

# Media Alert

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### 16th National Family Law Conference

Family Law will be in the spotlight next week with the 16th National Family Law Conference taking place in Sydney.

The theme for this year's professional development event is *'Evolution or Revolution'*. The event will feature an array of high calibre guest speakers from Australia and abroad.

The Conference will officially open on Tuesday, 7 October with a 'Q&A' style event sponsored by Slater and Gordon Nationwide and facilitated by Australian journalist and broadcaster, Mr Tony Jones. Other Conference highlights include:

#### Wednesday 8 October

#### State of the Nation

The Hon. George Brandis QC, Commonwealth Attorney-General

#### **Heads of Jurisdiction**

The Hon. Chief Justice Diana Bryant AO, Family Court of Australia

Chief Judge John Pascoe AO CVO, Federal Circuit Court of Australia

#### **Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture**

The Hon. Justice Paul Le Gay Brereton AM RFD, NSW Supreme Court

Facilitator: The Hon. Justice Paul Cronin, Family Court of Australia

### Thursday 9 October

# Public rights, private wrongs: the archaeology of child abuse

The Hon. Mr Justice Sean Ryan, High Court of Ireland

Facilitator: The Hon. Stuart Fowler AM

Commentator: Ms Jane Needham SC, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor St James Hall, NSW

#### Friday 10 October

## The end of (family) lawyers

Professor Richard Susskind OBE, Oxford University (by video-link)

Facilitator: Judge Tom Altobelli, Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

What: 16<sup>th</sup> National Family Law Conference

When: 7 – 10 October 2014

Where: Hilton Hotel, 488 George Street, Sydney

Media Attendance: Contact Giesel Manalo on (02) 6246 3713 or email <a href="mailto:giesel.manalo@lawcouncil.asn.au">giesel.manalo@lawcouncil.asn.au</a> to arrange a media pass. Note: access will only be granted to those holding a media pass.

Further information regarding the conference program including times and locations is available online.

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