

## Practice, reform and grow: building the Pacific legal profession

The [South Pacific Lawyers Association](#) will be hosting its [2<sup>nd</sup> South Pacific Lawyers Conference](#) in Brisbane this week. The Conference aims to inspire, educate and build a strong regional legal profession with delegates from 14 South Pacific nations discussing a vast array of topical and practise issues.

Under the theme “Helping the South Pacific legal professional – Practice, reform and grow”, [the program](#) includes sessions on women in the law, discrimination, domestic violence in the Pacific, global challenges to the independence of the legal profession, commercial law, ethics and mediation skills.

Featured speakers are:

- **Mareva Betham-Annandale**, President, Samoa Law Society
- **Catherine Evans**, President, Cook Islands Law Society
- **Katalaini Ziru**, President, Solomon Island Bar Association
- **Jonathan Temm**, Past President, New Zealand Law Society
- **Caroline Scott**, Director, Australian Attorney-General’s Department
- **Nick Horn**, Senior Assistant Parliamentary Counsel, Australian Office of Parliamentary Counsel
- **Edwin Rekosh**, Chief Advisor, PILnet
- **Emily Christie**, Human Rights Lawyer, DLA Piper
- **Professor Andrew Mowbray**, Co-Director, AusLII
- **Hansdeep Singh**, Co-Founder, International Centre for Advocates Against Discrimination (ICAAD)
- **Peter Knight**, President, Fiji Law Society
- **Stafford Shepherd**, Senior Ethics Solicitor, Queensland Law Society
- **Dr Lalotoa Mulitalo**, Parliamentary Counsel, Parliament of Samoa
- [And many more...](#)

**What:** [2<sup>nd</sup> South Pacific Lawyers Conference](#)

**When and where:** Conference, Rydges Southbank, Brisbane – 17-18 September 2015

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*Interviews and media passes are available upon request, please contact Karuna Gurung.*

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