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#### Ross Parsons Centre Staff Profiles



Barbara McDonald is a Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney, currently teaching in the areas of Torts, Equity, Torts and Contracts II and Media Law in the undergraduate programme, and Law of Obligations, Legal Reasoning and Common Law Systems, and Joint and Proportionate Liability in the postgraduate program. She is currently the Director of the Faculty's Sydney Law School in Europe program, which conducts courses in Berlin and Cambridge. Barbara is a consultant to Freehills lawyers. She is also a member of the Bar Association of New South Wales. She is the co-editor of a casebook on the law of torts, and a member of the editorial board of the *Torts Law Journal*. She is also a contributing author to a textbook on the principles of equity. She has recently written a number of articles on tort reform, published in the *Sydney Law Review*, the *Australian Bar Review*, the *Torts Law Journal* and the *Commercial Law Quarterly*. Barbara is also commercial law co-editor of the monograph series of the Ross Parsons Centre of Commercial, Corporate and Taxation Law within the Faculty of Law.



Rebecca Millar is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. Her areas of interest include GST, comparative VAT, and the income tax concession for research and development. Before joining the University of Sydney, Rebecca worked as a tax practitioner for 10 years, initially with Michael Johnson & Associates, a firm specialising in Government support programs for research and innovation and then as a GST advisor with the accounting firm Ernst & Young. Rebecca held the position as a Consulting Counsel in taxation for the Legal Department of the International Monetary Fund, where she was involved in drafting indirect tax laws and regulations for developing countries. Rebecca currently consults to the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and Michael Johnson & Associates. She is also an academic member of the OECD's Technical Advisory Group on International VAT/GST Guidelines. She has also been co-teacher of the VAT module of the Taxation Programme of the African Tax Institute, University of Pretoria.



The Ross Parsons Centre of Commercial, Corporate and Taxation Law was founded in 2004 to build upon Sydney Law School's excellence in commercial, corporate and taxation law. The Centre is active in undergraduate and postgraduate programs, organising conferences and seminars, publications, sponsoring visits from international and Australian academics, encouraging research and building links with other institutions with similar goals. The Centre is open to academics of Sydney Law School and other institutions, and professionals in the public and private sector who are able to contribute to the work of the Centre. The Parsons Centre has made an electronic version of this work available at <http://setis.library.usyd.edu.au/oztexts/parsons.html> along with other historically significant Australian and international tax material. The Centre has a monograph series for which details are available at <http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/parsons/publications/index.shtml>.

The objectives of the Centre are to undertake, promote and support innovative and important scholarship, including teaching, research, consultancy and advocacy in all areas of commercial, corporate and taxation law. These objectives will include work both within the University of Sydney, with other Centres in Australia and overseas, with the legal profession more generally, and with the wider community both in Australia and internationally.

Ross Parsons was Professor of Law at the University of Sydney 1961-1986. In that time he established the Australia paradigms for postgraduate coursework legal education and continuing professional development, as

well as being Australia's acknowledged leader in tax law research and a foremost scholar in commercial and corporate law.

His income tax notes became the crowning glory of his academic life, *Income Taxation in Australia: Principles of Income Deductibility and Tax Accounting*. This 1000 page treatise published by the Law Book Company in 1985 is still the source of much of the learning on income tax in Australia despite two decades of tax reform since, and is constantly quoted by judges in all levels of courts.

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