

# Preface

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This book is the edited proceedings of a Symposium on the Internationalisation of Law held at the Faculty of Law, Bond University from 26 to 27 June 2009. The Symposium was the principal academic celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the first classes of the Law Faculty, which were in May 1989.

The subject of the Symposium was settled after wide consultation amongst the faculty. Internationalisation of law reflects the philosophy and experience of the faculty over the last two decades: it is also an exploration of what lies ahead in making law, resolving disputes, researching the law, and teaching and studying it.

The participants all have a link with the Law Faculty and with its academic staff. The two days of discussion were an experience which drew together those who contributed papers, those who chaired panels, and those who attended and participated in the discussions. As editors, we must thank those participants who gave the gift of their time and work, whether they be authors, panellists, or discussants. As editors, we have tried to draw this discussion into our final chapter, our Epilogue.

Coinciding with the Symposium was the annual Sir Gerard Brennan Lecture, given in 2009 by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Honourable Robert French, CJ who was invited to address a topic within its scope. The Chief Justice directed his paper to the use of international case law in the High Court, and has kindly agreed that the paper should be published in this book of proceedings of the Symposium.

The international law firm of Baker & Mackenzie sponsored the Symposium and funded Professor Lawrence Baxter as the Baker & Mackenzie Visiting Fellow.

The Vice Chancellor of Bond University, Professor Robert Stable, sponsored the attendance of Professor John Haley as the Bond University Vice-Chancellor's 20th Anniversary Visiting Scholar. The generous support of the Law Faculty facilitated attendance at the Symposium by other participants, and other expenses, as did a contribution made by the Bond University Research Committee.

Without the support of the sponsors, the Law Faculty and of Bond University, the Symposium would not have taken place. We would like to thank in particular, Professors Laurence Boule, the Acting Dean of Law in 2008, and Geraldine Mackenzie, the Dean of Law in 2009. We were very ably backed up by the Law School external events team, particularly Cherie Daye and Rachel Black.

Preparing for the Symposium and editing the proceedings has been a joint responsibility. The Planning Committee consisted of Professors William van Caenegem, Mary Hiscock, Gerard Carney, and Vai Io Lo, with William as Chair. Amanda Thompson was our hardworking executive assistant. Mary and William have jointly edited the Proceedings with the indispensable assistance of Kate Allan, our student editor.

The law and practice are stated as at June 2009. There have since been major developments in bank regulation, and the Lisbon Treaty has come into force in December 2009. In both cases, these were foreshadowed in the analysis of the chapters by Lawrence Baxter and Inge Govaere respectively.

Since the Symposium, Les McCrimmon has become Professor of Law at Charles Darwin University, Darwin; Ian Govey has become the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Government Solicitor; and Clyde Croft has become a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria.