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Communicating with Aboriginal clients and witnesses

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Common Room

5.15pm Thursday 16 April 2015

1.5 HOUR SEMINAR

**1.5 CPD/CLE POINTS IN THE
SUBSTANTIVE LAW STRAND**

Although English is the first and main language of Aboriginal people in NSW, there are often subtle dialectal differences which have resulted from two centuries of the Aboriginalisation of English. This session will present some of these differences, focusing on the impact on intercultural communication between lawyers and Aboriginal English speaking clients and witnesses. It will also explore implications for practice and procedure.

Dr Diana Eades is a sociolinguist who specialises in intercultural communication and language in the legal process, particularly focusing on the use of English by, to, and about Aboriginal people. Her publications include the lawyers' handbook *Aboriginal English and the Law* (1992, Queensland Law Society).

This seminar has been organised by the New South Wales Bar Association Indigenous Barristers' Strategy Working Party and the NSW Law Society's Indigenous Issues Committee.

THIS SEMINAR IS OPEN TO EVERYONE

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

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