

Patron's Address for 2013

As Chief Justice Robert French said in introducing The Hon James Spigelman AC QC to deliver the Patron's Address for 2013, we were in for a treat.

The Address was delivered in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on the evening of Friday 4 October. As notified in previous Newsletters, the title of Mr Spigelman's address was "Lions in Conflict: Ellesmere, Bacon and Coke---the Prerogative Battle".

This was the third in a chronological series on these three "Lions in Conflict". The first two in the series can be found at (2007) 28 Aust Bar Rev 254 and (2008) 30 Aust Bar Rev 144. And there are more to come!

The Address by Mr Spigelman and Chief Justice French's introductory remarks can be read on the Academy's website.



The Hon Kevin Lindgren, Chief Justice Robert French and the Hon James Spigelman.

The event was followed by refreshments served in the foyer of the Court.

Chief Justice Tom Bathurst, to whom the Academy is indebted for having made the Banco Court available, and Chief Justice James Allsop were also present at the lecture, and they and Chief Justice French

and Mrs Val French and Mr Spigelman were guests of the Board of Directors at an informal dinner afterwards.



Professor Paul Fairall, Chief Justice Robert French, Professor David Barker and Professor Michael Coper.

Annual General Meeting of the Academy

The Annual General Meeting of the Academy was held on Friday 4 October immediately prior to the Patron's Address.

The following special resolution was passed:

"That the Constitution of the Academy be amended with effect from the time of the passing of this resolution as a special resolution by the deletion of clause 30.3"

Clause 30.3 previously provided that a retiring director would not be eligible for re-election after serving three consecutive terms in office.

The following were elected as directors and as members of the Council as shown below:

The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC, President

Professor David Weisbrot AM, Vice President

Emeritus Professor David Barker AM, Secretary and Public Officer

The Hon Justice John Digby, Treasurer

Professor Michael Coper

Professor Rosalind Croucher

Professor Paul Fairall

Professor Bee Chen Goh

Professor Les McCrimmon

Professor Brian Opeskin

The Hon Justice Melissa Perry

The Hon Justice Alan Robertson

Enclosed is the President's Report which was tabled at the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were distributed to members with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Academy event in Victoria

An Academy event will be held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Law Courts, 210 William Street, Melbourne on Thursday 21 November from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

The event will be in the nature of a symposium on "Legal Education, Regulation and Funding—shaping the legal profession of the future". Fellows will recognise the appropriateness of the topic having regard to the objects and membership of the Academy.

The speaker will be Professor Cheryl Saunders AO, Laureate Professor and Professor of Law, University of Melbourne. Commentators will be Ms Joanne Cameron, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons, and Arts/Law student Ms Jemima Roe.

Following the lecture, refreshments will be served in the Supreme Court Library.

Admission is free but registration is essential for catering purposes. RSVP by 11 November to Ms Sarah Hull at the AAL Secretariat (aal@law.anu.edu.au).

Academy event in the Australian Capital Territory

An Academy event will be held in the Law Theatre of the ANU College of Law, Building 5, Fellows Road, Australian National University, Canberra on Thursday 28 November from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm.

The Hon Justice Patrick Keane of the High Court has accepted the Academy's invitation to present the lecture he gave in Brisbane on "The Public/Private Divide; and its implications for the extent of judicial intervention in civil disputes".

Following the lecture, refreshments will be served in the ANU College of Law Foyer.

All members of the Academy in Canberra are encouraged to attend.

Nomination of individuals for membership of the Academy

The membership Committee has prepared the enclosed "Guide" to assist Fellows in nominating individuals for membership of the Academy. If you have any questions in this respect you could raise them with the Chair of the Membership Committee, Justice Alan Robertson at Jennifer.Farrell@fedcourt.gov.au or with me.

Tomorrow's Law Conference

There is still time (only just) to register for this Conference, which the Academy is co-hosting with Macquarie Law School, to be held next Friday 25 October. Details were given in the last newsletter and registration details are contained in the attached brochure.

New Fellows

Since the last Newsletter Her Honour The Hon Sally Thomas AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, has become a Fellow of the Academy. I am sure all Fellows join me in extending a warm welcome to Her Honour.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kev Lindgren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'L'.

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