I invite you to register for a major conference on constitutional law to be held in Sydney on Friday 15 February 2013 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The conference dinner will be held at New South Wales Parliament House and will be hosted by New South Wales Attorney-General, the Hon Greg Smith SC. Participants at this event will be updated on recent important developments in the High Court, Federal Court and State Courts and will gain an understanding of the issues that will emerge in 2013 and beyond. The conference will be addressed by leading practitioners, academics and judges.

This event has been organised by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, with the support of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law. For more information on the Centre and about this event see www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au.

I hope to see you in Sydney on Friday 15 February 2013

Professor Andrew Lynch
Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law
### Program

#### 2013 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CONFERENCE
**PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2013**

Supported by the Australian Association of Constitutional Law

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| 9.00 am | **Speakers:**
| | Professor Nicholas Aroney, University of Queensland
| | The High Court on Constitutional Law: The 2012 Term
| | The Hon Justice Anna Katzmann, Federal Court of Australia
| | The Federal and State Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2012 Term
| | **Chair:**
| | Professor Andrew Lynch, UNSW, who will also present statistics on the 2012 term of the High Court |
| 10.30 am | Morning tea |
| 11.00 am | **Session Two: Recent Cases**
| | **Speakers:**
| | Emeritus Professor Reg Graycar, University of Sydney
| | Plaintiff M47/2012 – Detention, Security and Legality
| | Associate Professor Matthew Rimmer, ANU
| | British American Tobacco v Commonwealth – Property and Plain-packaging
| | Mr Stephen Free, NSW Bar
| | State Courts After Kirk – PSA v Industrial Relations Commission SA
| | **Chair:**
| | The Hon Justice Carmel McLure, President, Court of Appeal, Western Australia |
| 12.30 pm | Lunch |

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| 1.30 pm | **Speakers:**
| | Professor Brian Opeskin, Macquarie University
| | The State of the Australian Judicature: 35 Years On
| | Professor Elizabeth Handsley, Flinders University
| | Quiet Reform – Selecting Australia’s Judges
| | Mr Mark Moshinsky SC, Victorian Bar & Professor Kim Rubenstein, ANU
| | Amicus Applications in the High Court – Observations on Contemporary Practice
| | **Chair:**
| | The Hon Justice Ruth McColl AO, Court of Appeal, NSW |
| 3.00 pm | Afternoon tea |

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<th>Session Four: Commonwealth Executive Power – Questions after the Chaplains Case</th>
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| 3.30 pm | **Speakers:**
| | Ms Gabrielle Appleby, University of Adelaide
| | Mr Leigh Sealy SC, Solicitor-General of Tasmania
| | Senator George Brandis SC, Shadow Attorney-General
| | **Chair:**
| | The Hon Acting Justice Ronald Sackville AO QC, Supreme Court of NSW |
| 5.00 pm | Conference close |

**DINNER 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm**

Strangers Dining Room, New South Wales Parliament House
Macquarie Street, Sydney
Hosted by the Hon Greg Smith SC, NSW Attorney-General

**Speaker:**
The Hon Justice Virginia Bell AC, High Court of Australia

**CPD for NSW legal practitioners:**
If this conference is relevant to your immediate or long-term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law, you can claim one CPD “point” for each hour of attendance, refreshment breaks not included. Comparable accreditation may be sought by individuals affiliated with other professional associations.

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**REGISTRATION CLOSES 8 FEBRUARY 2013**
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