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Upcoming Commercial Bar Association CPD Seminars

Construction Programs and Critical Paths

Commercial Bar Association - Construction Law Section

3 December 2013

Presenter: David Andrews, Director, Tracey Brunstrom & Hammond Pty Ltd. Chair: David McAndrew

Current issues in international arbitration in Australia: mandatory laws, black holes and other nasty surprises

Commercial Bar Association - Arbitration and ADR

10 December 2013

Presenters: Albert Monichino SC, Andrew Barraclough; Chair: Martin Scott SC

Security of Payment in Victoria: Payment Claims, Adjudication and Court Intervention: An Introduction and Update

Commercial Bar Association - Construction Law Section

17 February 2014

Presenters: Caroline Kirton SC and Adam Rollnik

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President's Report



Reproduced below is the President's Report to be tabled at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Report includes an explanation of some of CommBar's main activities since the last newsletter.

The CommBar Executive again thanks all those CommBar members who have contributed to the work of the Association during the last 12 months.

I wish all members and their families all the very best for the forthcoming holiday season.

Quotes of Note

One should never forbid what one lacks the power to prevent. Napoleon

What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness? Jean Jacques Rousseau

You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club. Jack London

The cleverest of all, in my opinion, is the man who calls himself a fool at least once a month. Fyodor Dostoevsky

If you want to study yourself - look into the hearts of other people. If you want to study other people - look into your own heart. Frederick Von Schiller

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour: Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Mark Twain

Bar Associations

Commercial Bar Association (Executive Committee) (up to 27 November 2013):

Philip Crutchfield SC (President), Stewart Anderson SC (Senior Vice-President), Caroline Kirton SC (Vice-President and Convenor), Ian Percy (Treasurer), Albert Monichino SC, Daniel Crennan, David Turner, Kathleen Foley and Dr Elizabeth Boros.

In addition to contributing to a large part of the Victorian Bar's CPD Seminars, CommBar's 16 separate specialist sections have conducted discussion groups and promoted education both within their sections

and more generally at the Victorian Bar.

During the year, CommBar has, amongst many other activities:

- i. increased its membership from 498 to over 600;
- ii. assisted the Victorian Bar by conducting, as part of the Victorian Bar's CPD Program, close to 30 CPD events;
- iii. in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Victoria, organised seminars specifically aimed at more junior members of the Bar;
- iv. assisted the Supreme Court and the Melbourne University Law School in the organisation and promotion of their successful seminars in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court;
- v. together with Monash University Law School, conducted a series of seminars with the Federal Court of Australia and separately with the Supreme Court of Victoria;
- vi. donated funds to Austlii and the Victorian Supreme Court Library;
- vii. continued to produce the CommBar newsletter, including topical information for its members and case notes. (CommBar is indebted to Cornelia Fourfouris-Mack for her ongoing tireless work as the editor of the CommBar newsletter); and
- viii. established a sub-committee to look at other ways in which email and the internet might be used to assist in the distribution of material of interest to CommBar members.

On 12 September 2013, CommBar hosted a retirement dinner for the Honourable David Habersberger QC at the Essoign Club. Over 100 people were in attendance and speeches were made by the Chairman of the Bar, Fiona McLeod SC and David. It was a privilege for CommBar to be able to host this function for David and to celebrate his service to both the Bar and Bench.

On 6 November 2013, CommBar held its annual social function at the Federal Court. Over 200 people, including Judges, CommBar members, lawyers from law firms, corporations and government were in attendance. CommBar was delighted that both the Commonwealth Attorney-General, The Honourable George Brandis QC and the Attorney-General for the State of Victoria, The Honourable Robert Clark MP, were in attendance.

Speeches were made by Chief Justice Allsop and the Commonwealth Attorney-General.

CommBar again thanks the Chief Justice, Judges and staff of the Federal Court, for hosting our very successful function.

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2013, an item of special business will be put to members to increase the number of ordinary members of the Executive from five to seven.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Executive, Section office holders and all others involved in the work of CommBar for their continuing efforts to advance the interests of all commercial barristers at the Victorian Bar.

Finally, the CommBar Executive thanks the Victorian Bar office and in particular Sally Bodman and Courtney Bow, for their excellent and tireless ongoing support of CommBar.

Philip Crutchfield SC | President



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