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ILS International Law and Practice Course 2020 Lecture Three

Masterclass in International Trade Law & Practice

Tuesday, 15 September 2020

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Event hosted online via Zoom

Join the International Law Section for the third ILS International Law and Practice Course lecture for 2020 – a Masterclass in International Trade Law – featuring Mr Russell Miller AM, Dr Ross Becroft and Dr Martyn Taylor.

The lecture will provide a practical overview of trade litigation and dispute settlement, with reference to both the World Trade Organisation (**WTO**) and Free Trade Agreements (**FTAs**).

Dr Becroft will provide a brief overview of WTO agreements, dispute settlement and current challenges, and illustrate how private sector actors are affected by the WTO system. Dr Becroft will consider:

- How lawyers and businesses can pursue and/or defend trade interests;

- How WTO decisions can affect (or be used to affect) domestic law (e.g. anti-dumping administration & cases);
- How unilateralism in preventing the WTO from functioning properly (e.g. the China-US trade relationship) and its impacts for Australia; and
- The recent plurilateral agreement to establish an interim appeal arrangement to bring appeals and resolve trade disputes.

Mr Miller will provide a brief introduction to FTAs, and address issues that private business and lawyers need to be aware of; such as:

- Rules of origin to obtain, or be excluded from, preferential treatment (including transshipment rules);
- Expansion of FTAs into other areas of law (e.g. competition law, labour laws and services – including legal services); and
- Dispute settlement under FTAs – available methods and their usefulness.

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Mr Russell Miller AM

Mr Miller is a member of Minter Ellison's International Trade Group, handling complex international regulatory and commercial matters. He has served on the Minister for Trade's WTO Advisory Group and as Chair of the International Bar Association's WTO Committee.

He is a non-government adviser to the International Competition Network. He has held several government appointments, including chair of the International Air Services Commission. Russell has been awarded an Order of Australia (AM) for service to the legal profession in the fields of international and business law.

He is former chair of the Law Council's International Law Section and an Honorary Life Member of the Business Law Section.



Dr Ross Becroft

Dr Ross Becroft is a Principal at Gross & Becroft Lawyers, and Co-Chair of the International Law Section International Trade & Business Committee.

He is a Representative on the International Trade Remedies Forum of the Australian Anti-Dumping Commission, and Committee Officer of the International Bar Association International Trade and Customs Law Committee.

Dr Becroft holds a BA, LLB and M Comm Law, and was awarded his PhD on Standard of Review in WTO Dispute Settlement from Melbourne University.

Dr Becroft's specialties include:

- Representing importers, exporters and manufacturers in relation to Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty investigations;
- Providing advice and representation on import and export regulatory issues such as permits and approvals on prohibited and restricted imports and Defence Export Controls;
- Acting for international companies on customs tariff, duty concessions, valuation, indirect taxes, subsidies and government policies;
- Advising on Rules of Origin and Preference under FTAs; and
- Acting for trading and transport companies regarding shipping and cargo disputes.



Dr Martyn Taylor

Treasurer of the International Law Section.

Dr Martyn Taylor is a corporate & commercial lawyer based in Sydney. He heads the telecommunications & media group, the international trade group, and the rail group in the Asia-Pacific. Martyn's practice covers transactional, contentious and advisory. He is a well-

known telecommunication, internet, media & technology (TMT), infrastructure, energy, competition & regulatory lawyer.

Martyn's PhD thesis addressed the introduction of competition law into the WTO and was subsequently published as a book by Cambridge University Press. Martyn regularly advises on international trade law and market access matters, including matters currently in Asia, South America, and Europe



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