

# SEVENTH ANNUAL MAY SEMINAR 2022



## UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency *A 25 year review*

The Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency was created by UNCITRAL in 1997, with Australia playing a significant role in its drafting. The Model Law is currently adopted in 50 countries. Australia adopted the text under the Cross-Border Insolvency Act 2008, thereby opening up to international insolvencies with interests here, while also enabling Australian practitioners to access the insolvency laws and processes of the other model law jurisdictions. This seminar offers judicial, practice and policy perspectives on whether our cross-border insolvency laws have met their objectives of international co-operation and greater legal certainty. It also examines the further Model Laws and guidance that await attention in Australia, and developing guidance on applicable law principles and the tracing of assets overseas.

**Date:** Friday 27 May 2022, 2-5/6 pm (AEST)

**Venue:** Online and in-person at Norton Rose Fulbright, 60 Martin Place Sydney

### Program

2-2.10 pm Welcome – The Hon. Justice Brigitte Markovic (UNCCA Chair, Federal Court of Australia)

2.10-2.40 **UNCITRAL report on the current work of Working Group V** - Samira Musayeva (Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat Vienna)

**The application and interpretation of the Cross-Border Insolvency Model Law** - Jenny Clift (former Principal Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat Vienna)

2.40-3.40 **The Model Law in Australia.** A panel discussion reviewing how the Model Law has worked for and in Australia in parallel with the traditional mechanisms.

Panel: The Hon. Justice Brigitte Markovic (chairing), Stewart Maiden QC (Victorian Bar), Morgan Kelly (Partner, Restructuring Services at KPMG Australia), Scott Atkins (Chair, Norton Rose Fulbright), and Emma Beechey (Barrister, New Chambers).

3.45-4.45 **Lessons from recent work at UNCITRAL.** A panel discussion on UNCITRAL's recent work on asset tracing, applicable law, the judicial perspective, and lessons for Australian insolvency law reform.

Panel: Prof Chris Symes (The University of Adelaide) (chairing), Tony Ryan (Partner, Ashurst), Michael Murray (Murrays Legal), and John Martin (Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright).

4.45-5pm Closing - Dr Dalma Demeter (Acting Deputy Chair, UNCCA)

5-6 pm Drinks & networking.

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