

Our New Patron

I am pleased to inform Fellows that the Hon Susan Kiefel AC has accepted the Board's invitation to be the Patron of the Academy.

Chief Justice Kiefel succeeds Chief Justice French as Patron.

It is noteworthy that both were Foundation Fellows of the Academy when it was established in 2007.

The Board of Directors has thanked the Hon Robert French AC for the strong support he gave to the Academy as its Patron and it is right that this should be recorded in this Newsletter.

All directors were delighted when I gave them the news that Chief Justice Kiefel had agreed to assume this role.

Ethics Hypothetical on Tuesday 4 April 2017

As notified in the Academy's last Newsletter, the Academy will be holding the first in a series of three ethics-themed events in Sydney on Tuesday 4 April 2017. The theme of the events is based on these objects of the Academy—to promote the highest standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility, to enhance understanding and observance of the rule of law, and to provide a forum for debate and the interchange of views.

The first event in the series will be a "hypothetical" which will pose questions concerning "**The law and lawyers: their limits?**"

The event will be held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 5.30pm in the Federal Court's ceremonial court room on Level 21 in the Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

The hypothetical will be moderated by **John Sheahan QC** and the panel will comprise:

- **The Hon Ray Finkelstein AO QC**, formerly a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia
- **Professor Bryan Horrigan**, Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Dr Ruth Higgins**, Barrister, Sydney
- **Professor Peter Cashman**, Barrister, Sydney; Professor of Law, University of Sydney
- **Cathie Armour**, Commissioner, Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- **Michael Lavarch AO**, Commissioner of the Australian Skills Quality Authority; Attorney-General of the Commonwealth 1993-1996
- **Professor Uwe Dulleck**, Business School, Queensland University of Technology

I would encourage all Fellows to attend this event. It will be open to the public so please encourage all who may be interested in the topic to attend.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by Friday 31 March to: admin@academyoflaw.org.au

A flyer for the event is attached.

National Legal Education Conference 11-13 August 2017

The Conference Organising Committee has been working on the program and budget for the Conference and it is hoped that both will be finalised at or following its meeting next Monday 27 February.

A flyer and the program should be able to be issued shortly after that.

New Fellows

On behalf of the Academy and its members, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the following who, at the Board's invitation, have become Fellows of the Academy since the last Newsletter:

Emeritus Professor Ben Boer
Professor Graham Greenleaf AM
Mr Jeremy Kirk SC

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

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“The law and lawyers: their limits?”

An Ethics Hypothetical—the gap between what the community expects and what the law and its personnel and institutions can deliver

Tuesday 4 April 2017 5.30–7pm

Where? Ceremonial Court of the Federal Court of Australia, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen’s Square, Sydney

The Australian Academy of Law extends a warm invitation to all to attend this, the first in a series of three ethics-themed events that it is holding in Sydney this year. The theme of the events is based on these objects of the Academy—to promote the highest standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility, to enhance understanding and observance of the rule of law, and to provide a forum for debate and the interchange of views.

The first in the series will be a “hypothetical” which will pose questions concerning the limits of law and lawyering. Are laws always an answer? Do our processes deliver what is claimed for them?

Moderated by **John Sheahan QC** of the Sydney Bar, the panel will comprise:

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- **Professor Bryan Horrigan**, Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Dr Ruth Higgins**, Barrister, Sydney
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There will be no charge for admission. Attendance may count towards satisfaction of the MCLE requirements. . RSVP by Friday 31 March to: Admin@academyoflaw.org.au.