Labour Law Seminar Series

Evading Employment: Is it Time to Move the Goalposts?

Wednesday 18 July 2012 5.30 – 6.30pm followed by refreshments

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Sparke Helmore Theatre 2, ANU College of Law, Fellows Road, The Australian National University

This seminar is concerned with the common law definition of employment, as enshrined in statutes such as the Fair Work Act 2009, and the capacity of organisations to engage workers who fall outside that definition. Besides briefly considering the position of unpaid or ‘volunteer’ labour, it will review a series of recent court decisions that make it harder to hire workers as independent contractors, when from a practical perspective they do not appear to be running their own business.

Andrew Stewart is the John Bray Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide, President of the Australian Labour Law Association and the author of popular books such as Stewart’s Guide to Employment Law and Creighton and Stewart’s Labour Law. He has written widely on the definition of employment, including most recently in a submission (with Cameron Roles) to the ABCC’s inquiry into sham contracting. He and Professor Rosemary Owens have also been commissioned by the Fair Work Ombudsman to prepare a report on unpaid internships, work experience and trial periods. He also consults to national law firm Piper Alderman.

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