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# CORPORATE LAWYERS Newsletter

An email newsletter from the Law Society's Corporate Lawyers Committee / June 2011

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Dear Corporate Lawyer,

The Corporate Lawyers Newsletter is a publication provided by the Law Society of NSW to its corporate lawyer members.

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## NEWS

### Recent Appointments

- Mr Ashley Black has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW and will be sworn in on 4 July 2011. Mr Black has been a partner at Mallesons Stephen Jaques for 16 years and has been involved in a range of high profile commercial litigation cases.

- Mr Anton Allen, previously Head of Legal at Macquarie Funds Group, has been appointed as General Counsel and Head of Compliance at BetaShares Capital.

- Ms Katherine Grace, formerly of Valad Property Group, has been appointed General Counsel / Company Secretary at Westfield Retail Trust.

- Mr Michael Guilday has been appointed Corporate Counsel at Goodman Group. Mr Guilday is a former Partner of Ropes & Gray, Hong Kong.

- Mr Lawrence Hastings has been appointed to the role of Head of Legal, ANZ Wealth. Mr Hastings is currently a partner in the Financial Services Group at Clayton Utz and prior to that he managed the legal team at Tower Australia.

- Mr Greg Walsh, previously Head of Legal for Zurich Life UK, has been appointed General Counsel / General Manager Corporate Services at FuturePlus Financial Services.

- Mr David Krasnostein, Head of Global Private Equity at MLC and former General Counsel of NAB, has been appointed to the International Legal Services Advisory Council (ILSAC).

### Achievements

- 2011 NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards

  The Women Lawyers' Association of New South Wales (WLANSW) has officially launched the 2011 New South Wales Women Lawyers Achievement Awards.

The Awards celebrate the success and achievements of women in law and include the category of "In House" Woman Lawyer of the Year. Click here for the Nomination Form and details of all categories (nominations close on 31 July 2011).

The Awards will be presented at a Gala Dinner on Friday, 23 September 2011.

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# LEGAL & POLICY

## Recent Case

- ### Update: To deed or not to deed - the High Court refuses special leave

  *Article kindly provided by Mallesons Stephen Jaques*

  Are you executing a document as intended, either as an agreement or deed? Things you must know before you do - an update to a recent Queensland Court of Appeal decision relating to proper execution of documents and delivery. Read more.

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# EVENTS

## Corporate Lawyers Events

- ### Corporate Lawyers Seminar - Non Executive Directors

  The Corporate Lawyers Committee invites you to an exclusive seminar *"Should Non Executive Directors' Obligations be Less Onerous?"*. A panel of experts will discuss director obligations given non-executive directors are often unable to obtain the same decision-making information as executive directors. Each panellist is an experienced current or former non-executive director.

  *Expert Panellists:*

  Tony D'Aloisio, Former Chairman, ASIC
  Fiona Shand, Principal, Shand & Associates
  Nancy Milne, OAM, Consultant, Clayton Utz

  *Moderator:*

  Rowan Russell, Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques

  - *Tuesday, 12 July 2011 at 5.30pm sharp (registrations from 5.15pm) followed by drinks and canapés at 6.45pm, Law Society Dining Room, Level 2, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney.*

  This event is complimentary and satisfies the requirements of Rule 42 for Professional Skills (1 MCLE point).

  To register, click here. Registrations close on 5 July 2011 (or earlier if all places are filled). Please note: This event is expected to book out.

- ### CCH - ACCC Chatham House Rules Q & A Session

  CCH is hosting a complimentary Chatham House Rules Q & A Session with Graeme Samuel AC, Chairman, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission. Les Taylor AM, former General Counsel Commonwealth Bank of Australia and convenor of a General Counsel Roundtable, is the facilitator.

  - *Thursday, 23 June 2011, 12pm to 2pm at CCH Australia, 101 Waterloo Road, North Ryde.*

  The event is a new CCH initiative to enable Sydney northside based corporate counsel to engage with the Commission in an informal setting. A light lunch will be provided. Registrations close on 20 June 2011. To reserve your place or for more information, please email Gail Orr at gorr@cch.com.au.

## Miscellaneous Events

- Lawyers' Ski & Snowboard Race Weekend

  This year's event will be held in Thredbo from 29 July to 31 July 2011 - so lock in the dates now and start recruiting your teams! Early-bird rates apply if you register before 30 June 2011. Refer www.lawski.com.au for details.

- Interstate and Overseas Conferences

  The Law Council of Australia's website contains details of interstate and overseas conferences. Click here for further information.

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# RESOURCES

## Practice Management Courses

- Practice Management Courses

  To view the Law Society's Supervised Legal Practice Guidelines for gaining an unrestricted practising certificate click here. You can study the Unrestricted Practising Certificate - Corporate at the following course providers:

  - College of Law
  - FRMC

- New Dining Room at The Law Society of New South Wales

  The Law Society's Dining Room has been recently renovated. It is a convenient and relaxed venue for your business lunches. Click here for a copy of the menu - bookings are required.

## Concerns/Issues

Please forward any concerns or issues that you would like to raise with the Committee to: corporatelawyers@lawsociety.com.au.

Regards,

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Chair, Corporate Lawyers Committee

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