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**SEMINAR
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A JUDGE'S VIEW**

Wednesday 4 July, 2007
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

SPEAKERS

Judge He Bo, Beijing People's High Court,
People's Republic of China
Ms Vivienne Bath, Centre for Asian & Pacific Law,
Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

CHAIR

Judge Judith Gibson,
District Court of New South Wales

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RESOLUTION OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES IN THE CHINESE COURTS - A JUDGE'S VIEW

Judge He Bo, a judge of Beijing People's High Court, recently won an award for excellence in judgment writing. The judge, who specialises in commercial law, is a representative of the younger generation of Chinese judges - she is highly academically qualified in law and reached her present eminence through a competitive selection process and promotion through the court system. This seminar offers the opportunity to hear Judge He Bo speak about the resolution of commercial disputes through litigation in the Chinese courts and the system of justice in present-day China. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the administration of justice in China and the experiences of Chinese judges in coping with frequent changes in the law and legal system and a massive increase in caseload.

The session will be chaired by Judge Judith Gibson of the District Court, who has a long-standing interest and experience in the Chinese judicial system. Commentary will be provided by Ms Vivienne Bath, Senior Lecturer in Law and Director of the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law. Vivienne is a specialist in Chinese and international business law and was, until her move to Sydney University 2 years ago, a partner in a major international law firm specialising in Chinese foreign investment. She now teaches Chinese law at a postgraduate and undergraduate level.

BIOGRAPHIES

Judge He Bo completed her Bachelor of Laws at the Beijing University of Economics and Law, and her Masters of Laws at Renmin University of China. She is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Renmin University. From 1989 to 1997, she served as a judge in the Commercial Division of the Beijing First Intermediate People's Court, before moving to the Beijing People's High Court in 1998. She is now a senior judge of the Beijing People's High Court, having served as the Assistant President of the Fengtai People's District Court in 2003-2004.

Judge He Bo has published widely in the areas of guarantees, letters of credit and commercial law, winning prizes for her publications regarding the fraud exception to letters of credit in 2005 and guarantee contract disputes in 2007, as well as for excellence in writing judgments. In 2004, she worked at the District Court of NSW assisting Judge Gibson and other judges, while studying part-time at Sydney University.

Judge Judith Gibson is a member of the Council of the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP) (University of Sydney) and the convenor of the Law Council's International Law Section (International Legal Issues) Focus Group. She was appointed to the Conseil Scientifique (Attractivite du Droit) set up by the French Government in 2004 and is the co-editor (with Judge du Marais) of "The Law of Property in China" which will be published in August 2007 together with a China/Indonesia research study prepared by Australian academics for this body. She has participated in Chinese judicial training programmes for RIAP and was a speaker at the Joint Conference of Sino-Australian Law School Deans in Beijing (July 2006) and also at the Judicial Excellence in Writing Conference for members of the Chinese judiciary (January 2007).

Vivienne Bath is a Senior Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, and Director of the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney. She has bachelor's degrees with first class honours in Asian Studies (modern and classical Chinese) and in Law from the Australian National University, and a Masters of Law from Harvard University. She was an exchange student in China in 1975-1976 and speaks Chinese.

Prior to joining the Faculty of Law, Vivienne Bath was a partner of international firm Coudert Brothers, working in the Hong Kong and Sydney offices, and specialising in commercial law, with a focus on foreign investment and commercial transactions in the People's Republic of China. Vivienne Bath has published widely in the area of Chinese law and is a frequent participant in conferences and seminars focussing on developments in the Chinese legal regime. She is the Vice-President of the New South Wales branch of the Australia China Business Council.

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