

Adventure Antarctica ***A Changing Law for a Changing World***

Where: Antarctica (ship based travel)

When: 10 December 2009 – 20 December 2009

Faculty: **The Hon. Justice Annabelle Bennett AO**, Federal Court of Australia
David Bennett AC QC, New South Wales Bar
Dr Graeme Pearman, Director, GP Consulting Pty Ltd
Martijn Wilder, Partner, Baker & McKenzie

Day 1 - 10 December 2009

Embarkation

9.00am to 9.30am

Welcome and Overview of Conference
Presented by **David Bennett AC QC**

Day 2 – 11 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

Changing Law for a Changing Society

Presented by **The Hon Justice Annabelle Bennett AO**

Day 3 – 12 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

David Bennett AC QC will take us on a journey through some of the most significant matters in which he has appeared and include:

- *Shaw vs Minister* for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs [2003] HCA 72; 218 CLR 28; 203 ALR 143; 78 ALJR 203(Australian citizenship)
- *Mulholland vs Australian Electoral Commission* (2004) 220 CLR 181 (the end of the DLP)
- *Thomas vs Mowbray* [2007] HCA 33 (terrorism - control orders)
- The Work choices case (validity of Work choices legislation)
- *Roach v Electoral Commissioner* [2007] HCA 43 (prisoners 'voting rights)

4.30pm to 5.30pm

Legal Professional Privilege

- What is intended to be protected by Client Legal Privilege?
- The different tests under common law and statute for waiver of the privilege
- Express Waiver
- What amounts to "conduct inconsistent with the maintenance of the privilege?"

Presented by **David Bennett AC QC**

Day 4 – 13 December 2009

8.30pm to 9.30pm

Fifteen minute presentations by conference registrants

Day 5 – 14 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

The Law and the Environment

The nation and the environment has radically transformed – environmental law was at the fringe of the body of law it now is at its core. The escalating environmental problems affecting the earth, Australia included, mean that environmental law will only continue to grow in importance

Presented by **Martijn Wilder**

1.00pm to 2.00pm

Environmental Law and the Legal Profession – Practical Workshop/Questions

Day 6 – 15 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

Are We Up to the Challenge of Climate Change?

- A brief analysis of how human behaviour and social structures play a role in how quickly and forcefully we can respond to the threat of climate change
- Characteristics of a response to climate change including the management of complexity and uncertainty, the building of resilience
- What can you do?

Presented by **Dr Graeme Pearman**

Day 7 – 16 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

Specific Aspects of Climate Change

- The evolution of the legal response to dealing with climate change.
- How the science drives the international policy
- The development of international law in the climate area?
- The global and domestic policy responses? including Europe, Australia and the US?
- Is the legal response adequate?
- Role of Antarctica in the climate change issue
- Observed climate change in Antarctica
- The stability of the ice sheets
- Impacts on plant and animal life

Presented by **Martijn Wilder**

Day 8 – 17 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

In Copenhagen This Week

- What is happening in Copenhagen this week (Dec 07 – Dec 18 2009)
- A description of the UNFCCC procedures and the specific role of the Conference of the Parties.
- Some of the key elements in the trading process such as role of developing versus developed countries, target setting, equity and sharing issues, CDM, JI, etc.
- Legal issues around national responsibilities.
- Why the need for global and urgent action over climate change
- What has climate-change science said has happened so far?
- What is projected to happen?
- What is there urgency?
- How can we manage the risk?

Presented by: **Martijn Wilder** and **Dr Graeme Pearman**

8.30pm to 9.30pm

Questions & Answers

Martijn Wilder and **Dr Graeme Pearman**

Day 9 – 18 December 2009

7.00am to 8.00am

Future for the Legal Profession

Presented by **The Hon Justice Annabelle Bennett AO**

Day 10 – 19 December 2009

2.30pm to 3.30pm

Questions

4.30pm to 5.30pm

Concluding Remarks

Presented by **David Bennett AC QC**

N.B In order to fit in with Peregrine's excellent onboard program, the conference may be subjected to alterations necessitated by the weather and wildlife.

If you would like to present a 15 minute paper on a legal topic, please submit an abstract when booking.

Email to: dtanner@legalwiseseminars.com.au with abstract Antarctica in the subject line. No attachments please. A maximum of 8 papers will be accepted