

Thought Leadership – Past Projects

2015

The 2015 program focussed on *Australia in the World* and the *2015 Advancement of women in the profession: Women and leadership*.

Topics included *Climate Change, Global Infrastructure Hub - Thought Leadership Luncheon, The International Bar Association – Overview, Anatomy of a Nation - The State of Federalism, and Sovereign Borders*.

2014

The 2014 panel series examined how we can protect individual rights without undermining the transformative power of the internet and new technologies.

Topics included *Privacy in a Digital Age, Regulation on the Digital Frontier, Cyber Bullying, Human Rights In North Korea, and Cyber Security Panel - Combatants, Spies & Saboteurs*.

2013

The Law Society launched the Business series which engaged with lawyers across NSW on economic matters.

Topics included fraud, bribery and corruption (an overview of this was included in the [June 2013 edition of the LSJ](#)), as well as directors' responsibilities and corporate governance.

The Law Society also ran a panel event hosted by Professor Jane McAdam (UNSW), and leading experts in refugee law including Professor Gillian Triggs (President, Australian Human Rights Commission); Julian Burnside QC AO and Ali Mojtahedi of the Refugee Advice & Casework Service, on the topic of *Justice or Just Us? Asylum Seekers and the Law*.

2012

The Law Society's [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) was launched in July 2012. In 2012 the Thought Leadership events focussed on a rule of law theme. Topics for discussion were intended to highlight practical areas in which the profession contributes to maintaining the rule of law. Following these efforts to focus attention on the rule of law, this principle has continued to underpin much of the Law Society's work and is embedded across a wide spectrum of our activities.

2011

In 2011, the Law Society began a major Thought Leadership project on the advancement of women in the legal profession. A symposium on billing practices was also held to examine current time billing practices and fee charging methods. A [discussion paper](#) and [notes](#) arising from the symposium are available on the [Costs](#) page. An article on the effective use of current time billing practices, "Realistic Time Billing: In defence of the billable hour", was published in the [June 2011 edition of the LSJ](#).