



FINN'S LAW: AN AUSTRALIAN JUSTICE A CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR PAUL FINN

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National Library of Australia
Parkes Place
Parkes Canberra ACT

Registration

- > **\$440** Government & Corporate Rate
- > **\$220** Academic & NGO Rate
- > **\$110** Full time student & Concession Rate
- \$100** Dinner (optional)

Paul Finn was first one of the great equity lawyers – renowned for his book, *Fiduciary Obligations*, based on his Cambridge doctorate. But even as *Fiduciary Obligations* appeared in 1978, Paul was making a mark in public law with articles on official misconduct and the liability of public officials.

In 1984 he initiated the celebrated series of seminars at the Australian National University, which over 11 years, resulted in his remarkable 8-volume series of *Essays*. In doing so, he not only extended his range across private law but also pursued his ever-growing interest in public law manifested in his book *Law and Government in Colonial Australia*, his government-supported monographs on *Official Information* and *Official Misconduct* and his work for the Royal Commission into WA Inc and the Queensland Electoral and Administrative Review Committee.

When Paul moved to the Federal Court in 1995, he not only delivered many landmark decisions ranging from *Hughes Aircraft* (about public sector tendering) to *S v Secretary, Department of Immigration* (the duty of care to indefinite immigration detainees) to *Akiba* (native title) but also continued to write extra-judicially.

While other notable academics have become notable judges in Australia, the range of Paul's work and its impact in Australia and internationally is exceptional. His legal nationalism has been combined with great interest in other legal systems. His over-riding concerns have been integrity in government and fair dealing.

This one-day conference at the National Library of Australia, to be followed by a celebratory dinner at The Lobby, will examine Paul's work.

A stellar cast – Chief Justice James Allsop of the Federal Court, Justice Michael Barker of the Federal Court, Sir Ross Cranston of the Queens' Bench, Justice Stephen Gageler of the High Court, Professor Joshua Getzler of Oxford, Associate Professor Pauline Ridge of the Australian National University, Professor John Williams of Adelaide and Professor Sarah Worthington of Cambridge – will explore the writings and judgments of one of Australia's great jurists.

Paul himself will speak at the dinner.

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