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AUSTRALIA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS LEGAL CONFERENCE PROMISES TO INSPIRE, STIMULATE AND INNOVATE WHILE TACKLING THE GREATEST LEGAL CHALLENGES IN THE COUNTRY

The Australian Bar Association in conjunction with the Victorian Bar is hosting the National Legal Conference in Melbourne on 27-28 October 2016. The Conference includes what has been described as the most impressive line-up of speakers ever presented at a legal conference in Australia.

Australian Bar Association President, Patrick O'Sullivan QC, said the conference will showcase the leaders of the profession from the Bar, Bench, major firms and corporate counsel.

"This is a one of a kind conference that will allow the profession a chance to stop, reflect and discuss the latest state of play, market trends and political influences on the law and global trends in dispute resolution. If you're a legal professional and want to discover what the future holds, attending this conference will be the best investment you make in your professional development this year," said Patrick O'Sullivan QC.

The conference will be opened by Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, Commonwealth Attorney General, with the conference key note address by The Hon Chief Justice Robert French AC of the High Court of Australia.

The Victorian Bar President Paul Annastasiou QC said, "A highlight of the conference is the Chief Justices' Session which includes the Chief Justices of the Federal Court, Family Court and every State and Territory Supreme Court in Australia. The panel session will provide a unique opportunity for the country's most senior judicial officers to present and discuss the latest developments and challenges before the courts."

The two-day conference covers all areas of the law, from High Court Appeals, the latest developments in intellectual property, evidence, the common law, class actions and commercial arbitration in Asia to terrorism and human rights. It includes Federal Court and Supreme Court Justices, Senior Counsel, State and Shadow Attorneys-General, partners of major law firms and members of Corporate Australia.

"This is a conference for the entire legal profession, providing delegates with unique opportunities to engage and network with senior counsel, members of the judiciary and general counsel. Delegates will be inspired by leaders in the field sharing insights into strategy, leadership and innovation within the profession," said Mr Annastasiou QC.

"The most important issues currently facing the legal profession and Australia will be discussed, debated and explored. We will have some of the greatest minds in one place to provide insight, experience and thought provoking ideas on how to tackle current legal challenges," said Mr O'Sullivan QC.

The ABA and Victorian Bar National Conference runs from 27-28 October and further information and registration details are available at www.abavicbar2016.com.au

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