

# The Supreme Court of Victoria Commercial Law Conference



## Current Issues in Commercial Law

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday 9 October 2014</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Banco Court, Supreme Court of Victoria 210 William St, Melbourne</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>2:30pm – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$220 (incl GST)</b>

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<b>2:30pm – 2:45pm</b>	Welcome The Hon Justice Marilyn Warren AC, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Victoria, and Professor Carolyn Evans, Dean, Melbourne Law School
<b>2:45pm – 3:30pm</b>	<i>“What ever happened to pacta sunt servanda?”</i> Speaker: Neil Young QC Commentator: The Hon Associate Justice Mark Derham Chair: The Hon Justice John Digby
<b>3:30pm – 4:15pm</b>	<i>“Reliance and delegation by company directors”</i> Speaker: Jon Webster, Partner, Allens Linklaters Commentator: Professor Ian Ramsay Chair: Paul Anastassiou QC
<b>4:15pm – 5:00pm</b>	<i>“Estoppel in commercial law: risk, reliance and reward”</i> Speaker: Professor Elise Bant Commentator: Philip Crutchfield QC Chair: The Hon Justice James Elliott
<b>5:00pm</b>	Refreshments in the Supreme Court Library

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**Mr Neil Young QC** was admitted to practice in 1975, signed the Bar Roll in 1979 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990. Mr Young has an extensive practice in commercial law, corporations law, trade practices, appeal cases and taxation. Neil was Chairman of the Victorian Bar in 1997 and 1998 and President of the Australian Bar Association in 1999. In 2005 Mr Young was appointed a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, resigning in January 2007 to return to private practice.

**The Hon Associate Justice Mark Derham** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Victoria in December 2012. After graduating in law with honours from the University of Melbourne in 1972 and being admitted to practice, his Honour served as an Associate to Justice Sir Douglas Menzies of the High Court before becoming an Assistant Parliamentary Counsel in Canberra. Associate Justice Derham joined the Victorian Bar in 1980 and held numerous positions on the Victorian Bar Council, including as Chairman from 2000-2001, and was Director and Chairman of Barristers Chambers Ltd from 2009 to 2012. His Honour was appointed a Queens Counsel in 1994 and received the Centenary Medal for services to the law in 2000.

**The Hon Justice John Digby** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Victoria in November 2012. His Honour is an alumni of Melbourne Law School and been a Member of the Standing Committee for the Masters Course since 1998, has lectured in the Masters' Program in International Construction Law and International Arbitration since 2002 and has been a Senior Fellow of the University of Melbourne Law School since 2005. Justice Digby was admitted to practice and signed the Bar Roll in 1979, and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1993. His Honour was Chairman of the Victorian Bar in 2008-2009. At the Bar, his Honour was heavily involved in construction law related committees, an active member of the Victorian Bar Association and President of the Commercial Bar Association from 2009-2012.

**Mr Jon Webster** is a Partner at the law firm Allens Linklaters and co-head of its mergers and acquisitions practice group and a member of Allens' board. He is one of Australia's most experienced corporate lawyers, having advised on complex transactions for more than 30 years. Mr Webster is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation and teaches Securities Regulation in the Master of Laws program at the University of Melbourne. He is a director of the Human Rights Law Centre and is a former Chairman of the Corporations Committee of the Law Council of Australia. He is also a former member of the ASX's Listings Advisory Panel and of the Federal Government's Consultative Group to the Corporations Law Simplification Task Force.

**Professor Ian Ramsay** is the Harold Ford Professor of Commercial Law at Melbourne Law School, where he is Director of the Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation. He has practised law with firms in New York and Sydney. Former positions Professor Ramsay has held include Dean of Melbourne Law School and Head of the Australian Government inquiry on auditor independence. He is a past member of the Australian Takeovers Panel, the Australian Government's Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee, the Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission External Advisory Panel, the Audit Quality Review Board, the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the International Federation of Accountants taskforce on rebuilding confidence in financial reporting, and consultant to the Parliament of Australia House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration. He has been Visiting Professor at The University of Paris, The University of Toronto and The University of Hong Kong. Professor Ramsay has published extensively on corporate law and corporate governance issues both internationally and in Australia.

**Mr Paul Anastassiou QC** was admitted to practice in 1985, signed the Bar Roll in 1987 and appointed Silk in 2002. Mr Anastassiou is currently Junior Vice-Chairman of the Victorian Bar Council and member of the Commercial Bar Association of Victoria.

**Professor Elise Bant** holds joint bachelor degrees in Arts and Law (hons) from the University of Western Australia. Professor Bant also holds the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Laws with distinction and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford, where she was a Clarendon scholar. Professor Bant practised in commercial litigation with national law firm Freehills before joining The University of Western Australia Law School. She subsequently taught at Oxford and was a visiting scholar in Portugal, before joining Melbourne Law School in 2008. Elise is the Co-convenor (with Associate Professor Matthew Harding) of the Obligations Group at MLS and a former Associate Dean of the Melbourne Juris Doctor degree. Professor Bant's main areas of teaching and research interests lie in the fields of unjust enrichment and restitution law, property, civil remedies, equity and trusts. She is author of *The Change of Position Defence* (Hart Publishing, Oxford 2009), two collections of essays, co-author of a leading Australian casebook on Remedies and is currently finalising the second edition of *Unjust Enrichment* with her co-author, Justice Edelman, for publication with Hart Publishing in late 2014.

**Mr Philip Crutchfield QC** was admitted to practice in 1988, signed the Bar Roll in 1998 and appointed a Silk in 2009. Mr Crutchfield is currently President of the Commercial Bar Association of Victoria.

**The Hon Justice James Elliott** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Victoria in March 2013. Justice Elliott was admitted to practice in 1988 and completed articles with Baker & McKenzie. In 1989 his Honour served as an Associate to Justice Sir Gerard Brennan of the High Court. His Honour signed the Bar Roll in 1990 and developed a substantial commercial practice and was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2004.

# Registration details

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### **Admission cost**

\$220 (incl. GST)

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