

## Academy of Law's Patron's Address

### Magna Carta and the Development of the Common Law

**Monday 18 May 2015** 5.30 pm

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**Federal Court of Australia** Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney

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**Professor Paul Brand** FBA, Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford



The Australian Academy of Law (AAL) will be holding the fourth of its annual Patron's Addresses on Monday 18 May 2015, to be delivered by Professor Paul Brand, FBA, Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford.

The title of Emeritus Professor Brand's address is '*Magna Carta and the Development of the Common Law*'. With expertise in English medieval Common Law, his main focus will be on what Magna Carta has to tell us about the development of the Common Law prior to 1215 and what contribution it then made in the short and medium term to the subsequent medieval development of the Common Law. Professor Brand will then consider how, over the

longer term, Magna Carta came to be seen throughout the Common Law world as a foundational document of the Common Law as a family of legal systems.

Paul Brand is Professor of English Legal History at the University of Oxford and a Senior Research Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. He works on English medieval legal history and has written monographs on *The origins of the English legal profession* (1992) and on *Kings, Barons and Justices: The Making and Enforcement of Legislation in Thirteenth-Century England* (2003) as well as editing the four volumes of *The Earliest English Law Reports* and the two earliest volumes of *The Parliament Rolls of Medieval England*.

The inaugural Patron's Address was delivered in 2012 by the Patron of the AAL, The Hon Chief Justice Robert French AC. The second Patron's Address was delivered in 2013 by The Hon James Spigelman AC QC; and the third in 2014 by the Hon Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Singapore. For the fourth address the Academy acknowledges the support of the Rule of Law Institute of Australia and also the University of Melbourne for funding Professor Brand's visit as a Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow.

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