

2015 PAUL BYRNE SC MEMORIAL LECTURE

GUEST SPEAKER: THE HON. JUSTICE VIRGINIA BELL AC



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Criminal Law
in 'Serviceable
Condition' - A Task
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THUR 22 OCTOBER 2015
6.00PM-7.30PM
(registration from 5.45PM)

Law Foyer, Level 2
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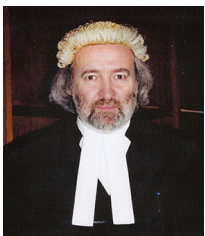
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Paul Byrne SC

ABOUT THE LECTURE

The substantive and procedural criminal law and the law of sentencing have all been the subject of a great deal of statutory development over the course of the last 30 years.

The theme of the paper is whether that development has resulted in a more satisfactory, coherent and accessible body of law than if change had been left to the genius of the common law.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Virginia Bell was appointed to the Court in February 2009. At the time of her appointment she was a judge of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. She graduated from the University of Sydney as a Bachelor of Laws in 1977. After seven years as a solicitor with the Redfern Legal Centre, she was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1984 and was appointed a Senior Counsel in 1997. Justice Bell practised as a public defender between 1986 and 1989 before returning to the private Bar. Between 1994 and 1997 she was a counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the New South Wales Police Service. Justice Bell was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in March 1999. She served as president of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration 2006 to 2008.

ABOUT PAUL BYRNE SC

Paul Byrne SC graduated in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney, and worked with the Public Solicitor's Office as a solicitor. He became a barrister in 1979, and was appointed a public defender. In 1983 he was awarded a Master of Laws degree with First Class Honours, and was awarded a University Medal. He was appointed Director of the Criminal Law Review Division and a Commissioner of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission. In 1995 he took silk and continued an outstanding career as an advocate, taking on the toughest cases, in courts at all levels, with a deep sense of responsibility and the utmost commitment to justice and fair process.

This is the fourth Paul Byrne SC Memorial Lecture honouring Paul Byrne SC, who had a life long interest in criminal law and the criminal justice system, as well being an active participant and generous supporter of the Institute of Criminology at the Sydney Law School.

The Paul Byrne Memorial Fund has been set up to honour and continue Paul's interest in the criminal justice system by supporting the ongoing activities of the Institute of Criminology, such as lectures, seminars, publications, and awards.

Attendees of the Paul Byrne SC Memorial Lecture are warmly invited to make a donation to The Paul Byrne Memorial Fund. Gifts to **The Paul Byrne Memorial Fund** support the activities of the Institute of Criminology and other activities in the field of criminal law at Sydney Law School, in memory of the late Paul Byrne SC.