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Director's Report

I am delighted to share with you our annual report for 2025, highlighting another year full of productivity and progress for the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law (MCCL). The year is also noteworthy for the research undertaken by members of MCCL, the visitors to MCCL, a broad range of events, including seminars and workshops, and significant media engagement.

Highlights included major public lectures such as the signature Harold Ford Memorial Lecture, the Annual Tax Lecture and the John Emerson Oration. A further 18 events were held throughout the year. The innovative and popular Inside Commercial Law podcast continued its success, engaging a wide range of topics and guests, with five episodes recorded in 2025.

In 2025, the Centre congratulated Professor Miranda Stewart on being awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) in recognition of her exceptional and distinguished scholarship in taxation law and policy. The Centre further congratulated Associate Professor Wayne Jovic, Co-Director of the Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration Program, and Associate Professor Julian Panetta, of the Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy, who were awarded 2025 Teaching Excellence Awards at Melbourne Law School.

The Centre continued to contribute to the work of the Community Tax Project, led by Associate Professor Kathryn James and supported by The University of Melbourne's Social Equity Institute. This project plays a leading role as a forum for strengthening academic and community sector capacity in tax policy in Australia. I would also like to highlight the continuing successful work of the Melbourne Law School Tax Clinic, a supportive and inclusive student-run clinic that provides free tax assistance delivered by Melbourne Law School students. In 2025, the Clinic marked its seventh year and twelfth iteration. As one of around 20 clinics in the National Tax Clinic network, it delivers a distinctive collaborative model in which JD students work side by side with pro bono tax and legal professionals under the leadership of its Clinic Principal, Associate Professor Julian Panetta, providing free, high-quality advice to vulnerable Australians. Over the year, the Clinic supported almost 200 people through its on-campus service and assisted more than 60 people through outreach, with students developing practice-ready skills through supervised client interviewing, advice writing, and follow up.

In 2025, MCCL members across our specialist research programs undertook work on projects supported by more than \$1.4 million in external grant funding, including funding from the Australian Research Council. In addition, I was delighted to be awarded \$1,219,808 via an ARC Future Fellowship for my project, *Purpose Beyond Profit: Modernising Corporations Law*, one of only two law-based projects awarded funding in the 2025 funding round. This project will be hosted by MCCL and will incorporate extensive engagement in the form of conferences and workshops at MCCL.

Overall, the year marked an outstanding phase of research output by the MCCL members, who produced more than 90 publications, as outlined later in this report. In addition to numerous conference and seminar presentations, the Centre strengthened its communications with internal and external stakeholders, distributing 11 monthly newsletters to more than 1600 subscribers and growing its LinkedIn presence to over 1500 followers. To extend the impact of the Centre's work beyond academic and internal audiences and to inform policy debates, Centre members also engaged extensively with the media.

I thank Professor Miranda Stewart for her service as Acting Director of the Centre for the first six months while I was teaching on behalf of Melbourne Law School at the Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. I also thank Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson and Professor Richard Garnett for their service as Associate Directors of the Consumer Law and Policy Program and Commercial Arbitration Program, respectively, since the Centre's establishment. Both stepped down from their roles in the second half of 2025. I would also like to congratulate Professor Rosemary Addis AM for her leadership in the areas of impact investment, sustainability and innovation. In addition, congratulations are extended to Redmond Barry Distinguished Emeritus Professor Ian Ramsay AO and Professor Andrew Godwin for their Regulatory Simplification Context Paper, prepared as part of ASIC's Regulatory Simplification Report.

During the year, we welcomed new members, including Professor Elizabeth Boros KC, Professor Ali Noroozi and Dr Petra Mahy. We were pleased to appoint Associate Professor Kathryn James as Associate Director of the Taxation Policy and Law Program and Professor Elizabeth Boros KC as Associate Director of the Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program. MCCL also hosted four JD students through its legal internship program, supervised by Professors Miranda Stewart and Andrew Godwin and Associate Professor Wayne Jovic. We further welcomed a number of international visitors.

Centre members supervised 15 PhD candidates and one postdoctoral fellow across the research programs, thereby furthering the Centre's scholarly agenda and fostering a vibrant research community, with one PhD researcher completing her studies at the end of 2025. MCCL members also taught across the Juris Doctor, Masters and Breadth programs at Melbourne Law School and welcomed a number of Senior Fellows to teach in the Melbourne Law Masters program, which offers an extensive range of commercial law subjects across areas of specialisation led by MCCL Associate Directors.

During 2025, we spearheaded some new initiatives for 2026. These include an exciting initiative to recommence the Victorian Supreme Court Conference in August 2026 at the Supreme Court and MLS, with a keynote by the Hon Justice Michelle Gordon AC of the High Court of Australia. The conference offers a broad range of opportunities and benefits to Melbourne Law School and MCCL, including profile-building, engagement with the judiciary and the profession, and potential research collaboration. Another initiative is the *Purpose, Governance and the 21st Century Organisation* hub, which will bring together academics, policy makers, industry and civil society to help shape future-fit organisations. This hub, which I will lead together with Professors Andrew Godwin and Rosemary Addis AM, will incorporate a modular combination of themes including corporate purpose, technological innovation, productivity, corporate stewardship, law and regulation, and corporate and governance responses to environmental, social and governance issues (including climate change and the growing focus on its impact).

I thank Belete Addis Yemata and Debaranjan Goswami for their work for the Centre as Graduate Researcher and Academic Associates. The Centre also thanks Melbourne Law School for its continued support, and the Law Research Support Team, led by Angela Hendley-Boys, for providing extensive assistance with events, visitors, newsletters and engagement. We are also grateful for the support of staff in Melbourne Law School's digital media studio. Finally, I thank the many external stakeholders who engaged with the Centre's work and contributed to making 2025 such a rewarding year.

Rosemary Langford

Director, Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law

About the Centre

The Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law aims for excellence in research, teaching, and engagement in all aspects of commercial law, policy, and regulation. We bring a wide range of perspectives to the field and draw together leading experts from Melbourne Law School. We have established specialist research programs focusing on corporate law and financial regulation, construction law and commercial arbitration, consumer law and policy, and taxation law and policy. The Centre aims to support excellence in research, policy development, and engagement among its members and to build collaboration across our specialist research programs. We also aim to connect with the legal and other professions, governments, not-for-profits, and international organisations, to deliver excellent teaching and to engage with scholars and research centres on all aspects of our work, both internationally and globally.

The Centre is governed by a management committee comprising the Director and Associate Directors, supported by two Graduate Researcher Academic Associates.

The [Centre's](#) website presents more information about our members and all aspects of our activities. We also send a monthly newsletter that provides information about all aspects of our activities, and provide updates on our [LinkedIn page](#).

People

Director



Rosemary Langford

Research Program in
Corporate Law and Financial
Regulation

[Professor Rosemary Langford](#)

is Harold Ford Professor of
Commercial Law, Melbourne Law

School, Director of Studies of the Corporate Law Masters, and Director, MCCL. Rosemary has published widely in the areas of corporate law and corporate governance, including *Directors' Duties: Principles and Application* (Federation Press, 2014), *Company Directors' Duties and Conflicts of Interest* (Oxford University Press, 2019) and *Technology and Corporate Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021). She is a member of the Corporations Committee and Not for Profit Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia and the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, as well as editor of the directors' duties section of the *Company and Securities Law Journal*. Rosemary has recently completed a four-year project on governance and regulation of charities funded by an Australian Research Council grant, encompassing comprehensive and comparative investigation of governance and regulation in the charitable sector in a number of jurisdictions with the aim of making recommendations for legislative and policy reforms. In 2025 Rosemary was awarded an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship for a four-year project on 'Purpose beyond Profit: Modernising Corporations Law'. This project will critically assess questions associated with corporate purpose, regulation of not-for-profit corporations and directors' duties in light of pressing environmental, social, cultural and technical issues and challenges.

Associate Directors



Matthew Bell

Research Program in
Construction Law and
Commercial Arbitration

[Associate Professor Matthew Bell](#)

is a joint Associate Director
of the Research Program in

Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration at MCCL. Matthew is the author of many publications in the field, including the texts *Construction Law in Australia* and *Understanding Australian Construction Contracts* (with Ian Bailey) and *Residential Construction Law* (with Philip Britton). Matthew is a Consultant to the Construction Group at Clayton Utz on a part-time basis and was the founding Chair of the Academic Subcommittee of the Society of Construction Law Australia. He is a former Deputy Chair for Victoria of the Law Council of Australia Construction and Infrastructure Law Committee.



Elizabeth Boros KC

Research Program in
Corporate Law and Financial
Regulation

[Dr Elizabeth Boros KC](#) is a
Professor of Commercial Law
at Melbourne Law School,

specialising in corporations law and trusts. She is also Joint Associate Director of the Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Research Program at MCCL. She is the author of *Minority Shareholders' Remedies* and the co-author of *Corporate Law* (now in its 4th edition), both published by Oxford University Press. Her primary teaching areas are corporate governance and directors' duties and shareholders' rights and remedies. Elizabeth formerly practised as a commercial barrister, and before that held the Sir Keith Aickin Chair of Company Law at Monash University and was a consultant in the corporate group at Ashurst.



Julie Clarke

Research Program in
Consumer Law and Policy

[Professor Julie Clarke](#) is a joint Associate Director of the Consumer Law and Policy

Research Program at MCCL. She is the Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) and Director of the Global Competition and Consumer Law specialisation. Julie's primary research and teaching interests are in the areas of competition, consumer and contract law, with a particular focus on mergers, misuse of market power and cartels.



Richard Garnett

Research Program in
Construction Law and
Commercial Arbitration

[Professor Richard Garnett](#) is a joint Associate Director of the Research Program in

Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration at MCCL. Richard Garnett has an LLM from Harvard University and in 2020 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) from the University of Melbourne for a body of published work that constitutes 'a substantial and original contribution to legal scholarship' and demonstrates 'authoritative standing in the field of study'. Richard was a Director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and has published widely in the areas of conflict of laws, public and private international law, and international commercial arbitration. Richard also regularly advises commercial clients on cross-border litigation and arbitration matters.



Andrew Godwin

Research Program in
Corporate Law and Financial
Regulation

[Professor Andrew Godwin](#) is a joint Associate Director of the Research Program in Corporate

Law and Financial Regulation at MCCL. He is Associate Dean (Melbourne Law Masters), and Associate Director (Commercial Law) of the Asian Law Centre. Andrew works and researches in the areas of financial regulation, financial services law, corporate and insolvency law, property law, and the regulation of the legal profession. Andrew has published extensively in both academic and professional journals. He is a co-author of *Sackville & Neave Australian Property Law* and *Ford, Austin and Ramsay Principles of Corporations Law*, and co-editor of *Research Handbook on Asian Financial Law* (Edward Elgar, 2020), *The Cambridge Handbook of Twin Peaks Financial Regulation* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) and *Technology and Corporate Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021). Andrew served as Special Counsel and Acting General Counsel at the Australian Law Reform Commission from September 2020 to February 2024. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a Distinguished Fellow of the Singapore Academy of Law.



Kathryn James

Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy

[Associate Professor Kathryn James](#) is the Associate Director of the Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy, a role she

commenced in the second half of 2025. Kathryn teaches and researches in taxation law and policy, with specific expertise in value-added tax (VAT), also known as goods and services tax (GST). Her research focuses on how ostensibly technical questions of taxation affect distributive justice. She was an ARC Discovery Early Career Research Fellow from December 2019 to December 2024 for a project examining whether Australia can and should reform the GST (DE190100346). This project builds upon her earlier research, which has focused on explaining the rapid rise of VAT and GST regimes. Her book, *The Rise of the Value-Added Tax* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), provided the first comprehensive and critical account of the rise of VAT and was informed by a range of disciplinary perspectives, including law, politics, history and economics. Kathryn is the founder and convenor of the Community Tax Project, an alliance between academia and the community and welfare sector that advocates for tax reform in support of social justice. She has published widely in domestic and international journals, including *Federal Law Review*, *UNSW Law Journal*, *Theoretical Inquiries in Law* and *British Tax Review*, and has contributed to publications on tax law and distributive justice with Oxford University Press and Hart.



Wayne Jovic

Research Program in Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration

[Associate Professor Wayne Jovic](#) is a joint Associate Director of the

Research Program in Construction Law. His teaching and research interests are in construction law, contract law and private law generally. Wayne joined Melbourne Law School after a career in practice, in which he advised on major construction projects in every state.



Jeannie Paterson

Research Program in
Consumer Law and Policy

[Professor Jeannie Paterson](#) was a joint Associate Director of the Research Program in Consumer

Law and Policy until the second half of 2025. Her current work focuses on the regulatory and ethical challenges of AI misrepresentation, misinformation and deepfake fraud. She teaches consumer protection law, technology law, and the regulation of AI in JD, LLM and breadth subjects. Jeannie is the co-author, with Professor Andrew Robertson, of the widely-used text *Principles of Contract Law*, as well as publications on consumer credit law, consumer law and AI law. She is the founding Director of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) at the University of Melbourne. She is an Academic Fellow at Melbourne Business School and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. She was a member of the Commonwealth Government's temporary expert advisory committee on AI regulation in 2024.



Miranda Stewart

Research Program in
Taxation Law and Policy

[Professor Miranda Stewart](#) was the Associate Director of the Research Program in Taxation

Law and Policy for the first half of 2025. Since August 2025, she has been appointed Director of NYU Law's International Tax Program, where she is serving a three-year term as a Visiting Professor of Law. Miranda received her LLD (Doctor of Laws) from the University of Melbourne in 2025 for her exceptional and distinguished scholarship in taxation law and policy. Her books include *Tax and Government in the 21st Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2022), *Income Taxation: Commentary and Materials* (with Graeme Cooper, Michael Dirkis and Richard Vann, Thomson Reuters, 2020), *Death and Taxes* (with Michael Flynn KC, Thomson Reuters, 2021), and *Tax, Social Policy and Gender* (ANU Press, 2017). Miranda leads an interdisciplinary research project funded by the Australian Research Council on Sharing the Wealth, which examines tax and justice in an era of population ageing and slowing economic growth. She is an International Research Fellow of the Centre for Business Taxation at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, and Vice-Chair of the Permanent Scientific Committee of the International Fiscal Association. She is the President of the International Fiscal Association Melbourne Congress 2026 and a member of the Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute of Tax Law and Public Finance, Germany (2023-2026).

Members

Professor Emeritus



Ian Ramsay AO

Redmond Barry Distinguished
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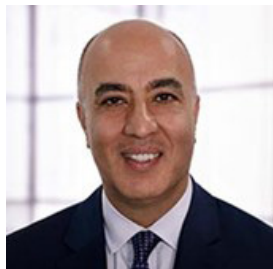
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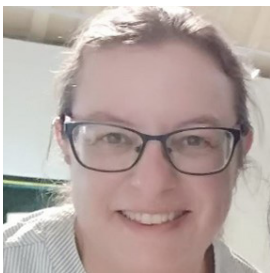
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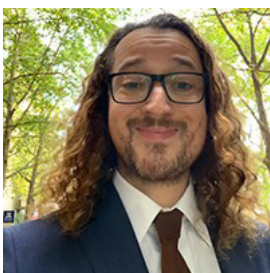
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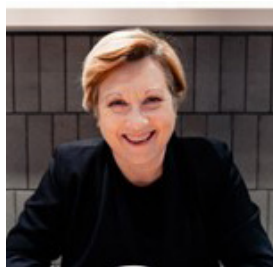
Dr Robi Rado

Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation

Fellows

The Centre engages with several leading Professorial, Principal and Senior Fellows who engage with us on research, teaching and policy activities

Enterprise Fellow



Rosemary Addis AM

Professor

Professorial Fellows



Elise Bant

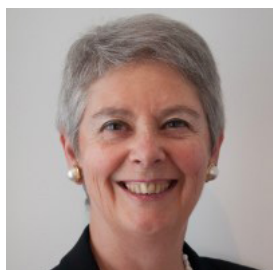
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Associate Professor



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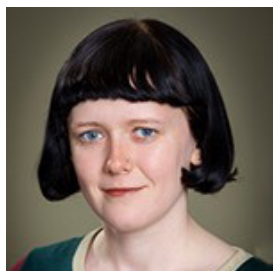
Associate Professor
Victorian Bar



Andrew Mills

Associate Professor

Senior Fellows



Evgenia Bourova

Research Fellow on Financial Exclusion, Poor Insurer Practices and Consumer Protection, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation



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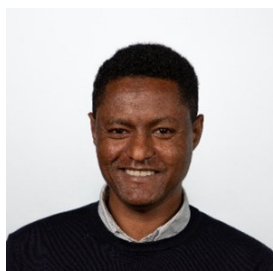
Senior Research Fellow, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation



Lucie O'Brien

Postdoctoral Fellow Postdoctoral Fellow on Personal Bankruptcy, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation

MCCL PhD Research Fellows



Belete Addis Yemata



Debaranjan Goswami

Graduate Researchers

The Centre takes pride in the innovative and exciting work of our PhD candidates working across a wide range of issues in tax, regulatory, consumer and not-for-profit law.

Lilia Anderson: The Regulation of Digital Platforms: AI Governance in Australia

Elvina Anita: Ensuring Trust in Metaverse: Privacy, Ethics and Regulation

Vita Apriliasari: Indonesia's Tax Incentive and the Global Minimum Tax: Options for Reform

Helen Dervan (New Zealand Women Leaders in Law Fellow): What is the Appropriate Legislative and Institutional Framework to Enable Effective Execution of the Financial Stability Mandate under Twin Peaks in New Zealand?

Shuning Fu: Beyond the Veil of Nominee Shareholding: A Comparative Study of Legal Nature and Associated Risks

Debaranjan Goswami: Shareholder-Creditor Agency Conflicts when Companies are in Financial Distress - the Design of Legal Tools in Emerging Markets

Monica Hope: Tax Justice and Intergenerational Wealth Transfer in Australia

Elliot Legendre: Tax Instruments and Water Rights Protection: A Comparative Policy Analysis

Chi Yin Wilson Lui: State Immunity as a Defence in Cross-Border Private Actions

Matthew O'Rourke: The Gathering Storm: Regulating Competition in Electronic Communications Markets in the Age of the Cloudification of Networks

Antonia Smith: The Common Law and Public Finance in Nineteenth-Century Aotearoa

Fitria Wardika: Reforming Regulation for Simplifying Indonesian State Finance Law

Michael Wells: Corporate Minimum Book Taxes: Principles, Design and Implementation

Belete Addis Yemata: Civil Society Organisations and Their Tax Treatment in Ethiopia

We are proud of our Graduate Researcher who completed in 2025.

Samantha Tang: Public Interest and Shareholder Engagement

Postdoctoral Fellow

[Dr Lucie O'Brien](#) is currently undertaking a Melbourne Postdoctoral Fellowship focussing on Australian bankruptcy law. This mixed-methods project has doctrinal, empirical and interdisciplinary components, drawing on Lucie's background in the humanities and her previous work on two ARC-funded empirical projects with Associate Professor Paul Ali and Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor Emeritus Ian Ramsay AO.

Events

In 2025, MCCL hosted 21 events at Melbourne Law School, as listed below. Our events were a mix of online, hybrid and in-person.

Roundtable with Fatjon Kaja on Reframing Corporate Purpose

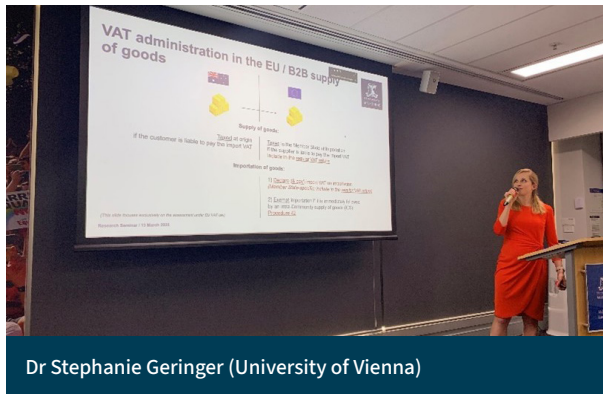
10 February 2025

In this roundtable, organised by MCCL's Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation, Mr Fatjon Kaja, Lecturer in Law and Economics at Amsterdam Law School, presented his paper on 'Reframing Corporate Purpose: A Historical Perspective'. In his presentation, Mr Kaja highlighted the historical evolution of corporate purpose and the legal mechanisms that affect corporate charters, tracing its historical roots and its implications for contemporary corporate governance and legal practices.

Value Added Tax Administration Across Borders

13 March 2025

This seminar was organised by the Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy and explored value-added tax (VAT). Globalisation and digitalisation, along with the widespread application of VAT worldwide, have increased the frequency of business interactions involving different national VAT systems. At the same time, these developments demand stronger cooperation between national tax authorities. Dr Stefanie Geringer (University of Vienna) presented on the European Union as a case study to examine the current challenges of VAT enforcement in cross-border situations and explore potential avenues for improvement. Particular attention was given to the prospects for harmonising and centralising cross-border VAT administration.



The Australian State in the 21st Century

24 March 2025

This lunchtime seminar, presented by Mr Greg Smith, explored the political and economic challenges facing Australia in the remainder of the 21st century. This seminar provided a big-picture survey of whether the Australian state has the will and capacity to meet the challenges that it faces over the remainder of the 21st century. If not, what changes are required, and what are the prospects for them being made? The main goal was to suggest a broad framework for further consideration and debate.

Justice and the Tax Base Conference

2-4 April 2025

Dr Kathryn James and Professor Miranda Stewart hosted a three-day conference, supported by funding from two major grants, 'Can and Should We Reform the Goods and Services Tax?' (DE190100346) and 'Sharing the Wealth: Tax and Justice in an Era of Population Ageing and Slow Growth' (DP210100924). The Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy hosted two public lectures as part of this conference.

The 20th century saw the rise of tax systems in developed countries, including Australia, that were capable of financing expansive social expenditures and redistributing market resources. In the 21st century, these tax systems face increasing challenges. Conference papers assessed the justice of the tax bases of income, consumption and wealth that were developed in the last century, in the face of significant challenges today. The progressive income tax was a mainstay of tax systems, capable of both raising revenue and achieving redistribution. Today, the redistributive capacity of the income tax has been undermined by reducing tax rates and hollowing out the base through policy change and tax minimisation. The Value-Added Tax or Goods and Services Tax became the dominant form of consumption tax at the end of the century. While also capable of raising significant revenue, its regressivity nearly always results in exclusions to the base and rate variations that hamper its expansion. Wealth taxation has never raised significant revenue and today it is sporadic and in decline, whether the aim is to capture accrued financial wealth, land value or inheritance of assets. Yet today's growing and unequal wealth holdings demand new tax solutions.



Professor Michelle Foster, Dean, Melbourne Law School



Centre Stage: Tax Reform for Middle Australia

3 April 2025

The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, in his keynote presentation, addressed how multinational tax avoidance undermines fairness, erodes public trust, and distorts economic competition globally. Over the past three years, the Australian Government has played an active role in addressing multinational tax avoidance, including supporting international reforms, implementing stronger corporate reporting requirements, increasing penalties for tax avoidance, closing exploited tax gaps, and introducing transparency measures to ensure businesses operating in Australia contribute their fair share. In his presentation, Dr Leigh argued how effective multinational tax reform shifts competition away from clever tax manoeuvres, ensuring businesses succeed by genuinely serving their customers, employees, and the broader community.



The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP



The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP and Professor Emma Johnston

Five Experts Pitch Five Ideas for Fair Taxation

3 April 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy hosted this seminar as part of the Justice and the Tax Base conference. The panel of experts featured Professor Ingrid Robeyns (Utrecht University), Professor Liam Murphy (New York University), Professor Alex Raskolnikov (Columbia University), Professor Miranda Fleischer (University of San Diego) and Professor Laura Seelkopf (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich). Panellists pitched ideas to improve the fairness or justice of our tax systems, followed by responses from community sector representatives. The panel from the community sector included Emma Dawson (Per Capita), Mark Zirnsak (Tax Justice Network), Rachel Ball (Reichstein Foundation), Peter Davidson (ACOSS) and Josie Lee (Oxfam).



Geopolitics of Cross-Border Money & Payments: Technology, Law & Regulation

12 May 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation hosted a seminar, presented by Professor Douglas Arner, examining the evolution of cross-border payments in the 21st century.

At the beginning of the 21st century, cross-border payments could be seen as evolving from 13th century commercial systems, with the support of 19th century legal systems and 20th century technology and regulation. Since the beginning of the 2020s, however, rapid technological development and geopolitical considerations have witnessed a range of initiatives to build cross-border payments systems, including central bank digital currencies, fast payment systems and tokenised deposits and stablecoins. What impact will these developments have — particularly on the dominant major currencies? Professor Arner addressed this timely and important question during his presentation.

Sustainability Reporting and Commercial Law

15 May 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation hosted a panel discussion exploring the cross-cutting issue of ESG (environmental, social, and governance) or sustainability regulation and reporting, and its implications for key areas of commercial law. The panel featured Professor Rosemary Addis AM, Principal Fellow Andrew Mills, and Dr Brad Jessup.



Andrew Mills, Brad Jessup, Rosemary Addis AM and Miranda Stewart

Performance-based Fencing In: Consumer Law Lessons for Competition Law

4 June 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Consumer Law and Policy hosted a seminar on performance-based fencing-in for platforms, presented by Fulbright Scholar Professor Lauren Willis.

This situation calls for a new approach to remedies for anti-competitive platform conduct. Drawing on experience with firm circumvention of consumer protection remedies, this talk proposed such an approach: performance-based fencing-in. Enforcement bodies or regulators would identify testable indicators of unfair competition and make firms responsible for ensuring their behaviours produce results that meet fair competition benchmarks. An independent monitor would determine, through random sample consumer surveys, lab experiments, and log data of consumers of the digital platform in question, whether the platform is meeting the fair competition benchmark. A deterrent-level sanction, potentially including divestment of platform assets, would be imposed on a platform that failed to meet the performance benchmarks.

New European Law Institute Model Rules on Digital Assistants for Consumers

10 June 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Consumer Law and Policy hosted a seminar on the new European Law Institute Model Rules on Digital Assistants for Consumers, presented by Professor Christian Twigg-Flesner.

The European Law Institute has recently released *Guiding Principles and Model Rules on Digital Assistants for Consumer Contracts*. These Model Rules were developed to provide guidance on automating contractual relations through algorithmic systems (particularly those relying on artificial intelligence). Professor Twigg-Flesner was part of the project team and discussed the process and the Model Rules in this presentation, chaired by Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson.

ESG Investing and Asset Management in the United States

11 June 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Research Program hosted a roundtable discussion featuring a presentation by Professor Arthur Laby from Rutgers Law School. ESG investing has become an integral part of the financial landscape, fuelled by concerns over climate change, social trends, and corporate misconduct. For years, ESG investing has raised concerns over whether a focus on environmental, social, and governance factors is consistent with an asset manager's core fiduciary duty to preserve and grow a client's assets. While some maintain that integrating ESG factors into investment decisions is consistent with fiduciary duty — and possibly required — others believe that ESG investing conflicts with fiduciary constraints. Professor Arthur Laby presented his paper, which addressed private and public law frameworks applicable to ESG investing in the United States as a point of comparison with other jurisdictions. He also explored whether ESG investing is consistent with a fiduciary duty regime and discussed litigation against asset managers. He also addressed public law norms, including US regulatory law. He concluded by underlining the recent backlash against ESG investing and the politicization of the ESG movement.

Philippines Delegation Workshop—Criminal Justice System and Counter-Terrorism in Australia

23 June 2025

Melbourne Law School delivered a workshop to a visiting delegation of government officials from the Philippines. Chaired by Professor Andrew Godwin from the Asian Law Centre and the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law, the workshop focussed on aspects of Australia's criminal justice system and legal system generally. The delegation was led by an Undersecretary of the Department of Justice and was accompanied by officials from the Australian Embassy in Manila.



Sovereign AI Model

15 July 2025

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law jointly organised a seminar on 'Sovereign AI Models' by Trisha Ray, an associate director and resident fellow at the Atlantic Council's GeoTech Centre. Sovereignty as a norm is continually challenged, reshaped, and reinterpreted, contrary to beliefs about a post-Westphalian consensus. In the context of the recent artificial intelligence boom, sovereignty has taken on new modes and methods. While sovereign AI has gained a foothold in several capitals around the world, the goals outlined by governments are varied and wide-reaching. During her presentation, Trisha Ray analysed the meaning of sovereign AI in this rapidly evolving world.

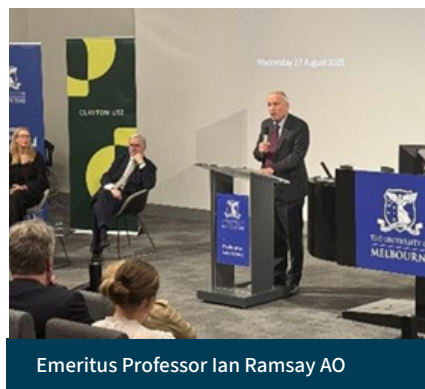
2025 Harold Ford Memorial Lecture: Company Law and Trusts Law: The Use and Misuse of Principle

27 August 2025

The 2025 Harold Ford Memorial Lecture was presented by the Hon Justice Simon Steward AC of the High Court, on Directors' Duties and Politics. In Australia, recent political debates, including the Voice referendum, climate-change, and gender-diversity issues, have all been subject to corporate stances. Directors owe an obligation to the company to act in its best interests and to avoid situations where their interests might conflict with the interests of the company. Justice Steward discussed the very topical issue of the extent to which Australian directors can impose their own political views on corporate speech without breaching their obligations as directors. The Harold Ford Memorial Lecture is proudly sponsored by Clayton Utz.



The Hon. Justice Simon Steward AC



Emeritus Professor Ian Ramsay AO



Professor Rosemary Langford and
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The Overlooked Reality of Shareholder Activism in China: Defying Western Expectations

16 September 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation hosted a seminar on 'The Overlooked Reality of Shareholder Activism in China: Defying Western Expectations', presented by Professor Dan Puchniak (Singapore Management University). Shareholder activism in China remains largely unexplored, despite the country having the world's second-largest economy. Using unique hand-collected data, Professor Puchniak revealed that shareholder activism in China is thriving, with 156 major campaigns identified from 2007 to 2023, over two-thirds occurring in the last five years.

Contrary to Western assumptions, their empirical analysis finds no statistically significant difference in activist campaign success rates between state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and privately-owned enterprises (POEs). Private shareholders have successfully conducted activist campaigns against powerful state-owned 'national champions' in over half of the cases. Conversely, over half of the campaigns by state-owned activists failed when targeting POEs.

Their regression analyses, coding activist shareholders and target companies based on political power, suggest China has developed a rules-based market for shareholder activism with no evidence of systemic political interference, even when state actors are involved. In-depth case studies further support this conclusion, while illuminating a rare instance where political influence may have played a role in a sensitive case involving a national champion.

Liability for Mandatory Corporate Disclosures in Australia: The Case for Simplification

7 October 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation hosted a seminar on 'Liability for Mandatory Corporate Disclosures in Australia: The Case for Simplification', presented by Emerita Professor Pamela Hanrahan (UNSW Sydney). Australia's corporate and securities laws are notoriously complex. That complexity extends to the laws that impose liability on corporations and their officers when mandatory public disclosures are defective. For historical reasons, different rules apply in different settings; the boundaries are unclear and there is overlap. The result is a confusing and unprincipled patchwork of rules that make it difficult (and costly) for corporations and their officers to understand what is expected of them and what defences to liability are available. It adds significantly to the difficulties faced by investors and regulators in enforcing the disclosure laws through the courts. This seminar compared the different statutory pathways that determine when corporations and their officers face criminal, civil penalty, and civil consequences for defective fundraising disclosure (including prospectuses), defective annual reporting (including financial and sustainability reporting) and continuous disclosure failures. It argued for a more coherent and principled framework for determining liability for defective disclosure within and across these settings.



Professor Elizabeth Boros KC and
Emerita Professor Pamela Hanrahan



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Residential Construction Law: Book Launch and Update on Victorian Reforms

16 October 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration organised a reception for the launch of the second edition of *Residential Construction Law* by the Centre's Associate Director, Associate Professor Matthew Bell, and the former Director of the King's College London Centre for Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution, Philip Britton.

The book was launched by Margaret Lothian, who has unrivalled experience in the practice and reform of residential construction law, including through her appointments as a solicitor, a Senior Member with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and as a mediator and facilitator. Matthew and Philip gave their own insights into the book and Matthew then outlined the key features of the significant regulatory reforms that are currently underway in Victoria.



Margaret Lothian



Professor Rosemary Langford



Associate Professor Matthew Bell

Annual Tax Lecture

6 November 2025

MCCL's Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy organised the 2025 Annual Tax Lecture presented by Professor Annet Wanyana Oguttu, Director of the African Tax Institute at the University of Pretoria.

Historically, there has not been a legally constituted international tax body designated to set international tax norms. Instead, over the past century, international bodies such as the OECD and the UN undertook various initiatives in international tax cooperation. However, the effectiveness of these international bodies in international tax cooperation have been hampered by increasing concerns from developing countries about their legitimacy and inclusivity. The tide changed in 2022 when the UN General Assembly passed a resolution on the 'promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation', to be effected through a 'UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation' (UNFCITC), which will be accompanied by protocols (separate legally binding instruments) to regulate specific tax matters. A 'Member State-led, open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee', which was established in 2023, set the terms of reference, which provide that the objective of the UNFCITC is to establish a system of governance for international tax cooperation. A 'Member State-led intergovernmental negotiating committee' was set up and mandated to draft the text of the UNFCITC and two early protocols, and present them to the UN General Assembly for its consideration in the first quarter of its eighty-second session in 2027. This annual tax lecture considered the justifications of the UNFCITC, its potential gains and pitfalls in achieving sustainable international tax cooperation.



Australian Government's Proposed Minimal Asset Procedure

12 December 2025

MCCL was thrilled to welcome three distinguished scholars, Joseph Spooner from the LSE Law School, Sulette Lombard from the University of South Australia and Lynne Taylor from the University of Canterbury, for a workshop on the Australian Government's proposed Minimal Asset Procedure. We were also delighted to host three industry experts: Russell Fildes, of New Zealand's Insolvency and Trustee Service, and Julia Davis and Sarah Wilson from Financial Rights Legal Centre. The workshop discussed the potential advantages of the proposed Minimal Asset Procedure for low-income earners, drawing on recent experience in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, where similar procedures already exist. It also considered potential pitfalls and the case for more ambitious, 'root and branch' reform of the personal insolvency system.



Brown Bag Seminars

In the second half of 2025, MCCL, in collaboration with the Obligations Group, launched a new initiative: a brown bag seminar series. The series aims to bring together academic staff, visitors, and graduate researchers for lunchtime seminars at which published or draft papers are presented and discussed. It provides a forum to share and discuss current research in fields covered by both MCCL and the Obligations Group.

We were pleased to host Professor Katy Barnett, who presented on 'The Institutional Revolution and the Birth of Modern Contract Damages', and we look forward to hosting more presenters in 2026.

Visitors

In 2025 MCCL hosted a number of visitors including:

- **Fatjon Kaja**, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- **Professor Yasuo Okada**, Kokugakuin University, Japan
- **Mr Toh Dingjun**, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- **Professor Arthur Laby**, Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance, Rutgers Law School, USA
- **Professor Lauren Willis**, Loyola Marymount University, USA
- **Professor Irene Calboli**, Texas A&M University School of Law, USA
- **Associate Professor Joseph Spooner**, London School of Economics, UK
- **Professor Lynne Taylor**, University of Canterbury, NZ
- **Associate Professor Sulette Lombard**, University of South Australia, Australia
- **Professor Henry Gabriel**, Elon University School of Law, USA

MCCL Legal Internship Program

MCCL hosted four legal interns in the JD program during Semester 1, 2025. Pinidu Chandrasekera, Matthew Griggs, Benjamin Moore and Samuel Roussos joined MCCL's Taxation Law and Policy, Corporate Law and Financial Regulation, and Construction Law Programs. During their internship, they worked with Associate Directors Professor Miranda Stewart, Professor Andrew Godwin and Associate Professor Wayne Jovic. The internship was for credit in the [Legal Internship \(LAWS50059\)](#) JD subject. The internship culminated in a panel discussion on '[Sustainability Reporting and Commercial Law](#)', which featured Professor Rosemary Addis AM, Principal Fellow Andrew Mills, and Dr Brad Jessup.

Research

MCCL's members and research programs conduct research from legal, regulatory and policy perspectives on a wide range of projects. In 2025, MCCL members across our specialist research programs carried out work on projects funded by more than \$1.4 million in external grant funding, including from the Australian Research Council (ARC).

We warmly congratulate MCCL Director, Professor Rosemary Langford, on being awarded an ARC Future Fellowship for her project on [Purpose Beyond Profit: Modernising Corporations Law](#). She is one of only two recipients in the field of law across Australia in the round announced by the ARC on 9 July 2025. Over the course of the four-year Fellowship, Professor Langford will tackle questions such as:

- What is the appropriate role of purpose in Australian corporate law, and should the Australian Corporations Law be reformed to enable and empower purpose-based corporations?
- Is the current system of directors' duties in Australia sufficient in light of new environmental, social, cultural and technological issues and challenges?

We also congratulate Dr Benjamin Hopper on receiving the 2026 University of Melbourne Early Career Researcher (ECR) Grant for his project titled 'By Design(ers): Rethinking Australia's Design Law'.

Grants and projects

Centre researchers carried out several research projects funded by external grants or consultancies, across a range of topics ranging from not-for-profits to taxation of wealth, consumer protection to financial exclusion, road infrastructure and cyber technology.

Financial Exclusion, Poor Insurer Practices and Consumer Protection Project (2018-2024)

Associate Professor Paul Ali and Professor Emeritus Ian Ramsay AO led this ARC Discovery Project (\$358,916) with Research Fellow Evgenia Bourova. General insurance encompasses three products — building, home contents and motor vehicle insurance — that are considered essential to financial inclusion in Australia. These products allow consumers to accumulate important assets while knowing that they are protected against loss or damage from fire, flooding or theft. This project was Australia's first large-scale empirical study examining financial exclusion and lack of access to general insurance, as well as poor insurer practices in selling insurance and handling claims. Through surveys and interviews, the project evaluated the effectiveness of the legal protections for consumers of general insurance.

Publications stemming from this grant in 2025 are:

- Bourova, Evgenia, Ian Ramsay and Paul Ali, 'Financial Literacy "Not the Primary Problem" for Australians Who Forego Building, Home Contents and Comprehensive Car Insurance' (2025) 19(2) *Australasian Accounting, Business and Finance Journal* 144

Sharing the Wealth: Tax and Justice in the Slow Growth Era (2021-2026)

Professor Miranda Stewart led this ARC Discovery Project (\$309,000) with Associate Professor Daniel Halliday (Political Philosophy, Faculty of Arts) and international partners Professor Liam Murphy (New York University School of Law) and Professor Miranda Fleischer (University of San Diego School of Law). Monica Hope is the PhD Candidate on this project, researching wealth taxation and progressivity. The researchers would like to acknowledge and pay respect to Professor Emeritus Geoffrey Brennan (Australian National University), an original Chief Investigator in this project, who passed away in 2022 and is sadly missed.

The project aims to address fundamental problems of injustice in taxation emerging in the transition to a slow growth economy in Australia and globally. The project applies interdisciplinary approaches to generate new knowledge that aims to update frameworks for justice in taxation, refreshing out-dated 20th century ethical and legal approaches. Collaborative legal and philosophy analysis by leading scholars in Australia and the United States will respond to contemporary conditions of slow growth, wage stagnation, wealth inequality, population aging and longevity. Project outcomes will include tax reform proposals to benefit policy makers and enrich public debate on tax justice for 21st century economic and fiscal conditions.

The project has produced a special issue of the leading US tax law journal, the *Tax Law Review* vol78(1), Fall 2024, finalised for publication in 2025. The special issue includes contributions from all the chief and partner investigators of the project:

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The other published output of 2025 is:

- Stewart, Miranda, 'Living Long and Living Well: Tax Systems and Population Ageing' in Dagan, Tsilly and Ruth Mason (eds) *Taxing People: The Next 100 Years* (Cambridge University Press) 221-241

Project investigators also did a range of presentations on wealth, inheritance, and population ageing and submitted an edited book proposal arising out of the major conference on Tax, Wealth and Justice (Melbourne Law School, 2024).

Negotiated Enforcement: Regulatory Power and Corporate Misconduct in the Financial Sector Project (2019-2025)

Professor Emeritus Ian Ramsay AO (Chief Investigator) with Miranda Webster and Lloyd Freeburn carried out research on this ARC Discovery Project (\$311,000). Enforcement outcomes are often the result of negotiations between regulators and alleged wrongdoers. These negotiations may, for example, result in the regulator not pursuing litigation against the alleged wrongdoer and, in return for acknowledging past misconduct and some form of promise in relation to future conduct, the alleged wrongdoer receives a reduced sanction. Regulators rely on negotiations with alleged wrongdoers to respond to misconduct, impose sanctions and promote responsible behaviour. However, there is concern about the increasing preference of regulators to use negotiated enforcement rather than litigation to counter serious misconduct in the financial sector. An over-reliance on negotiated enforcement raises concern where these practices: lack transparency; are inefficient; fail to deter misbehaviour; and operate to subvert individual justice. This project evaluates these issues by examining enforcement strategies by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) that involve negotiations with alleged wrongdoers and the factors that are relevant to ASIC when it pursues negotiations.

In 2025, the project produced the following publications:

- Freeburn, Lloyd and Ian Ramsay, 'The Regulation of Casinos in Australia – An Analysis of Recent Inquiries and Their Recommendations for Reform' (2025) 35 *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice* 50
- Freeburn, Lloyd and Ian Ramsay, 'Enforcement Action Following Recent Inquiries into Casino Operator Misconduct in Australia' (2025) 36 *International Company and Commercial Law Review* 274
- Langford, Rosemary Teele, Ian Ramsay and Miranda Webster, 'Different Enforcement Strategies and Outcomes of Regulators – A Comparison of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission' (2025) 40 *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 353
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- Ramsay, Ian and Miranda Webster, 'Enforcement Action by the ACCC and ASIC in Response to Greenwashing' (2025) 31 *Competition and Consumer Law Journal* 254

Reforming the Goods and Services Tax (2019-2025)

Associate Professor Kathryn James is conducting this ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award funded project (\$489,286), which aims to respond to the rapid erosion of Australia's revenue sources by addressing the future of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Dr Harry Cossar-Gilbert conducted his PhD research on the project, on the topic of progressivity and the GST. The Australian GST taxes less than half of consumer spending and up to \$4.5 billion is lost to avoidance and evasion each year. This project expects to generate new knowledge in tax law and policy by using an innovative approach to assess whether possible reform options are viable, sustainable and equitable. Expected outcomes of this project include the formulation of achievable and defensible options that offer a clear path forward on GST reform. This should provide significant benefits to the community by contributing to a fairer and more sustainable tax system capable of meeting the needs of all Australians.

Probate and Inheritance Data (2021-2026)

Supported by an Australian National University Asia Pacific Innovation Grant (\$15,000), Professor Miranda Stewart, together with Kristen Soback and Robert Breunig, is undertaking this data collection and analysis project that will conclude in 2026.

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Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations

Associate Professor Matthew Bell

- Guest lecture, Dhirubhai Ambani University - School of Law (online), 'Time in Construction Contracts', 12 October 2025
- Guest lecture, Monash Law School, 'Time in Construction Contracts', 20 October 2025
- Presentation to Greater London Authority, 'Building Safety Reforms in Australia' (with Jeanette Barbaro and Professor Sue Bright), 12 June 2025
- Presentation to Property Law Discussion Group, Oxford University Faculty of Law, 'Private Law and Building Safety' (with Professors Sue Bright, Ben McFarlane and Andrew Robertson), 11 June 2025
- Paper presentation at Society of Construction Law National Conference, Brisbane, 'Low-value Liquidated Damage's (with Trevor Thomas), 22 May 2025
- Melbourne Law Masters 'Construction Law' guest lecture, 'Quality and Defects', 12 May 2025

Professor Richard Garnett

- 'The Right-Remedy Distinction in Private International Law', Journal of Private International Law Conference, London, United Kingdom, September 2025
- 'The Enforcement of Trusts in International Litigation', Journal of Equity Conference, Sydney, August 2025
- 'Blockchain Contracts in Private International Law', Asia Pacific Conference on Digital Contracts, Hong Kong, January 2025 and Australasian Association of Private International Law Conference, Brisbane, April 2025
- 'Multiparty and Multicontract Arbitrations', Australian Arbitration Week, Sydney, November 2025

Professor Andrew Godwin

- Andrew Godwin and Zhang Yang, 'Chinese Contract Law – Doctrinal and Existential Challenges in the Age of Smart Contracts', Hong Kong University, January 2025
- Andrew Godwin, 'Judicial Mediation in Australia and the Impact on Asian Parties', Auckland, May 2025
- Andrew Godwin, 'From Fighting Discrimination to Promoting Diversity – The Enduring Legacy and Legend of William Ah Ket', Asian Law Centre, June 2025
- Andrew Godwin, 'Financial Wellbeing in the Age of Fintech and AI', University of Pretoria, October 2025
- Debaranjan Goswami and Andrew Godwin, 'Cross-Border Insolvency in India and the Applicability of the Immovables Rule – Insights from Kireeva', National University of Singapore, November 2025

Professor Benjamin Hopper

- Invited Speaker (virtually) on 'History of Inventive Step', IPX Summit, Harvard Law School, June 2025
- 'An Idea of Intellectual Property', 7th Annual IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Network Conference, Waseda University, Tokyo, 5 April 2025

Associate Professor Kathryn James

- ‘The Inadequate Treatment of Taxation in Accounts of Distributive Justice’, Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence, Sydney Law School, 24 October 2025
- Co-organiser and co-convenor of the international, interdisciplinary conference, ‘Justice of the Tax Base in the 21st century’, Melbourne Law School, 4-6 April 2025

Professor Rosemary Teele Langford

- Colloquium, Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London, ‘Corporate Purpose: Effecting Meaningful Change’, 20 February 2025
- Invited Presentation, ‘Corporate Purpose: Meaningful Change or Marketing Tool?’, Queen’s University Belfast School of Law, 3 March 2025
- Faculty Address, Melbourne University Law Review Annual Dinner, 30 September 2025

Dr Lucie O’Brien

- ‘Charles Dickens’ Narratives of Bankruptcy in Colonial Australia’, Conference paper, Legal Histories of Empire 2025, Toronto, Canada, 11 July 2025
- ‘Bankruptcy beyond the Law: From Dickens to The Dry’, Invited plenary address to the Financial Counselling Australia National Conference, Adelaide, 28 May 2025
- ‘Nothing to Lose? A Critical Evaluation of the Proposed Minimal Asset Procedure’, Conference paper, Society of Corporate Law Academics Annual Conference, Sydney, 4 February 2025

Professor Christine Parker

- ‘Regulating Algorithmic Determinants of Health in Online Advertising’, Australian Consumer Law Roundtable, University of Wollongong, Sydney CBD, 4 December 2025
- ‘Environmental Impacts of AI’, Environmental Futures Series, Political Ecology Research Centre, Massey University, 20 August 2025 (with Sy Taffel)
- ‘Labelling: A Problematic Strategy for Protecting Dairy Cows and Calves, Strategizing Future Research Directions and Law Reform Efforts to Strengthen Legal Protection for Dairy Cows and Calves’, Centre for Law as Protection, Deakin University, 14 July 2025
- ‘Regulating Online Platform-based Advertising: From Transparency to Observability to Accountability - Lessons from the Australian Ad Observatory’, Presentation to School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet), Australian National University, 13 May 2025
- ‘Regulating Online Platform-based Food Advertising: From Transparency to Observability to Accountability - Lessons from the Australian Ad Observatory’, invited online presentation to food regulators social sciences and economics networks, Joint FSREWG (Food Standards Regulation Economics Working Group) and ISSLG (International Social Sciences Liaison Group) Presentation Series, 23 July 2025
- ‘Co-regulation and Digital Platform-based Advertising: Lessons from the Australian Ad Observatory’, International Workshop on Co-Regulation in the Digital Platforms Era, University of Bayreuth, Germany, 9 April 2025

- ‘Algorithmic Greenwashing: Green Vibes and Affective Capitalism in Tuned Social Media Advertising’, *Frontiers in Environmental Law*, University of Waikato, Tauranga, Aotearoa/New Zealand, 30-31 January 2025
- ‘Improving the Observability of Platform-Based Advertising: How the Australian Ad Observatory Helps Examine and Address(?) the Healthiness of Digital Advertising’, Marketing Department, Seminar Series, The University of Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand, 23 January 2025

Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson

- ‘Efficient, Honest and Fair as Outcome Based Regulation’, Banking and Financial Services Association Symposium, Sydney, 3 December 2025
- ‘Regulating AI Companions’, Australian Consumer Law Roundtable, University of Wollongong, Sydney CBD, 5 December 2025 (with Hua Chia)
- ‘Teaching Ethical AI’, Judicial Conference, High Court of Australia, November 2025
- ‘Private Law Liability for Flawed Generative AI Services’, University of Hong Kong’s Centre for Private Law and Law & Technology Centre (with Dr Eliza Mik (CUHK) as discussant, 28 October 2025
- ‘Mental Health Specialist and General Chatbots: Challenges of Regulatory Design and Coordinated Regulators’ Asian Institute of Financial Affairs, University of Hong Kong seminar series, 28 October 2025
- ‘AI and Mental Health: Challenges for Law and Science’, Academy of Science Canberra, 20 October 2025
- ‘Transparency and Accountability: The Role of the Law in Promoting Trust, Resilience, and Sustainability in a Time of Digital Transformation’, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2 August 2025
- ‘AI and Regulators’, ACCC/AER Regulatory Conference, 29 July 2025
- ‘Legal Responsibility for Generative AI Chatbots’ Obligations XI Conference, Harvard University, 10 July 2025
- ‘Regulating against Online Misinformation’, Information Gyroscope Symposium, National University of Singapore, 28 April 2025

Professor Miranda Stewart

- Per Capita, Community Tax Summit, Tax Reform in Australia, 19 February 2025
- The Tax Institute, Victorian Tax Forum, Panel on Housing and Taxation, 19 March 2025
- Australian Government, Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee, Roundtable: Family Payments, 26 June 2025
- Per Capita, John Cain Lunchtime Seminar, Principles for Tax Reform, 15 July 2025
- Productivity Roundtable, Minister Andrew Leigh, 6 August 2025
- Osgoode Hall Law School and Canadian Tax Foundation, ‘Are We Still Regulating Up?’ Transnational Networks and Global Cooperation in Tax Administration, Symposium on International Tax, 26 September 2025
- Klaus Vogel Lecture, ‘How International Tax Law Shapes States and Corporations’, 3 October 2025
- ABDF, IFA WIN Panel, Brazil’s Accession to the OECD Multilateral Instrument: Lessons to Be Gained from International Experience, 1 December 2025

Editorial Positions

During 2025 academic year, members of the MCCL occupied editorial positions with a number of publications:

- *Australian Business Law Review* (Banking and Finance Subject Editor: Professor Andrew Godwin)
- *Australian Construction Law Newsletter* (Member of the Editorial Board: Associate Professor Matthew Bell)
- *Building and Construction Law Journal* (Editor for Victoria and Tasmania: Associate Professor Matthew Bell)
- Cambridge Elements 'Data Rights and Wrongs' Series (Editor: Jeannie Marie Paterson)
- *Capital Markets Law Journal* (Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali)
- Commercial Law in Asia Book Series (Member of the Editorial board: Professor Andrew Godwin)
- *Company and Securities Law Journal* (Editor, Directors' Duties Section: Professor Rosemary Langford; Editor, Shareholders' Remedies Section: Professor Elizabeth Boros KC; Members of the Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali and Professor Ian Ramsay AO)
- *Journal of the Australasian Tax Teachers Association* (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)
- *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice* (Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali)
- *Journal of Malaysian and Comparative Law* (Subject Editor: Professor Andrew Godwin)
- *New Zealand Journal of Taxation Law and Policy* (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)
- *Review of International and European Economic Law* (Member of the International Advisory Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)
- SSRN eJournal, Fiduciary Law (Member of the Editorial Advisory Board: Professor Rosemary Langford)
- *World Tax Journal* (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)

Awards and Honours

Professor Miranda Stewart Awarded Doctor of Laws (LLD)

We congratulated Professor Miranda Stewart on being awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) in recognition of her exceptional and distinguished scholarship in taxation law and policy. The LLD was awarded in recognition of her book, *Taxation and Government in the 21st Century* (2022, Cambridge University Press) and several journal articles, which together examined the historical evolution and contemporary challenges of states that rely on taxation to fund government, including Australia, and developed a framework to analyse tax law in its social and economic context to support fairness, prosperity and resilience of these tax states.



Teaching Excellence

We congratulated Associate Professors Wayne Jovic and Julian Panetta on their receipt of 2025 Teaching Excellence Awards at Melbourne Law School.



Associate Professor Wayne Jovic



Associate Professor Julian Panetta

Engagement

Members of the MCCL conduct a wide range of public policy, professional, not-for-profit and other engagement activities.

Reports, working papers, submissions and other publications

MCCL members participated in a range of projects for the community sector, the profession and government.

- Chan, JC et al (**Jeannie Marie Paterson**), 'Combining Implementation and Data Sciences to Accelerate Evidence Integration into Healthcare - ImpleMATE' (9 July 2025)
- Cigdem-Bayram, Melek et al (**Miranda Stewart**), 'Decomposing Wealth Inequality in Australia' Melbourne Institute Working Paper No. 13/24, University of Melbourne Legal Studies Research Paper, Volume 24, Paper # 968 (December 09, 2024)
- Community (SPC), Pacific and **Petra Mahy**, 'Progress Towards Gender Equality in the Pacific: Beijing 30 Review Report' (2019-2024) (Pacific Community (SPC), 2025)
- **Godwin, Andrew** and **Ian Ramsay**, 'Regulatory Simplification' (Context Paper commissioned by the Australian and Securities Investments Commission to Accompany ASIC Report 813, Regulatory Simplification (3 September 2025)
- **O'Brien, Lucinda**, 'Regulating Buy-Now-Pay-Later under Australia's Consumer Credit Laws: A New Era for "New Money"' (2025) QUT Centre for Justice Briefing Papers (forthcoming)
- **Stewart, Miranda**, 'Work+Family Policy Roundtable, Work+Care in a Gender Inclusive Recovery: A Bold Policy Agenda for a New Social Contract' (April 2025) <https://www.workandfamilypolicyroundtable.org/> (coauthored)
- Zeng, Jacky, Kimberlee Weatherall, **Christine Parker**, Lina Przhedetsky, Madeleine Stirling, Henry Fraser and Julian Thomas (2025) 'ADM+S Submission – Productivity Commission Pillar 3: Harnessing Data and Digital Technology'

Policy, Law Reform and the Profession

MCCL members are strongly engaged in the profession and community sector. We highlight just a few examples here.

Regulatory Simplification Project

A paper by Professor Andrew Godwin and Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor Emeritus Ian Ramsay AO on regulatory simplification was published as part of a report by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC): Regulatory Simplification (ASIC Report 813, September 2025). The paper was commissioned by ASIC to support its [Regulatory Simplification Project](#).

Professor Rosemary Langford — Visiting at the Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London

MCCL Director, Professor Rosemary Langford, taught on behalf of Melbourne Law School at the Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS) in London for a four-month period. The Center, part of Georgetown University, is a global partnership in legal education, encompassing students and faculty from 22 law schools, including Melbourne Law School, with a focus on transnational law. Professor Langford designed and delivered two multi-jurisdictional subjects, 'Current Issues in Corporate Governance' and 'Charity Law and Regulation: International Perspectives'. During this period, Professor Langford undertook extensive engagement with a range of international academics and the English Fundraising Authority. She is pictured here together with MCCL member Professor Rosemary Addis AM, who was in London engaging with industry and colleagues at Oxford, LSE and UCL on impact and sustainability in the rapidly shifting global context and presented two guest lectures at CTLS on 'Sustainability and Governance' and 'Charity, Philanthropy and Impact'.



Professor Miranda Stewart Appointed to Head NYU Law's International Tax Program

Professor Miranda Stewart was appointed Director of NYU Law's International Tax Program, commencing in the Fall Semester 2025, where she will serve a three-year term as a Visiting Professor of Law. Miranda is a leading global authority in tax law and policy, with more than 25 years of experience in research, practice, and academic leadership. An MCCL morning tea was held to farewell Miranda.



Miranda Stewart and Ali Noroozi



Elizabeth Boros KC, Rosemary Langford and Miranda Stewart

Professor Andrew Godwin Appointed as ASIC Expert Group Co-Chair

Professor Andrew Godwin was appointed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as Independent Co-Chair of the ASIC Simplification Expert Advisers Group. This group has been established to provide expert input into regulatory simplification work undertaken by ASIC with the support of a consultative group consisting of key consumer advocates, business leaders and industry representatives. This appointment recognises Professor Godwin's work in financial services regulation and his previous experience as Special Counsel at the Australian Law Reform Commission, where he helped lead a review into the legislative framework for corporations and financial services regulation.

Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson Appointed to VLSB+C Consumer Panel

Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson was appointed as a Consumer Panel member by the Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner (VLSB+C). This appointment recognises Professor Paterson's contributions to consumer protection. The Consumer Panel is an advisory body of experts — the only one of its kind in Australia — that aims to provide a better understanding of the community's needs and expectations of both the legal profession and the VLSB+C as regulator.

Corporate Law Reform Alliance

Emeritus Professor Ian Ramsay AO and Professors Rosemary Langford and Professor Elizabeth Boros KC are members of the Corporate Law Reform Alliance, a group of professional associations, business groups, and academics that has come together to assist with streamlining and updating the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). This body aims to make the Corporations Act fit for purpose, reduce complexity, improve clarity and make it easier to navigate and administer.

Expert Report Leads to Letter of Request under the *Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters*

An expert report by Professor Andrew Godwin on matters relating to the taking of evidence from China-based witnesses by audio-visual link informed a decision by the Supreme Court of Victoria in November 2025: [*Melco Resorts \(Macau\) Ltd v Wu \(No 3\) \[2025\] VSC 725*](#). This is understood to be the first time that the Supreme Court of Victoria has issued a Letter of Request to the Central Authority of the People's Republic of China under Article 2 of the *Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters* for the audio-visual examination of a China-based witness.

Podcast: ‘Inside Commercial Law’

MCCL’s podcast, Inside Commercial Law, published five episodes in 2025, featuring our Construction Law Program Directors, Associate Professors Matthew Bell and Wayne Jovic, in conversation with teachers from our Melbourne Law Masters program. They discussed their research and teaching on diverse topics, including construction procurement across the Asia-Pacific region, risk allocation, delay analysis, and cultural issues in international practice. The podcasts are available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. We look forward to bringing more podcasts to our audiences across a wider range of research programs in the coming years.



Associate Professor Matthew Bell and Professor Andrew Godwin

Community Tax Project

The Centre is pleased to contribute to the work of the [Community Tax Project](#), led by Associate Professor Kathryn James and supported by the University of Melbourne’s Social Equity Institute. This played a leading role as a forum for the education of community sector representatives on tax policy in Australia.

Melbourne Law School

Tax Clinic

The Melbourne Law School Tax Clinic (the Clinic) continues to set the benchmark for student-centred, impact-driven clinical legal education.

In 2025, the Clinic marked its seventh year and twelfth iteration. As one of around 20 clinics in the National Tax Clinic network, it delivers a distinctive collaborative model in which JD students work side by side with pro bono tax and legal professionals under the leadership of Clinic Principal, Associate Professor Julian Panetta, providing free, high-quality advice to vulnerable Australians. Over the year, the Clinic supported almost 200 people through its on-campus service and assisted more than 60 people through outreach, with students developing practice-ready skills through supervised client interviewing, advice writing, and follow up.

A defining milestone was the launch of the Clinic's first structured outreach program of this kind. The Clinic took tax justice beyond campus, delivering sessions in Echuca and Labertouche, supporting Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme (PALM) workers with practical guidance on departing superannuation claims, running a tax basics presentation for local secondary school students, and extending support into custodial settings through visits to Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. This work strengthened referral pathways, improved access to clear and trusted tax information, and reached communities rarely served by traditional models.

The Clinic's reach and sustainability were reinforced through competitive grant success led by Julian Panetta, including \$198,400 in Commonwealth funding for 2025 to 2028 under the National Tax Clinics Program, and a further \$32,920 to support PALM outreach.

The Clinic also amplified its national and international influence. In June 2025, Julian attended the National Tax Clinics Conference at the University of Western Sydney in Parramatta with teaching assistant Brenda Krishnan, contributing to cross-network collaboration and presenting on the Clinic's 2025 outreach initiatives, including Labertouche and Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. In November 2025, Julian hosted a delegation from the Korea Institute of Local Finance and South Korean local tax officials, showcasing the Clinic's community model and its role in Australian tax education and access to justice.

Sustaining this scale of service relied on strong operations and mentoring. Julian was supported by three JD students and former Clinic alumni (Tony Zhang, Brenda Krishnan and Tom Fairlie) who took real responsibility for clinic administration, while pro bono practitioners continued to supervise, mentor, and model best practice client care. These relationships translated into tangible outcomes, with several clinic alumni securing graduate roles with partner firms on the strength of their clinic experience.

Academic engagement further extended impact. Under Professor Sunita Jogarajan's supervision, JD students produced research papers on tax residency, legal professional privilege, trust taxation, the general anti-avoidance rule, and the employee contractor distinction, ensuring clinical insights inform scholarship and policy debate.

Melbourne Law School remains deeply grateful to the volunteer tax and legal professionals who donate their time to supervise students and support vulnerable clients. Their commitment strengthens outcomes for clients and provides an invaluable bridge between legal education and professional practice.

Key Service Areas

- Using myGov and Australian Taxation Office (ATO) online tools
- Tax advice on income and deductions, goods and services tax (GST), pay as you go (PAYG) instalments, residency, capital gains tax (CGT), and small business obligations
- Managing tax debts including payment plans, requests for remission of penalties and interest, and hardship applications
- Disputing an ATO decision including preparing and lodging an objection
- Legal representation and advice, where appropriate
- Lodgements and amendments

Community Outreach

- Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) workers in Labertouche and Echuca
- Incarcerated persons at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre
- Year 10 secondary school students

Partner Organisations

- BDO Australia
- Hall & Wilcox
- Keypoint Law
- Pepperstone
- Perigee Advisers Pty Ltd
- Pitcher Partners
- Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Sladen Legal
- Tradewise Solutions Chartered Accountants
- Sara Jakobs - CA
- White & Case
- Sandra Buth - FAICD
- Tristan Tan - IFM Investors
- Victorian Bar
 - Dr Steven Stern
 - Piotr Klank
 - Khai Yin Lin
 - Michael Wells



Future Initiatives

An exciting initiative to commence in 2026 is the Victorian Supreme Court Conference to be held on 27 and 28 August 2026 at the Supreme Court and at MLS, with a keynote by the Hon Justice Michelle Gordon AC of the High Court of Australia. This event, jointly run by MCCL and the Supreme Court of Victoria, was for many years a signature MLS event. This significant event will return in 2026, delivered with the enthusiastic support of the judges of the Commercial Court of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Another initiative is the Purpose, Governance and the 21st Century Organisation hub, which will bring together academics, policy makers, industry and civil society to help shape future-fit organisations. This hub, which will be led by Professors Rosemary Langford, Andrew Godwin and Rosemary Addis AM, will incorporate a modular combination of themes including corporate purpose, technological innovation, productivity, corporate stewardship, law and regulation, and corporate and governance responses to environmental, social and governance issues (including climate change and the growing focus on its impact).

Blogs and Media Engagement

In 2025, members of MCCL contributed to public debate and education through a wide range of print, radio, television and social media channels, and in various blogs and publications. We highlight selected contributions and topics here.

Associate Professor Matthew Bell

- Spoke with the [ABC](#) about Victorian homeowners who felt failed by the building watchdog and are calling for government compensation.
- Was interviewed on ABC News Tonight and for [ABC News online](#), regarding consumer protection for renovators or builders' clients, saying: 'We often don't have the same level of consumer protection we might have if we are buying a car or, for that matter, even buying a toaster'.
- Wrote 'Statutory Duties of Care for Construction Work: Australia's High(est) Court Has Spoken' for the [Oxford Housing After Grenfell Blog](#), 8 January 2025 (on *Paflburn Pty Limited v The Owners – Strata Plan No 84674* [2024] HCA 49).

Professor Jianlin Chen

- Said broader coercive control laws that reached beyond religious settings might gain more support, in an article about a Victorian parliamentary inquiry into coercive control within fringe religious communities.

Professor Andrew Godwin

- Wrote for [China Business Law Journal](#) on increasing the effectiveness of judicial mediation in relation to disputes involving Asian parties.
- Was interviewed by the [Singapore Academy of Law](#) in relation to its Junior Lawyers Professional Certification Programme (JLP) and the most valuable mindset for a junior lawyer.

Dr Ben Hopper

- Said 'There is a good case for reform of design law in Australia' in a story in [The Age](#) on 'dupe' culture in fashion and retail.
- Said the Australian regulator has '[quite a strong case](#)' against eHarmony and is trying to send a message to all subscription services that they risk breaching consumer law, regarding the company's potential 'subscription trap'.
- Spoke with [Beat](#) on Spotify, AI and why some musicians are leaving the platform.

Professor Jeannie Paterson

- Contributed to an ABC News Radio report on AI chatbots and their promotion as 'friends'. She also discussed how the removal of AI regulation in the US raises questions for Australia and other countries that continue to uphold previous safeguards.
- Was quoted in [The Guardian](#). She said, 'People concerned about Meta's decision to cease factchecking operations might not have a suitable replacement for Instagram, unlike when similar concerns appeared during Twitter's rebrand as X'.
- Contributed to an [AAP](#) fact check on a fake video of floods destroying cars in Queensland and said that, 'It is becoming increasingly difficult to identify fake images online, especially on social media.'
- Said on an ABC News radio report that the removal of AI regulation in the US will raise questions for Australia and other countries, which will still demand previous safeguards.

- Said in [The Guardian](#) that companies cannot contract their way out of liabilities under consumer law, following a legal dispute on stolen goods from a storage unit.
- Said in [The Guardian](#) that the rising use of AI in law requires increased AI literacy amongst lawyers to use these programs beneficially.
- Said on [ABC News](#) that the EU was ‘spooked’ by the changing AI regulation space, such as in the US, which led the EU Commission to decide not to proceed with its AI liability and compensation laws.
- Said in [Choice](#) that the benefits of mental health apps are untested.
- Said in [The Conversation](#) that multiple warnings and huge fines are not stopping super funds, insurers and banks from overcharging customers.
- Said in [Choice](#), under the law in Australia, all health data is considered ‘sensitive data’, and companies that hold it have greater responsibilities to protect it.
- Voiced concern over AI companions as part of a deep dive in [Good Weekend](#).
- Commented on ABC Radio on the Consumer Action Law Centre’s ‘super complaint’ to the ACCC about the use of unsolicited door-to-door sales, cold-calling and social media advertising to sell products to vulnerable people.
- Said in [The Guardian](#) that ‘ghost stores’ promoting closing-down sales for physical shops that don’t exist should be subject to Australian consumer law because they are advertising on social media here, but it will be difficult to enforce any breaches if they are run from overseas.
- Appeared on ABC Breakfast TV to discuss the new Pope Leo and AI (as a challenge to human dignity, justice and labour).
- Said in The West Australian that most shoppers are unaware of consumer protection rights regarding retail shopping.
- Raised concerns over recent US regulatory changes dismantling AI safeguards – including privacy protections, bias prevention measures, and cybersecurity requirements – after the Trump administration scrapped an oversight body established by the Biden administration to govern the technology, on [ABC Listen](#).
- Said in [The Guardian](#) that people concerned about Meta’s decision to cease fact-checking operations might not have a suitable replacement for Instagram, unlike when similar concerns appeared during Twitter’s rebrand as X.
- Was a guest on the Asia Institute podcast, Ear to Asia, republished by [The Jakarta Post](#), on *How Governments in Asia Juggle the Pros and Cons of AI*.
- Said that the challenges of technology are not new, but they are getting more insidious because they are becoming more personalised in The Courier Mail, following the suicide of a young boy in the US, attached to his AI Chatbot.
- Discussed a new Government AI report with ABC Radio Canberra.
- Was a guest on SBS News’s [On the Money](#), to speak on AI and scams.
- Discussed OpenAI and copyright with ABC News Breakfast TV.
- Told [News.com.au](#) that ‘Rather than arguing about who’s the CEO or who’s the person at the top, we need to ask what the governance structures throughout the organisation look like’, regarding issues at Optus.
- Spoke on regional ABC radio in Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania and NSW on subscription traps and on misleading conduct in Back Friday Sales

Dr Megan Prictor

- Engaged in interviews on ABC RN and Melbourne Drive on her new research on recording by patients of consultations with health professionals.
- Spoke to MamaMia's [The Quickie podcast](#), explaining the privacy implications of DNA testing company 23andMe selling the genetic information and data of their 15 million customers as the company faces bankruptcy in the US.
- Discussed the topic 'Can you voice-record what your doctor tells you?' (noting that patients often wish to record medical consultations, but some doctors are reluctant or refuse permission) in the [Justice with Jon Faine podcast](#).

Professor Miranda Stewart

- Said on [AAP FactCheck](#) that the Coalition's \$347 billion figure used as an attack on Labor spending is problematic, as it does not appear to differentiate between the effect of policy decisions and the effect of parameter and other variations that may change payment estimates.
- Told [AAP FactCheck](#) that the Albanese government was not handed a balanced budget but a subsequent improvement in the fiscal position after Labor took power also wasn't driven by policies and was instead largely the result of changes in economic conditions.
- Said on [ABC News](#) regarding illegal tobacco traders that having an ATM on site is a clever economic behavioural approach to running a cash business.
- Appeared on ABC's [The Economy, Stupid](#) to discuss Australia's tax system.
- Wrote an opinion piece explaining the fairness of the Federal Government's proposed new tax on large superannuation accounts. She was subsequently interviewed by ABC's [The Radio National Hour](#) columnist Mike Secombe for The Saturday Paper, and by columnist Jenna Price for [The Canberra Times](#). Jenna's column was syndicated across 76 rural and regional outlets, including *The North West Star*, *The Katherine Times*, *the South Coast Register* and *The Hepburn Advocate*, as well as the online magazine [The Senior](#). The op-ed is also available open access on the [Austaxpolicy blog](#).
- Contributed expert commentary to an [ABC News](#) investigation into how private ATMs are being used to facilitate illegal tobacco sales and tax evasion.
- Appeared on [ABC's The Economy, Stupid](#), to discuss Australia's tax system.
- Co-wrote in [The Conversation](#) that many parents – mostly mothers – lose family payments from the first dollar they earn, and described how we could fix it.

Social Media

The MCCL has a [LinkedIn page](#) to share research publications by MCCL members, publicise events hosted by the Centre, and disseminate other research in the field of commercial law. The page currently has over 1500 followers.

Teaching

MCCL members teach in the JD, Masters and Breadth programs at the Melbourne Law School and carry out a range of other teaching and educational activities. We list here the subjects offered across these programs in 2025.

Juris Doctor

Subject	Code
Commercial Data Law	LAWS90213
Commercial Law in Practice	LAWS90059
Competition Law	LAWS50063
Construction Law	LAWS50084
Consumer Law	LAWS90197
Contracts	LAWS50029
Corporations Law	LAWS50035
International Commercial Law & Disputes	LAWS50094
Law of Commercial Arbitration	LAWS90188
Legal Research (Australian Corporate and Consumer Finance Law)	LAWS50039
Mergers, Acquisitions & Capital Markets	LAWS50108
MLS Tax Clinic	LAWS90164
New Technology Law	LAWS90107
Obligations	LAWS50026
Property	LAWS50030
Remedies	LAWS50036
Sustainability Business Clinic	LAWS50126
Taxation Law and Policy	LAWS50046

Breadth

MCCL members teach across a wide range of undergraduate degrees at the University of Melbourne.

Subject	Code
AI, Ethics and Law	LAWS10009
Consumer Protection Law	BLAW20003
Corporate Law	BLAW20001
Principles of Business Law	BLAW10001
Taxation Law I	BLAW30002
Taxation Law II	BLAW30003

Melbourne Law Masters

During 2024, more than 100 commercial law-related subjects were delivered in the Melbourne Law Masters, and a similar number are set to be offered in 2025. A sense of the breadth and depth of subject offerings can be gained from the list of accredited subjects for the Master of Commercial Law, covering topics from international arbitration to tax treaties, construction law to consumer protection.

Students are also able to study these subjects via the Master of Laws or specialist Masters or Graduate Diplomas covering the four research programs of our Centre. In turn, commercial lawyers and professionals in related fields have an unrivalled opportunity to accelerate their knowledge by learning from leading academics and practitioners from across Australia and around the world in our dedicated Masters classrooms.

For more information, please visit: <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/study/masters>

Competition and Consumer Law

Professor Julie Clarke is Director of Studies in the Competition and Consumer Law program.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Australian Merger Law	LAWS90287	Rhonda Smith
Cartels	LAWS90064	Julie Clarke
Comparative EU and US Antitrust Law	LAWS90309	Alison Jones
Competition in Digital Markets	LAWS90171	Michal Gal
Consumer Protection	LAWS90070	Luke Nottage, Ben Hopper
Foundations: Competition Law & Economics	LAWS90065	Rhonda Smith
International Trade and Competition Law	LAWS90095	Hassan Quqaya
Mergers	LAWS90072	David Reader
Privacy Law	LAWS700082	Michael Rivette, Jing Qian
Research Project (GCCL)	LAWS90073	Julie Clarke
Unilateral Conduct	LAWS90066	Rhonda Smith, Arlen Duke

Construction Law

Associate Professors Matthew Bell and Wayne Jovic are Co-Directors of Studies in the Construction Law program.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Advanced Construction Law	LAWS70128	Michael Earwaker, Trevor Thomas
Clean Energy Projects Law and Regulation	LAWS90267	Sean Kelly, Raeesa Rawal
Construction Contract Analysis and Drafting	LAWS70270	Wayne Jovic
Construction Law	LAWS70176	Phillip Greenham, Trevor Thomas
Construction Risk	LAWS70149	Tony Horan, Callum Densley
Global ESG Law and Construction Projects	LAWS90305	Robert Read, Brad Jessup
Global Perspectives on Construction Law	LAWS70450	Paul Tracey, Jim Mason
Law of Construction Delay and Disruption	LAWS90208	Robert Gemmell, Matt Croagh, Rebecca Dickson
Managing Legal Risk in Construction	LAWS70441	David Ulbrick, Tina Funge
Payment Matters in Construction Projects	LAWS70239	John Baartz, David Campbell-Williams
Planning and Building Sustainable Cities	LAWS90029	Jody Williams, Ilsa Kuiper
Principles of Construction Law	LAWS70314	Matthew Bell
Public Private Partnerships Law	LAWS70113	Owen Hayford
Remedies in the Construction Context	LAWS70112	Wayne Jovic, Katy Barnett
Residential Construction Law	LAWS70329	Matthew Bell
Rethinking Construction Contracting Risk	LAWS90229	Phillip Greenham, Rebecca Dickson
Specialised Construction Procurement Law	LAWS70436	Richard Wilkinson, Robert Radici

Corporate Law

Professor Rosemary Langford is Director of Studies in the Corporate Law Program.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Accounting for Commercial Lawyers	LAWS70140	Richard Comerford
Company Takeovers	LAWS70042	Rodd Levy
Corporate Governance & Directors' Duties	LAWS70190	Elizabeth Boros KC, Bruce Dyer
Principles of Corporate Law	LAWS70107	David Babovic

Banking and Finance Law

Associate Professor Paul Ali is the Director of Studies in the Banking and Finance Law program.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Cryptoassets in Global Context	LAWS90216	Alexandra Andhov
Impact Investing: Driving Change	LAWS90254	Jan Job de Vries Robbe
International Financial System	LAWS70110	Douglas Arner
International Sustainable Finance	LAWS90144	Jan Job de Vries Robbe
Liability Insurance Law	LAWS90025	John Teseach, Darryl Smith
Principles of Banking and Finance Law	LAWS70206	Paul Ali
Private Equity - Law and Practice	LAWS90313	Bobby Reddy
Regulating Green Finance: Europe & Asia	LAWS90321	Megan Bowman

Tax and International Tax

Professors Sunita Jogarajan and Ali Noroozi are Co-Directors of Tax and International Tax Studies.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Capital Gains Tax: Problems in Practice	LAWS70081	Michael Flynn KC, Anna Wilson
Chinese Tax Law and Policy	LAWS90231	Li Na
Comparative Corporate Tax	LAWS70009	Peter Harris
Comparative International Tax	LAWS70353	Karen Brown
Corporate Tax A	LAWS70024	Frank O'Loughlin KC, Stewart Grieve, Nasos Kaskani, Mia Clarebrough
Cryptoassets in Global Context	LAWS90216	Alexandra Andhov
Current Issues in International Tax	LAWS90158	Annet Oguttu
Ethics in Tax Practice	LAWS90324	Juliann Jaques
Foundations of Tax Law	LAWS70323	Sunita Jogarajan
Goods and Services Tax	LAWS70031	Chris Sievers KC, Angela Lee KC
Not-for-Profits, Law and the State	LAWS90055	Matthew Harding, Jennifer Batrouney AM KC, Murray Baird
State Taxes and Duties	LAWS70130	Sue Williamson, Jack Aquilina
Superannuation Law and Policy	LAWS90239	Emily Millane
Tax Administration	LAWS90130	Ali Noroozi
Tax of Business and Investment Income	LAWS70002	Michelle Herring, Tim Neilson
Tax Policy	LAWS70319	Paul Tilley
Tax Treaties	LAWS70146	Richard Vann
Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions	LAWS70331	Aldrin de Silva, Michael Charles
Taxation of Small and Medium Enterprises	LAWS70049	Paul Hockridge, Mark Morris
Taxation of Trusts	LAWS70333	Terry Murphy, Gareth Redenbach, Andrew de Wijn SC
Transfer Pricing: Practice and Problems	LAWS70203	Michael Kobetsky, Shannon Smit



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