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Administrative Law Conference 2008

Essential update on
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26 November 2008
Crowne Plaza, Canberra

5 reasons to attend this conference:

- Hear **Maia Ablett**, *Senior Adviser, Privacy & FOI Branch, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet* examine developments and the role of FOI in case of review and appeal
- Explore the issues around selecting your external legal team to manage strategic litigation with **Chris Reid**, *General Counsel, Department of Health and Ageing*
- Evaluate the latest issues in client legal privilege and the impact and importance of disclosure
- Define and assess the role expert evidence plays in courts and arbitrations
- Utilise ADR to finalise matters cost effectively and efficiently

8:30 **Conference registration**

9:00 **Opening remarks from the Chairperson**

9:15 **The search for meaning – Modern approaches to interpreting legislation**

- The importance of context
- The purposive approach to statutory interpretation and the use of extrinsic aids
- An interpretation compatible with human rights

Alan Bradbury, *Partner, Public Law, Minter Ellison*

10:00 **Examining the latest issues in client legal privilege**

- Achieving consistency between powers
- Outlining the impact and importance of disclosure
- Differences with administrative decision making and judicial decision making

Dr. Max Spry, *Queensland Bar Association*

10:45 **Morning tea**

11:15 **Ensuring proper decision making in administrative law**

- Role of primary decision making and internal review
- Applying the correct test and procedures contained in legislation
- Establishing the facts and evidence
- Examining the role policy plays
- Drafting briefing notes and reasons for decisions
- Remaking decisions

John Carroll, *Partner, Clayton Utz*

12:00 **Evaluating developments in freedom of information FOI**

- Examining the role of FOI in matters of Admin law
- Recent changes to the law
- Utilising FOI in cases of review and appeal

Maia Ablett, *Senior Adviser, Privacy & FOI Branch, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet*

12:45 **Networking lunch for speakers and delegates**

2:00 **Evaluating the role of alternate dispute resolution (ADR)**

- Examining the existing processes for alternate dispute resolution
- Conferences, conciliation and mediation
- Evaluating in what circumstances should each be utilised
- Defining the types of matters to be deferred to ADR
- Assessing at what stage should a referral take place
- Utilising ADR to finalise matters cost effectively and efficiently

Ashley Tsacalos, *Partner, Deacons*

2:45 **Defining the role of expert evidence**

- Assessing the role expert evidence plays in courts and arbitrations
- Evaluating single or court appointed experts
- Overcoming and managing bias
- Concurrent evidence

Hugh Selby, *Faculty of Law, Australian National University*

3:30 **Afternoon tea**

4:00 **Managing strategic litigation and selecting your external team**

- Effectively selecting and managing your external legal team
- Managing internal company stakeholders
- Managing external reaction in regards to an adverse first instance decision pending appeal
- Strategies for lobbying for legislative change

Chris Reid, *General Counsel, Department of Health and Ageing*

4:45 **Close of Conference**

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