

Two major events in Sydney

Patron's Address on Monday 18 May

As previously advised, the Academy's Patron's Address for 2015 will be held on Monday 18 May at 5.30 pm in the Ceremonial Court of the Federal Court of Australia, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

The address will be delivered by Professor Paul Brand FBA, Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford, on the subject "*Magna Carta and the Development of the Common Law*".

The Academy is honoured to have such a distinguished scholar of English medieval legal history to deliver the Patron's Address in this, the 800th anniversary year of the sealing of Magna Carta. Professor Brand will be delivering a lecture bearing the same title at the High Court in the preceding week on 13 May.

All Fellows who can attend the Patron's Address are encouraged to do so. The flyer for the event is **attached**. If you intend to attend please register online as requested in the flyer – numbers are needed for catering purposes, but if you find at the last moment that you can make it, please come even if you have not registered.

Visit by Professor James Moliterno on Wednesday 20 May

As previously advised the Academy will be favoured by a visit and informal presentation by Professor James Moliterno on Wednesday 20 May – two nights after the Patron's Address.

Professor Moliterno is the Vincent Bradford Professor of Law at the Washington and Lee School of Law, Lexington, Virginia.

This event will be for Fellows only and will be held at the offices of Herbert Smith Freehills, Level 34, ANZ Tower, 161 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Freehills partner, Don Robertson, has arranged for his firm to host the event and to provide refreshments. For the latter purpose, it is important that those intending to be present register online as requested in the **attached** flyer.

Professor Moliterno will speak on the subject "*Exporting Legal Ethics*".

This will be an opportunity to gauge the interest of Fellows in such small informal meetings. All Fellows, especially those in Sydney, are encouraged to attend what promises to be a most interesting presentation.

The Academy of Law Annual Essay Prize

The *Notice of the Annual Essay Prize 2015* and the *Rules Governing the Annual Essay Prize 2015* are both available on the Academy's website:

www.academyoflaw.org.au

Individuals who intend to submit an essay are required to indicate that intention by 30 June.

Fellows are encouraged to make known the availability of the Essay Prize to all who, they think, might be interested in submitting an entry.

State and Territory events 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). All events will be held in the evening. In due course flyers will issue containing more detail.

New South Wales

The Patron's Address and the visit of Professor Moliterno noted above.

Queensland

Thursday 18 June 2015: Mr Walter Sofronoff QC will speak on the independence of the legal profession—venue: the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

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 Nimiluk 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 the last Newsletter, 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.

New Fellows

On behalf of the Academy and its members I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the following lawyer who has accepted the Academy's invitation to become a Fellow since the last Newsletter:

The Hon Geoffrey Eames QC

Fellows may be interested to know that as at today's date, 11 May 2015, there are 266 members of the Academy.



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Academy of Law's Patron's Address

Magna Carta and the Development of the Common Law

Monday 18 May 2015 5.30 pm

Federal Court of Australia Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney

Professor Paul Brand FBA, Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford



The Australian Academy of Law (AAL) will be holding the fourth of its annual Patron's Addresses on Monday 18 May 2015, to be delivered by Professor Paul Brand, FBA, Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford.

The title of Emeritus Professor Brand's address is '*Magna Carta and the Development of the Common Law*'. With expertise in English medieval Common Law, his main focus will be on what Magna Carta has to tell us about the development of the Common Law prior to 1215 and what contribution it then made in the short and medium term to the subsequent medieval development of the Common Law. Professor Brand will then consider how, over the

longer term, Magna Carta came to be seen throughout the Common Law world as a foundational document of the Common Law as a family of legal systems.

Paul Brand is Professor of English Legal History at the University of Oxford and a Senior Research Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. He works on English medieval legal history and has written monographs on *The origins of the English legal profession* (1992) and on *Kings, Barons and Justices: The Making and Enforcement of Legislation in Thirteenth-Century England* (2003) as well as editing the four volumes of *The Earliest English Law Reports* and the two earliest volumes of *The Parliament Rolls of Medieval England*.

The inaugural Patron's Address was delivered in 2012 by the Patron of the AAL, The Hon Chief Justice Robert French AC. The second Patron's Address was delivered in 2013 by The Hon James Spigelman AC QC; and the third in 2014 by the Hon Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Singapore. For the fourth address the Academy acknowledges the support of the Rule of Law Institute of Australia and also the University of Melbourne for funding Professor Brand's visit as a Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow.

This event may count as MCLE/CPD.

RSVP online by Thursday 14 May:

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Exporting Legal Ethics?

Wednesday 20 May 2015 5.30pm

Herbert Smith Freehills ANZ Tower, 161 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

Professor James Moliterno, Washington & Lee School of Law



Herbert Smith Freehills will be hosting this presentation for Academy Fellows only by Professor James Moliterno, Vincent Bradford Professor of Law at the Washington & Lee School of Law, Lexington, Virginia.

Professor Moliterno says that the question mark in the title is intentional: 'some colleagues I have met on projects genuinely act as if we are exporting *our* form of legal ethics. My way is to try my best to understand local culture and work with it to make the ethics system better for that particular country, while being well aware that we have figured out good answers to many ethics questions in mature justice systems such as ours, from which my hosts may benefit. Our own legal cultures have driven many of the subtleties of our own ethics system choices, and our systems, mature as

they are, differ in some important ways. So it should be no surprise that the culture in various post-communist states will differ from one another and drive some differences in what an effective lawyer and judge conduct system will look like.'

For 21 years prior to joining Washington & Lee in 2009, Professor Moliterno was the Tazewell Taylor Professor of Law, Director of the Legal Skills Program and Director of Clinical Programs at the College of William and Mary, serving as Vice Dean from 1997–2000. He has taught legal ethics courses and professional skills courses at six US and three non-US law schools over the last 30 years. A member of the American Law Institute, Professor Moliterno has held committee positions in both the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and the American Bar Association (ABA). He was the 2012 recipient of the Rebuilding Justice Award from the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS) in recognition of his career-long work in legal education reform. In 2014 Professor Moliterno was Visiting Professor at the China University of Political Science and Law.

RSVP online by Monday 18 May:

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This event may count as MCLE/CPD points.