

# The Supreme Court of Victoria Commercial Law Conference



## Current Issues in Commercial Law

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Date	Monday, 15 August 2011
Venue	Banco Court, Supreme Court of Victoria 210 Williams St, Melbourne.
Time	2.00pm – 5.45pm
Cost	\$220 (incl GST)

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<b>2:00pm-2:15pm</b>	Welcome <i>The Hon Justice Marilyn Warren, Chief Justice of Victoria and Professor Carolyn Evans, Dean, Melbourne Law School</i>
<b>2:15pm-3.00pm</b>	“Director’s Duties after James Hardie and Centro” <i>Dr Robert Austin, Senior Legal Consultant, Minter Ellison, Sydney</i> Comment: Jon Webster, Partner, Allens Arthur Robinson Chair: The Hon Justice Davies
<b>3.00pm-3.45pm</b>	“ASX Disclosure and Misleading Conduct” <i>Neil Young QC</i> Comment: Associate Professor Ann O’Connell Chair: The Hon Justice Ferguson
<b>3:45pm-4:15pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4:15pm-5.00pm</b>	“The Virtues and Vices of Class Actions: A View from the US” <i>Professor Deborah R Hensler, Stanford Law School</i> Comment: The Hon Justice Murphy, Federal Court of Australia Chair: The Hon Justice Habersberger
<b>5.00pm-5.45pm</b>	“Developments in Civil Procedure: Good and Bad” <i>The Hon Justice Judd</i> Chair: Professor Ian Ramsay
<b>5:45pm</b>	Drinks in the Supreme Court Library

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**Dr Robert (Bob) Austin** is Senior Legal Consultant with Minter Ellison, and Head of the Corporate HQ Advisory Team having previously been a partner with the firm. He was a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales from 1998 to 2010, and a member of the Takeovers Panel from 2001 to 2006. He has been a Professor and Head of Department at the University of Sydney where he continues to teach. His many publications include *Ford's Principles of Corporations Law* (with IM Ramsay); *Company Directors: Principles of Law & Corporate Governance* (with HAJ Ford and IM Ramsay) and *Austin & Black's Annotations to the Corporations Act* (with AJ Black).

**Jon Webster** is a partner of Allens Arthur Robinson practising in the area of mergers and acquisitions. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Corporate Law & Securities Regulation and he teaches Regulation of Securities Offerings in the Masters program at Melbourne Law School. He is a member and former Chairman of the Corporations Committee of the Law Council of Australia, a former member of the ASX's Listings Advisory Panel and the Federal Government's Consultative Group to the Corporations Law Simplification Task Force.

**Neil Young QC** has an extensive practice in commercial law, corporations law, trade practices, appeal cases and taxation. He was Chairman of the Victorian Bar in 1997 and 1998 and President of the Australian Bar Association in 1999. From 2005 to 2007 he was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. He recently appeared for ASIC in the case against Fortescue Metals Group.

**Ann O'Connell** is an Associate Professor at the Melbourne Law School and co-Director of the Tax Program. She teaches Regulation of Securities Markets and Regulation of Securities Offerings in the Masters program at the Melbourne Law School and is Special Counsel at Allens Arthur Robinson working in the area of mergers and acquisitions.

**Deborah R. Hensler** is the Judge John W. Ford Professor of Dispute Resolution and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies at Stanford Law School. She teaches courses on complex litigation, the legal profession, the use of policy analysis in the law and empirical research methods for socio-legal studies, and leads the law school's doctoral program. Prof. Hensler has written extensively about asbestos litigation, mass torts, and compensation for personal injury in the US. In 2002, she received the Robert McKay Law Professor Award from the Torts and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

**The Hon Justice Bernard Murphy** is a judge of the Federal Court. Whilst in practice he acted in, supervised or advised on the conduct of more than 30 class actions, participated in many expert panels and seminars regarding class action issues in Australia and internationally, and assisted the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission and the New Zealand Bar Association with regard to proposals to introduce class action regimes in those jurisdictions. He co-teaches the Class Actions course in the Masters program at Melbourne Law School with Professor Hensler.

**The Hon Justice James Judd** is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. He is a member of the Commercial Court, a part of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court. Prior to his appointment to the Court in 2008, he practised as a barrister primarily in commercial cases – takeovers, corporate investigations, contractual disputes, revenue law, professional negligence and related areas before being appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel in 1996.

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