 2300)
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Fax: 4926 2119

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Gosford 2250
(PO Box 1987 Gosford 2250)
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Fax: 4323 1471

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Date: Tuesday 26 April 2005

Time: 6.30pm (guests are requested to be seated by 6.20pm)

Venue: Banco Court, Supreme Court, Queen's Square, Sydney

Registration: The public lecture is free, however participants must register to attend.

Register online at www.law.unsw.edu.au or telephone Kathleen Mastrogiacomio on 02 9385 2227. Please register by **Friday 22 April**.

Sir Neil is Regius Professor of Public Law and the Law of Nature and of Nations at Edinburgh University. He served a term as a Scottish member of the European Parliament from 1999 until 2004, in which capacity he took part in the Convention on the Future of Europe that drafted the 'Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe', whose ratification is presently being debated. Currently he holds a Leverhulme Personal Research Chair for a project on 'Law, state and practical reason'.

He is one of the world's leading legal theorists, a distinguished academic lawyer and a prominent political actor and public intellectual. Central among his interests, and the subject of several of his works, is legal reasoning. Author of many books and articles on legal and political theory, he has a new book, *Rhetoric and the rule of law: A theory of legal reasoning*, to be published by OUP in August 2005. His most recent published work is *Questioning sovereignty: Law, state and nation in the European Commonwealth*. In 2001 he was knighted for 'services to scholarship in law'.

Sir Neil MacCormick is in Australia as the Freehills visiting professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.



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Appointments

Federal Court of Australia

Richard Francis Edmonds SC has been appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, effective 5 May 2005.

Peter Ross Graham QC has been appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, effective 24 May 2005.

Family Court of Australia

Garry Watts has been appointed as a judge of the Family Court of Australia, effective 14 April 2005

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Peter Hall QC has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, effective 8 March 2005.

Her Honour Judge Megan Latham has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, effective 12 April 2005.

John Basten QC has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and as a judge of appeal, effective 2 May 2005.

Stephen Rothman SC has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, effective 3 May 2005.

The following persons have been reappointed to act as judges and judges of appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales for the periods shown:

The Honourable Acting Justice Brownie - 3 May 2005 to 2 May 2006.

The Honourable Acting Justice Mathews - 16 April 2005 to 15 April 2006.

The Honourable Acting Justice Miles AO - 28 April 2005 to 27 April 2006.

District Court of New South Wales

Angela Karpin has been appointed as an acting judge of the District Court of New South Wales effective 3 March 2005 - 30 June 2005.

Brian Donovan QC has been appointed as a judge of the District Court of New South Wales, effective 11 April 2005.

New South Wales Local Court

Graham Blewett AM was appointed as a magistrate, effective 4 April

Cecil Brahe has been reappointed as an acting magistrate, mining warden and part-time member and chairperson of the Victims Compensation Tribunal effective 23 March 2005 - 22 March 2006.

Crown prosecutors

Kara Shead has been appointed as a crown prosecutor, effective 21 April 2005.



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CONFERENCE UPDATE NO. 1

🍀 Conference Opening 🍀

The ABA is pleased to advise that the Conference will be officially opened by Her Excellency the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, on the evening of Wednesday 29 June in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Mary McAleese was inaugurated as the eighth President of Ireland on 11th November 1997. She is a barrister and former Professor of Law. She graduated in Law from the Queen's University of Belfast in 1973 and was called to the Northern Ireland Bar in 1974. In 1975, she was appointed Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology at Trinity College Dublin and in 1987, she returned to her Alma Mater, Queen's, to become Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies. In 1994, she became the first female Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast.



🍀 Conference Programme 🍀

The following areas will be covered:

★ *Defamation and Free Speech*

The Hon. Justice McHugh AC (High Court of Australia)
The Hon. Rory Brady SC (Attorney General of Ireland)
Professor William Binchy (Regius Professor of Law, Trinity College)

★ *The Ethics of Mediation*

Ian Hanger QC (Qld)
James Connolly SC (Ireland)

★ *Defendants – Documents – Destruction*

Jack Rush QC (Vic.)

★ *Advocacy – The View from the Bench*

The Hon. Dame Heather Hallett (High Court of Justice, England & Wales)

The Hon. Lady Anne Smith (Court of Session, Scotland)

The Hon. Mr Justice MacMeniman (High Court of Ireland)

★ *Restrictions on Recovery by Plaintiffs*

Anna Katzman SC (Jnr V-P, NSW)

David Nolan SC (Ireland)

Guy Mansfield QC (Chairman, Bar of England & Wales)

★ *Implications of the Clementi Report*

Judge John Cooke (Cour de Justice Des Communautés Européenes)

Hugh Mohan SC (Chairman, Bar of Ireland)

Roy Martin QC (Dean, Faculty of Advocates)

Stephen Hockman (Vice Chairman, Bar of England & Wales)

★ *Can Ethics be Competitive?*

Paul Gallagher SC (Ireland)

Neil Young QC (Vic.)

★ *Medical Litigation*

Oonah McCrann SC (Ireland)

Robert Milligan (Scotland)

★ *Directors and Fiduciary Duties*

The Hon. Justice Heydon (High Court of Australia)

★ *Human Rights in an Age of Counter-Terrorism*

Lex Lasry QC (Vic.)

Bill Shipsey SC (Ireland)

The Hon. Michael McDowell TD (Minister for Justice, Ireland)

🍷 Hotel Accommodation – Changes 🍷

The Shelbourne Hotel has decided to close a large number of its rooms as part of the renovations it is currently undergoing. This decision was not made known to the ABA until



after publication of the registration brochure. We have obtained a replacement hotel of high standard – the four star **Davenport Hotel**. This elegant, traditional deluxe hotel is located at Merrion Square in the heart of Georgian Dublin. The spectacular facade of the hotel, originally that of a church, dates from 1863.

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🍷 An Irish Night aka a Hooley 🍷

Another social event has been arranged – to be held at “Jonnie Fox’s Pub”. The details are:

Thursday 30 June

Dublin's highest pub set in the Dublin Mountains approximately 30 minutes drive south of the city. A wonderful authentic venue filled with curios and antiques with a genuine Irish feel to it. Excellent local food, the specialty is fresh seafood. The evening includes Irish dancing, a Riverdance type display and a ballad group – an informal evening with lively entertainment in unusual surroundings!

Start Westbury Hotel

Finish Westbury Hotel

Cost per person

AUD\$170

Based on a minimum of 35 passengers and inclusive of:

- Evening return transfer by luxury coaches
- Dinner
- Entertainment as described above



Registration and Enquiries

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Wine of the Month



Wignalls Albany Sauvignon Blanc 2004

Wignalls is a small family-operated winery based in Albany on the south coast of Western Australia. They specialise in low cropped, ultra premium straight varietal wines.

The nose is showing characters of gooseberries and tropical aromas with an underlying hint of herbaceousness. The palate remains fresh, clean and 'zingy' to accompany lighter dishes and seafood.

Single bottle: \$16.50 per bottle

Case price: \$15 per bottle

For any queries, or to place your order, contact

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