Inaugural

George Winterton Lecture

6.00-7.30pm, 18 February 2010
Sydney Law School
Eastern Avenue, The University of Sydney

The lecture will be delivered by:
The Honourable Robert French,
Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia

It is with great sadness that Sydney Law School and the community mourn the death of Professor George Winterton, who died in November 2008 after a long battle with cancer. George Winterton was one of Australia’s foremost experts on the Constitution and constitutional law, with an international reputation. He was an initiator of the modern debate on an Australian republic and will be a founding father should one eventuate. He was a long-standing Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Sydney and Emeritus Professor, University of New South Wales, remembered as an outstanding scholar and teacher to generations of colleagues and students. He was a Barrister of the Supreme Courts of New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia, a Fulbright Scholar and holder of numerous other academic prizes and awards. He was the University Medallist in Law at the University of Western Australia, which awarded him an LL.D in 2007. He was a member of the Constitutional Commission 1985-87; of the Republic Advisory Committee 1993; an Appointed Delegate to the Constitutional Convention 1988 and foundation member Council and Trustees of The Constitution Education Fund Australia. He was the founding editor of Constitutional Law and Policy Review and author of the seminal book on executive power, Parliament, the Executive and the Governor-General.

The inaugural George Winterton Memorial Address will be held on 18 February, and will be delivered by Chief Justice Robert French, who was appointed to the High Court of Australia in September 2008. Prior to this appointment, he was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, an additional member of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and a member of the Supreme Court of Fiji. He was also a Deputy President of the Australian Competition Tribunal, and from 2001 to January 2005 was president of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law.

Following the lecture, Chief Justice French will also launch the book: Constitutional Advancement in a Frozen Continent, Essays in Honour of George Winterton, (eds HP Lee and Peter Gerangelos). Contributors to this book are from amongst Australia’s leading constitutional scholars and jurists.

Continuing the Work of George Winterton

Friends and colleagues of the late Professor George Winterton are invited to make a gift to the George Winterton Memorial Fund, also being launched at the event. Gifts to the Fund will support activities at Sydney Law School in the area of Constitutional Law in memory of the late Professor George Winterton. For further information or to make your gift, please contact Demelza Birtchnell, Development Officer, Sydney Law School, tel: 02 9351 0467 or email: d.birtchnell@usyd.edu.au.

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