

**EXPERT EVIDENCE IN
HEALTH LAW**

Chair: The Hon Justice Catherine Branson, Federal Court of Australia

Speakers:

- Professor David Healy, Department of Psychological Medicine, Cardiff University
- Professor Ian Freckelton, Barrister and Honorary Professor of Law, Psychological Medicine and Forensic Medicine, Monash University
- Associate Professor Les McCrimmon, Australian Law Reform Commission

Convenor: Associate Professor Belinda Benett, Sydney Law School

Date:

Tuesday 1 November 2005, 5.30 pm-7.00pm

Venue: Faculty of Law, 173-175 Phillip Street, Sydney



Expert Evidence in Health Law

This seminar explores the role of expert evidence in health law. It will examine the practical issues associated with the use of scientific evidence in court as well as current proposals for reform of laws relating to expert evidence.

The seminar will be of particular interest to practising lawyers as well as health professionals.

Speaker Details

The Hon Justice Catherine Branson

Catherine Branson was appointed a judge of the Federal Court of Australia on 16 May 1994. Immediately prior to her appointment she was practising as a barrister at Bar Chambers, Adelaide principally in public and commercial law. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992.

Before joining the South Australian Bar Justice Branson was Crown Solicitor for South Australia and Chief Executive Officer of the Attorney-General's Department (SA).

Justice Branson was based in Adelaide from the time of her appointment to the Federal Court until September 1996 when she moved to Sydney. She is a past President of the AIJA and a current Board member of the Rome based International Development Law Organisation. With Justice Lindgren she is Advisory Editor of Butterworths' Civil Litigation Precedents.

Professor David Healy

David Healy studied in University College Dublin and University of Cambridge. He is a Professor in Psychological Medicine in Cardiff University, a former Secretary of the British Association for Psychopharmacology, and author of over 130 peer reviewed articles and 15 books, including *The Antidepressant Era*, and *The Creation of Psychopharmacology* from Harvard University Press, *The Psychopharmacologists* Volumes 1-3, and *Let Them Eat Prozac* from New York University Press. David is also a Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto. He has been a consultant to most major pharmaceutical companies but also an expert witness for plaintiffs in cases against pharmaceutical companies.

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Professor Ian Freckelton

Ian Freckelton is a barrister in full-time practice in Australia since 1988, specialising at both trial and appellate level in administrative law, medico-legal cases and criminal law. Interweaved amongst his practice at the Bar, Ian is the lawyer member of the Medical Practitioners Board, the Psychologists Registration Board and the Mental Health Review Board.

Ian is an Honorary Professor of Law, Psychological Medicine and Forensic Medicine at Monash University, an Adjunct Professor of Law at La Trobe University and Deakin University, and a Fellow in the Criminology Department at the University of Melbourne.

He is the Australasian Vice-President of the International Academy of Forensic Studies, a Board Member of the Public Health Law Centre, a Board Member of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Health, Law and Ethics and was the President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law between 1991 and 1997, having been made a life member of the Association in 1997. He is the founding editor of the *Journal of Law and Medicine* and is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*.

Ian is the author and editor of some 30 books on medical law, mental health law, therapeutic jurisprudence, criminal injuries compensation, coronial law, policing, criminal law, expert evidence, and on causation. He is a consultant to the current ALRC and VLRC references on evidence. The 3rd edition of his book, *Expert Evidence: Law, Practice, Procedure and Advocacy* was published this year and is in its 2nd reprint.

Associate Professor Les McCrimmon

Les McCrimmon, an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Sydney, was appointed a full time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission for a three-year period, commencing on 4 January 2005.

Associate Professor McCrimmon will lead the ALRC's Inquiry into the uniform Evidence Acts, being conducted in association with the New South Wales Law Reform Commission and the Victorian Law Reform Commission.

Prof McCrimmon has expertise in the law of evidence, trial practice and real property. He is a member of the Management Committee of the Australian Advocacy Institute, has been a member of various NSW Bar Association Committees, and the NSW Attorney General's working party established to review the law and practice relating to conflict of interest.

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Time: 5.30 - 7.00 pm (Registration desk open from 5.15 pm)

Location: Minter Ellison Conference Room, Level 13,
Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, 173-175 Phillip Street,
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