

## Patron's Address for 2015

On Monday 18 May, an audience of about 150 attended the Academy's Patron's Address event for 2015, held in the Federal Court's Ceremonial Court in the Law Courts Building in Sydney.

As foreshadowed in previous Newsletters, the speaker was noted medieval legal history scholar, Professor Paul Brand, FBA, Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford, and the title of his address was "Magna Carta and the Development of the Common Law".

I suggest that the Academy can be satisfied with a very successful contribution to the celebrations of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King John's sealing of Magna Carta.

## Visit by Professor Moliterno

Fourteen Fellows met with Professor James Moliterno of the Washington & Lee School of Law at the offices of Herbert Smith Freehills on Wednesday 20 May to hear of his work of conducting training in the area of legal and judicial ethics in a wide range of countries, including South East Asian neighbours of Australia.

It is hoped that this will be but the first of many small informal meetings of members of the Academy.

The Academy is indebted to Fellows Russell Miller, for suggesting, and putting me in contact with Professor Moliterno, and Don Robertson of Herbert Smith Freehills, for hosting the event.

## Queensland Academy event for 2015

All Queensland Fellows are encouraged to attend the Queensland Academy event for 2015.

The speaker will be Mr Walter Sofronoff QC, who, aside from being a Fellow of the Academy and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Queensland, is a former Queensland Solicitor-General and former President of the Queensland Bar Association.

The title of Mr Sofronoff's address will be "The Province of an Independent Legal Profession".

As can be seen from the **attached** flyer, the event will be held on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 5.30 pm in the Banco Court, Level 3, Queen Elizabeth II Court of Law, 415 George Street, Brisbane.

This Academy event in Brisbane, like those held there in past years, has been organized by a committee of Justice Margaret McMurdo (Chair), Professor Bee Chen Goh, and Glenn Ferguson, and promises to be as successful as they were.

I look forward to seeing many Fellows and others in the Banco Court on 18 June.

## Inaugural Annual Essay Prize

Some ten individuals have already indicated their intention to submit an essay. Fellows are encouraged to bring the inaugural Annual Essay Prize to the notice of groups of practitioners, students and others that may include individuals who would have an interest in submitting an essay.

The notice of the Annual Essay Prize is **attached** and is a document that could be used by members of the Academy to publicise the Prize.

### State and Territory events for 2015

The following is the current state of play regarding State and Territory events planned for the rest of 2015 (see, too, under "Events" on the Academy's website:

[www.academyoflaw.org.au](http://www.academyoflaw.org.au)). All events will be held in the evening. In due course flyers will issue containing more detail.

#### *Queensland*

See above.

#### *Northern Territory*

Thursday 3 September 2015: The speaker will be Professor Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission. As in previous years the event will be the Austin Asche Oration sponsored jointly by the AAL and Charles Darwin University and will be held in the Dining Room and Nihiluk Lounge, Parliament House, Mitchell Street, Darwin.

#### *Victoria*

Thursday 8 October 2015: symposium led by the Hon Stephen Charles QC, Professor Hilary Charlesworth and Mr Douglas Porteous to be held in the Library of the Supreme Court of Victoria

#### *Western Australia*

Wednesday 28 October 2015: Professor Frank S Alexander of Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia will speak on homelessness, urban blight and the law at Courtroom 1, Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth.

#### *South Australia*

[Details to come]

#### *Tasmania*

[Details to come]

#### *Australian Capital Territory*

As noted in previous Newsletters, a very successful event was held in Canberra on Wednesday 25 March. It remains to be seen whether the Fellows in Canberra will hold a second event this year.



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## AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LAW PUBLIC LECTURE

# THE PROVINCE OF AN INDEPENDENT LEGAL PROFESSION



### MR WALTER SOFRONOFF QC

Queensland Solicitor-General (2005–2014)  
President, Bar Association of Queensland (1994–1996)  
Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Queensland (1999–present)  
Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law

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| <b>CHAIR</b>          | Justice Margaret McMurdo AC<br>President, Queensland Court of Appeal                    |
| <b>WELCOME</b>        | The Hon Dr Kevin Lindgren AM QC<br>President, Australian Academy of Law                 |
| <b>VOTE OF THANKS</b> | Glenn Ferguson AM<br>Ferguson Cannon Lawyers  |
| <b>WHEN</b>           | 5.15 pm for 5.30 pm<br>Thursday, 18 June 2015   |
| <b>WHERE</b>          | Banco Court<br>Level 3, Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law<br>415 George Street, Brisbane |

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Refreshments will be served after the lecture

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

Please allow plenty of time to pass through security  
BAQ and QLS attendees are eligible to claim 1 CPD point

This public lecture is free to attend but attendees must register  
and numbers are limited

RSVP: Thursday, 4 June 2015  
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**AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LAW**

**NOTICE OF**

**ANNUAL ESSAY PRIZE 2015**

The Australian Academy of Law is pleased to announce the inauguration of *The Australian Academy of Law Annual Essay Prize*.

The Prize is open to anyone, wherever resident, who is studying or has studied legal subjects at a tertiary level, or who is working or has worked in a law based occupation. There is no limit by reference to the age or seniority or experience of, or position held by, a person who may submit an entry.

The amount of the Prize is \$10,000.

The essay topic for the inaugural essay prize is as follows:

***“How should academia, the practising profession and the courts assist each other in the education of Australian lawyers?”***

*In this topic:*

*“academia” includes teachers of legal subjects, and those who provide practical training, at a tertiary level;*

*“courts” includes administrative tribunals;*

*“lawyers” includes students, teachers, practitioners and members of courts and tribunals; and*

*“education” includes continuing professional development and extends to the teaching of civility, ethical conduct and professional responsibility.*

*The topic does not include what subjects should form part of the curriculum at tertiary institutions.”*

**How to Enter**

Entries for the Annual Essay Prize will open on Friday 17 May 2015, and close Monday 31 August 2015.

Entries can be submitted online. Persons intending to submit an essay [must notify the Academy](#) of that intention in writing by 30 June 2015 and should also take the time to read the [Rules Governing the Annual Essay Prize](#) before submitting their entry.