



ILS International Law and Practice Course 2020 Lecture One

Rule of Law Issues in the South Pacific

Tuesday, 21 July 2020

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Event hosted online via Zoom

Join the International Law Section for the first ILS International Law and Practice Course lecture for 2020, featuring the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, Justice Martin Daubney AM, and Dr Gordon Hughes AM.

Dr Gordon Hughes AM, Chair of the South Pacific Lawyers Association and member of the ILS Executive, will open the session on rule of law issues in the South Pacific, discussing the role of the international legal community in promoting the rule of law in the South Pacific.

The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG will speak on the role of the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) in promoting human rights and defending the rule of law, separation of powers and independence of the judiciary. As Co-Chair of the IBAHRI, Justice Kirby will discuss its recent statements on constitutional developments in Samoa, and the recent Presidential election in Malawi.

The Hon. Justice Daubney AM will then speak about the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on South Pacific courts and the rule of law, with particular emphasis on Fiji.

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The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG

The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby is an international jurist, educator and former judge. He served as a Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (1975-83); Chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission (1975-84); Judge of the Federal Court of Australia (1983-4); President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal (1984-96); President of the Court of Appeal of Solomon Islands (1995-96) and Justice of the High Court of Australia (1996-2009).

He was Chairman of the UN Commission of Inquiry on DPRK (North Korea) (2013-14), and currently serves as Co-Chair of the IBA Human Rights Institute.

In 1990, he was awarded the Australian Human Rights Medal. In 1998, he was named Laureate of the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education. In 2010, he was named co-winner of the Gruber Justice Prize. In 2011, he received the inaugural Australian Privacy Medal. The honorary degrees of Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Laws and Doctor of the University have been conferred on him by universities in Australia and overseas.



The Hon. Justice Martin Daubney AM

The Hon. Justice Martin Daubney AM was appointed to the Supreme Court of Queensland on 13 July 2007, and as President of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal in October 2017.

Justice Daubney is a graduate of the University of Queensland in Arts and Laws. After initially practising as a solicitor, he was admitted to the Bar in 1988. In 2000, he was appointed Senior Counsel. Justice Daubney practised in Queensland as a barrister and mediator. From 1994, he was also admitted to practise in Fiji.

In 2005, he chaired a Commission of Inquiry into the Queensland thoroughbred racing industry.

Justice Daubney served on the Council of the Bar Association of Queensland for more than 10 years, including as Treasurer (1998 – 2005), Vice-President (2005-2006) and President from July 2006 until the time of his appointment to the bench. He also held numerous other appointments in professional and charitable organisations.

His current and recent appointments include:

- Judges' Forum, International Bar Association – Chair 2014 - 2018; Vice-Chair 2012-2014;
- IBA International Judicial Integrity Initiative Expert Panel (since 2015);
- Member of the Queensland Law Society Commercial Litigation Specialist Accreditation Committee (2008 - 2017);
- Member of the Senate and various committees of the University of Queensland (2010 - 2017);
- Fellow of King's College within the University of Queensland; President of the King's College Council (2009 – 2015) and Patron of the King's College Foundation (since 2016);
- Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane since 2011 and Chair since 2018;
- National Vice-President and Queensland Chair of the Australian Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (2009 - 2016);
- Lev Vlassenko Piano Competition and Festival – Board Member and Chair (2016 – 2019).

In 2017, Justice Daubney was awarded the prestigious AILA Insurance Law Prize by the Australian Insurance Law Association. More recently, his achievements and contributions to the University of Queensland and the University Colleges have been recognised by the conferral of the 2019 Colleges' UQ Alumni Award.

Justice Daubney's appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the law, and to the judiciary, to education, and to the

community was announced in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours list.



Dr Gordon Hughes AM

Dr Gordon Hughes AM is a principal lawyer of Davies Collision Cave, Litigation and Commercialisation practice. Prior to joining the firm in 2016, he was a partner at Ashurst (formerly Blake Dawson). He is an acknowledged expert in the area of intellectual property commercialisation, information technology law, eCommerce, and data protection. Dr Hughes is a former president of the Law Institute of Victoria, the Law Council of Australia and LAWASIA, a former chair of the Law Council's International Law Section, and current chair of LAWASIA's Business Law Section and of the South Pacific Lawyers' Association. He is a qualified arbitrator and a former part-time member of the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Dr Hughes has authored, co-authored and/or edited nine legal texts, including '*Data Protection in Australia*', '*Computer Contracts: Principles and Precedents*', and '*Trade Secrets and Privacy*.' He has received numerous awards in recognition of his achievements, including the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Australian Law Awards in 2004 and various honorary life memberships of Australian and international professional associations. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law in 2011.

In 2017, Dr Hughes was awarded an Order of Australia "for significant service to the law, to professional organisations and to international affairs and legal practice in the Asia-Pacific region".



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