



# Australian Lawyers Alliance National Conference

Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 October 2012

Glennelg, South Australia

## *Conference Program*

### *Thursday 25 October 2012*

12.00pm **Optional pre-conference activities**

6.00pm **Welcome Function**

### *Friday 26 October 2012*

**8.00am Registration**

**9.00am Welcome & Introduction**

Greg Barns, Immediate Past National President, Australian Lawyers Alliance  
Anthony Kerin, National President, Australian Lawyers Alliance

**9.15am Civil Justice Award Presentation**

**9.30am Keynote Address**

The Hon. Chief Justice John Doyle AC QC, Supreme Court of S.A.(Retired)

**10.15am MORNING BREAK**

**10.45am STREAM A (Plenary)**

**Public Liability Case Review**

Travis Schultz, Managing Partner, Schultz  
Toomey O'Brien (QLD)

**11.30am Practical Problems With Claims Against the Government**

Sonja Cooper, Principal, Cooper Legal  
Katherine Ross, Associate, Cooper Legal  
(N.Z.)

**STREAM B (Ballrooms 4 & 5)**

**PANEL SESSION: Pro Bono Work**

John Corker, Director, National Pro Bono Resource  
Centre, UNSW  
Elizabeth O'Shea, Head, Social Justice Practice,  
Maurice Blackburn (VIC)  
George Newhouse SC, National Social Justice  
Practice, Shine Lawyers (NSW)

**Recent Developments in the Area of  
Asbestos Litigation in the UK, Australia and  
USA**

Paul Glanville, Partner, John Pickering &  
Partners (UK)  
Kevin Johnson, John Pickering & Partners (UK)  
Rohan Atherton, The David Law Firm (US)

**12.15pm LUNCH**

1.15pm **NDIS**  
Rod Hodgson, Partner, Maurice Blackburn (QLD)  
**Lifetime Care: The NSW Experience**  
Andrew Stone, Barrister, NSW Bar (NSW)

**Bullying, Harassment & Human Rights**  
Des Kennedy SC, Jack Shand Chambers  
(NSW)

2.00pm **Disability Insurance as Tort Reform**  
Nicholas Mann, Associate, Slater & Gordon (VIC)

**Media Workshop**  
Greg Barns, ALA Immediate Past National  
President  
Mandy Wyer, Public Affairs Manager, ALA

**2.45pm AFTERNOON BREAK**

3.15pm **Annual Case Review**  
Andrew Morrison RFD SC, Barrister, Wardell Chambers (NSW)  
Richard Royle, Barrister, Sir Owen Dixon Chambers (NSW)

**4.15pm Close of Day 1**

4.30pm – Annual General Meeting  
5.15pm

6.30pm Conference Dinner

***Saturday 27 October 2012***

**8.30am Arrival Refreshments**

9.00am **Refugees and Australia's Obligations**  
David Manne, Director, Refugee & Immigration Legal Centre (VIC)

9.45am **STREAM A (Plenary)**

**Refugee Claims**  
Claire O'Connor, Barrister, Anthony Mason  
Chambers (SA)

**STREAM B (Ballrooms 4 & 5)**

**Aboriginal Land in the Northern Territory:  
Township and Other Leases, Federal  
Intervention and Stronger Futures Legislation**  
Ron Levy, Principal Legal Officer, Northern Land  
Council (NT)

**10.30am MORNING BREAK**

11.00am **Medical Evidence – The New Regime**  
Christopher Barry QC, Selborne Chambers(NSW)

**Strain Injuries: The Latest Tools for Proving  
Causation and Liability**  
Mark Dohrmann AM, Principal Engineer and  
Ergonomist, Mark Dohrmann & Partners(VIC)

11.45am **Volume Outcome Relationship Mandates  
Specialisation in Surgery – Practice  
Makes Perfect(ish)**  
Prof. David Morris, St George Hospital (NSW)

**Proportionate Liability in NSW, Victoria and  
Federally**  
Philip Carr, Barrister, Wentworth Chambers (NSW)

<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1.30pm	<b>Medical Negligence Update</b> Stephen Walsh QC, Edmund Barton Chambers (SA)	<b>Requisite Competencies for Conducting Psychological Assessments for Legal Proceedings</b> Greg Dear, School of Psychology, Edith Cowan University (WA)
2.15pm	<b>Psychiatric Injury in the Workplace</b> Emily Anderson, Senior Associate, Maurice Blackburn (VIC)	<b>PANEL SESSION: National WorkCover and Motor Vehicle Round-Up</b> <b>Speakers TBA</b>
<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>	
3.45pm	<b>Expert Evidence</b> Barry Toomey QC, Jack Shand Chambers (NSW)	<b>Managing a Legal Practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> Margaret Brain, Principal, Given Law (QLD)
4.30pm	<b>Caught In The Net: Sorting Out The Ethics &amp; Risks of Being A Lawyer Online</b> Neil Watt, Principal, Neil Watt Consulting (NSW) <i>(Mandatory Practice Management CLE session)</i>	<b>Personal Injury &amp; Litigation Reform in the UK</b> John Spencer, Spencer's Solicitors (UK)
5.30pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Anthony Kerin, National President, Australian Lawyers Alliance	
<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Conference Close</b>	

*\*Program subject to change without notice*