

Arrangement between the American Law Institute (ALI) and the Australian Academy of Law (AAL)

As a result of discussions and correspondence between the AAL and the ALI agreement has been reached along the following lines.

The ALI will make available drafts of its evolving projects to the AAL.

The AAL will inform its members about these as they are received and invite Fellows to express interest in receiving them.

The AAL will, as appropriate, distribute a draft to Fellows who express an interest in receiving it or who are known to have a special interest in the subject matter of the draft, and encourage them to comment.

Similarly, the AAL will be free to send to the ALI drafts or proposals for law reform in which it may have an interest, and the ALI will, as appropriate, inform its members and otherwise respond in the same way reciprocally.

As the AAL gives attention to the ALI's work, the ALI will arrange for appropriate Reporters to visit Australia for presentations and discussions of their work.

Reciprocally, if members of the AAL having a relevant interest are in the United States, the ALI will make clear that they would be welcome at any meetings that fit their schedules.

The Academy is particularly indebted to our Patron, Chief Justice French, for having initiated this idea, and to Professor Jane

Stapleton, a member of the Council of the ALI, for her assistance in bringing the discussions between the two organisations to a satisfactory conclusion.

I will inform Fellows as and when material is received from the ALI.

Academy event in Melbourne last Thursday 21 November 2013

An audience of some 70 attended the Academy event held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Victoria last Thursday 21 November.

As previously advised, the speaker was Professor Cheryl Saunders who is a Laureate Professor and holds a personal Chair in Law at the University of Melbourne.

The topic of Professor Saunders' lecture was "Legal Education, Regulation and Funding---shaping the legal profession of the future".

There were two commentators, Ms Joanne Cameron, a partner at King & Wood Mallesons and Chair of the Board of Examiners of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and Ms Jemima Roe, a student who is undertaking an Arts/Law degree at Monash University.

Chief Justice Warren and the President welcomed those present and Justice John Digby, to whose organisational skills and diligence the AAL is indebted, chaired the event.

Forthcoming Academy event in Canberra next Thursday 28 November 2013

Fellows in the ACT are reminded that next Thursday evening Justice Patrick Keane of the High Court will speak at the ACT event

for the year on "The Public/Private Divide; and its implications for the extent of judicial interventions in civil disputes".

The event will be held in the Law Theatre at the ANU College of Law, Building 5, Fellows Road, the Australian National University starting at 5.30 pm.

Justice Keane's lecture will be followed by drinks and savouries. For catering purposes, registration is essential. Please RSVP to aal@anu.edu.au urgently. Registrations already number some 80 so you will need to register almost immediately following receipt of this Newsletter to avoid disappointment.

Tomorrow's Law Conference held on Friday 26 October 2013

As foreshadowed in the last Newsletter, this conference, co-hosted by the Academy and Macquarie Law School, was held on the City campus of Macquarie University on Friday 26 October.

The conference is an annual event and this is the third year in which the AAL has co-hosted it. The sub-title of this year's conference was "Reparations and Reconciliation for Victims of Historical Injustice".

The speakers came from overseas as well as from Australia. The session at which Academy Fellow, Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs spoke on "Indigenous People's Rights in Australia" proved to be one of the most interesting sessions of the day.

The Academy's website

At its last meeting the Board of Directors decided to develop a new website for the Academy. Fellows will surely agree that the existing website looks very dated.

The Board has engaged a website designer to undertake this task which, it is hoped, may be completed by Christmas.

New Fellows

Since the last Newsletter ([2013] No 8 of October 2013) the following individuals have become Fellows of the Academy and on behalf of all members I extend a warm welcome to them:

Mr Justin Gleeson SC
The Hon Justice Kevin Nicholson
The Hon Justice Steven Rares
Mr John Sheahan QC
The Hon Justice Brian J Preston
The Hon Justice John Griffiths
Adjunct Professor Geoffrey Lindell



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