

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Convenors

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Lunchtime Seminars

- The Hon Keith Mason (UNSW), 'Top Down Reasoning and the High Court of Australia', 26 March
- Dr Simone Degeling (UNSW), 'Undue Influence and Freedom of Mind' 16 April
- Professor Amy Boss (Drexel), 'The New eCommunications Convention', 14 October
- Professor Sarah Worthington (LSE), 'Property and Public Policy—Transatlantic Clashes', 29 October

Evening Seminars

- Mr Ben McFarlane (Oxford), 'Equity and Commercial Law', 16 November
- Mr William Swadling (Oxford), 'The Use and Abuse of Resulting Trusts', 5 August
- Professor Bryan Horrigan (Monash), 'Strengthening Statutory Unconscionable Conduct and the Franchising Code of Conduct—the Report, the Government's Response, and the Regulatory Road Ahead', 21 April
- Dr Jeannie Paterson, 'Regulating Unfair Terms in Standard Form Consumer Contracts', 29 April

Obligations V Conference

The Obligations Group provided administrative support for the *Fifth Biennial Conference on the Law of Obligations*, which was held at St Anne's College, Oxford from 14-16 July and addressed the theme 'Rights and Private Law'. The conference was co-hosted by the Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford and Melbourne Law School and was co-convened by Mr Donal Nolan and Professor Andrew Robertson. It was attended by academics and practitioners from 16 different countries, including representatives of 65 different law schools.

Proprietary Remedies Colloquium

The Obligations Group provided administrative support for a colloquium on 'The Principles of Proprietary Remedies: Rescission', which was held at Melbourne Law School on 9 December. The colloquium was co-convened by Professor Michael Bryan and Associate Professor Elise Bant and funded by their ARC Discovery Project grant. The colloquium brought together judges and scholars from around Australia to discuss contentious issues in the law of rescission.

Property Law Conference

The Obligations Group hosted a one-day Property Law conference on 10 December, which was convened by Associate Professor Elise Bant. The conference featured roundtable discussions on research and teaching in property law as well as presentations of the following papers:

- Associate Professor Natalie Skead (UWA), 'Confiscation of Land Under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation in Australia: Proprietary Consequences for Defendants and Innocent Third Parties'
- Mr John Page (UNE), 'Reconceptualising Property'
- Mr Ben McFarlane (Oxford), 'Equitable Property Rights'
- Associate Professor Elise Bant, 'The Principles of Proprietary Remedies'

Visitors

Mr Ben McFarlane (Oxford), November-December