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IP Law Reform in Australia: a story of mixed successes and failures

Professor Emeritus Sam Ricketson

Australia's intellectual property laws have proliferated since federation, when responsibility for them was placed in the new Commonwealth Parliament. Many of these have been imported from abroad, in particular the United Kingdom, or have been adopted as a consequence of our international engagements.

Increasingly, however, our IP law and policy-making has assumed a distinctly Australian character, and our IP laws have moved towards the centre of national innovation and development policy. The history of IP law reform has been a mixed one, with both highs and lows, but there is now much greater awareness of the need for well-functioning and effective IP laws.

In this lecture, Sam Ricketson will review our past successes and failures in IP law reform, and will consider what are the lessons for the future.

About Sam Ricketson

For more than 40 years, Sam Ricketson has been engaged in teaching, researching, practising and reforming IP law.

As the author of the authoritative historical analyses of the Berne Convention and the Paris Convention, and other major academic works, he is a pre-eminent figure in the IP community, both nationally and internationally.

In addition to holding academic positions at the University of Melbourne, the University of London and Monash University, Sam has engaged in legal practice as a barrister as well as serving as a member of the Commonwealth Copyright Tribunal. He has contributed to law reform as a consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission and as a member of the Law Council of Australia and the Victorian Law Reform Commission.

Following his recent retirement from Melbourne Law School, Sam was appointed a Professor Emeritus by the University of Melbourne.



Event details

Sydney

Mon 14 Oct 2019, 6 - 8pm
Customs House, 31 Alfred Street
Cocktail reception from 7:30pm
Register: go.unimelb.edu.au/x6hr

Brisbane

Tues 15 Oct 2019, 12 - 1:30pm
Spruson & Ferguson
Level 6, 175 Eagle Street
Light lunch from 12pm
Register: go.unimelb.edu.au/s6hr

Melbourne

Wed 16 Oct 2019, 6 - 8pm
Melbourne Law School
Level 10, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton
Refreshments from 6pm
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Canberra

Thurs 17 Oct 2019, 1 - 2pm
IP Australia, 47 Bowes Street, Phillip
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