When
THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017
6.30-7.45PM (registration from 6.15pm)

Where
Banco Court
Supreme Court of NSW
184 Phillip Street, Sydney

Presenter
The Honourable Professor William Gummow, AC QC

Registration
Opens in October 2016
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About the lecture
More than half a century since his retirement and nearly 90 years since he joined the High Court, Sir Owen Dixon remains at the forefront of the judicial pantheon. Yet in the period following his death in 1972 some law teachers and even judges tended, to his detriment, to associate with Dixon the epithet "legalism"; this was seen to cloak undisclosed "policy choices" and, at best, as a crippling formalism. But even a cursory reading of decisions over the last 20 years reveals continued recourse to his judgments. This paper seeks to indicate how Dixon's reputation was acquired and the characteristics of his thought and work which today sustain much of that reputation.

About the speaker
The Honourable Professor William Gummow AC QC is a former Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Professor Gummow was called to the New South Wales Bar in 1976 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1986. In 1986, Professor Gummow was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia.

He was appointed to the High Court of Australia in April 1995, retired from the High Court in October 2012 and was appointed Professor of Law at The University of Sydney commencing February 2013 where he had previously taught in Equity and Intellectual Property for 30 years (1965-1995). He remains one of the Law School's most outstanding and influential teachers. Since 2013 Professor Gummow has also been a Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.

Professor Gummow was a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC), Australia's highest civil honour, in 1997, and awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001. In 1992, The University of Sydney honoured Professor Gummow's scholarly contributions to the law by conferring him with an honorary doctorate in law.

George Winterton Memorial Fund
Friends and colleagues of the late Professor George Winterton are invited to make a gift to the Memorial Fund named in his honour. Gifts to the Fund will support activities at Sydney Law School in the area of Constitutional Law in memory of Professor Winterton.

For further information or to make your gift, please contact Professor Peter Gerangelos, Convenor of the Winterton Memorial Fund and Winterton Lecture Series on peter.gerangelos@sydney.edu.au.