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**Bernardo Almeida**

*Bernardo Almeida graduated in law at the Faculty of Law of the Porto University and obtained his Master of Law degree at the Law School of the Portuguese Catholic University of Porto. He also completed post-graduation courses in Human Rights and European Justice of Human Rights, both at the University of Coimbra. He is a member of the Portuguese Bar Association. In Timor-Leste, Bernardo lectured in property law at the National University of Timor-Leste and for the last four years has worked as the land advisor in the Ministry of Justice of Timor-Leste, also supported by the Justice System Program of the United Nations Development Program. Bernardo is also a PhD candidate at Leiden University, with the research focus on land tenure in Timor-Leste.*



**Ricardo Alves Silva**

*Ricardo is an Attorney, and a Partner at Miranda Correia Amendoeira & Associados (Miranda Law Firm) in Lisbon, Portugal, and the Firm's Co-Head of Energy and Coordinator of its Timor-Leste branch office. Ricardo is qualified to practice in Portugal and Timor-Leste, and has significant experience in advising both private clients and sovereign States on oil & gas projects and regulatory matters, as well as in petroleum contract negotiations. Major projects Ricardo has been involved in include: advising major and independent International Oil Companies ("IOC") in negotiating Production Sharing Contracts ("PSC") and Risk Services Contracts ("RSC") in various African and Asian jurisdictions; advising investors in the structuring of 3 Liquefied Natural Gas ("LNG") projects in East and West Africa; advising a sovereign State in S.E. Asia on the structuring of an LNG Project; advising an Asian oil & gas regulatory authority in the structuring of its downstream sector, including drafting of the overarching statute and respective regulations, and presenting workshops and teaching training sessions to the agency's staff; advising a S.E. Asian State in the drafting of a new Mining Code; advising an Asian NOC in reviewing the country's oil & gas statutory, regulatory and PSC framework; and advising a S.E. Asian sovereign State on legal matters relevant to negotiations with another State on a joint development area. Ricardo's experience in assisting private and State clients in multiple jurisdictions in 3 continents gives him the insight and know-how to understand local specificities and propose tailor-made solutions that adequately address clients' concerns. He is an active member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) and of the American Bar Association, where he held the positions of Vice-Chair, and Co-Chair of the ABA's Section of International Law Africa Committee, and Vice-Chair of the International Energy & Natural Resources Committee.*



## Justice Jenny Blokland

*Jenny Blokland was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in April 2010. At the time of her appointment, Justice Blokland was the Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory, having held that position since 2006. Prior to that, Justice Blokland had been a magistrate in the Northern Territory. Justice Blokland holds a Bachelor and Masters degree in Laws and has 29 years experience as a legal practitioner. Between 1981 and 1990, Justice Blokland was employed with the Northern Australian Aboriginal Legal Service and the Commonwealth Legal Aid Service in Darwin working principally in the areas of criminal and family law. Justice Blokland worked as a lecturer and was appointed Dean at the Northern Territory University Faculty of Law. She was appointed Director of Policy at the Department of Justice and worked as general counsel with the Director of Public Prosecutions.*



## Gabby Brown

*Gabby is the Director of Legal Services in the NT Department of Children and Families and manages the provision of all legal services in the department across the NT.*

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## Peggy Cheong

*Peggy manages workers compensation cases for major insurance clients, including the TIO, Northern Territory Government, QBE Insurance, Nominal Insurer and CGU Insurance. She has advised both Government and institutional clients in relation to all aspects of the Work Health Act (NT). This includes the Act's impact on the insurer's and employer's management of employment issues, human resources matters and rehabilitation options in workers compensation claims. Peggy is also involved in providing general commercial advice in relation to disputes and recoveries under the Construction Contract (Security for Payments) Act in the Northern Territory. Peggy has advised in relation to contracts of sale and leases in the Northern Territory, acts on behalf of local businesses and companies in relation to commercial disputes, recovery proceedings and related litigation arising from these.*



## Bernard Collaery

*Bernard Collaery has advised the East Timor Resistance for more than thirty years. He spent considerable time in East Timor working with Resistance leaders and providing advice on international law and other matters during the United Nations Administration 1999-2002 and thereafter. He recently worked with a team which included Professor Sir Elihu Lauterpacht CBE QC DDL and Professor Vaughan Lowe QC on matters relating to the validity of a treaty affecting the maritime boundary with Australia. For some years, Bernard Collaery was involved with the St James Ethics Centres regional ethics initiatives in North and South East Asia. He has practised law for many years with a community law focus and a nationally prominent focus in catastrophe law cases involving multimillion dollar medical malpractice lawsuits focusing on hypoxic birth and other medical misfortunes. Bernard was also the Attorney General of the ACT, a founding member of the Immigration Reform Group and refugee advocate.*



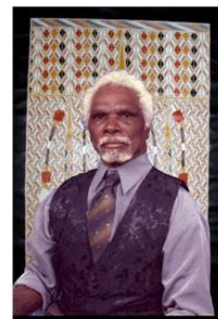
### Ana Jeánnie de Côte-Real

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### James Gaykamangu

*James Gurrwangu Gaykamangu is a dakaramirri, that is a leader of Ngarra in the Madayin system. He is a senior interpreter and has worked in the Magistrates' Court and Supreme Court for many years. He is currently employed by the NT Department of the Attorney-General and Justice. His publications include James Gurrwangu Gaykamangu 'Ngarra law: Aboriginal customary law from Arnhem Land' (2012) 2(4) Northern Territory Law Journal 236.*



### George Pascoe Gaymarani

*Gaymarani George Pascoe is a dakaramirri, that is a leader of Ngarra in the Madayin system. He is a retired teacher and a leader of the Maningrida Burnawarra Justice and Mediation Group. His publications include Gaymarani George Pascoe 'Introduction to the Ngarra law of Arnhem Land' (2011) 1(6) Northern Territory Law Journal 281.*



### Felicity Gerry QC

*Felicity Gerry QC holds a research active post at the School of Law at CDU. She took silk in the UK in 2014 where she has specialised for 2 decades in child and adult abuse in a criminal and civil context, murder and fraud. She has been recommended in the Legal 500 as a "tenacious" and a "fearless and effective advocate". Felicity joined the School of Law on 1 July 2013. She has experience teaching in the areas of crime, cybercrime, torts and practical advocacy. Felicity is co-author of "The Sexual Offences Handbook" which covers all the UK law, practice and procedure on sexual offending including indecent images and publications since 1957. She is skilled in dealing with the young & vulnerable & made submissions to the European Commission Department of Justice on the treatment of vulnerable suspects. In addition to being Queen's Counsel and an academic, Felicity is a popular & experienced broadcaster appearing on BBC News, Panorama, Sky News, Al Jazeera, BBC The Big Questions, BBC Radio 4 Today, PM & Law in Action, BBC Radio 2, BBC 5 Live & Channel 5. She recently appeared in the BAFTA nominated FGM documentary The Cruel Cut on Channel 4 and has a weekly column in Criminal Law & Justice Weekly. Her greatest skill is in communicating complex legal issues in a simple & understandable way. She is on the board of politically independent legal think tank Halsbury's Law Exchange and the management committee of The Advocates Gateway. She recently presented a paper "The Rule of Law Online: You can't steal cakes that Google haven't baked" at The Defining The Sensor Society Conference at UQ and her most recent publication is 'Let's talk about Vaginas...Female Genital Mutilation, the failure of international obligations and how to end an abusive cultural tradition' (2014) 2 Griffith Journal of Law and Human Dignity 1.*



### Dr Jose Cornelio Guterres

*Dr Guterres is an anthropologist and sociologist. He is a lecturer at the Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ) and the director of UNPAZ's masters programme. He is also a member of the national curriculum revision established by the Ministry of Education Timor-leste. He obtained his PhD in 2011 in Anthropology from Asian Social Institute in Manila. His topic was: "The Indigenous Sacred Ritual: A Phenomenological Study of Environmental Stewardship in Timor Leste" He has published extensively.*



## Danial Kelly

*Danial is a Senior Lecturer in the CDU School of Law and has just submitted his PhD on the intersections of authority of Australian law and Christianity with Aboriginal customary law in Arnhem Land. Prior to joining the faculty in 2010, Danial worked as a lawyer with the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency. He has also worked as a mediator, teacher and aid project coordinator in Australia and Indonesia. He is fascinated by Indonesia has worked and lived in Bali, Java and Aceh. Danial continues to work on legal and justice issues concerning the Aboriginal communities in the Top End of the Northern Territory, especially the interaction between Aboriginal customary law and Australian law. Danial has experience teaching statutory interpretation, Indigenous legal issues and Indonesian law. Danial regularly teaches as a guest lecturer at the Law Faculty of Gajah Mada University in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. He has also taught Indonesian language in Australia. Danial is instrumental in strengthening the academic relations between Charles Darwin University and various Indonesian Universities.*



## Justice Judith Kelly

*Judith Clair Kelly was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in August 2009. At the time of her appointment Justice Kelly was a Senior Counsel with William Forster Chambers. Justice Kelly came to the Territory in 1977 and worked as a secondary school teacher at Batchelor Area School from 1977 to 1982. She completed her law degree in Brisbane in 1985 and was admitted to practise as a barrister in Queensland in February 1986 and as a legal practitioner in the Northern Territory on April 1, 1986. She began work for the Darwin office of Morris Fletcher & Cross, (later Philip & Mitaros, now Clayton Utz) where she became a partner. As a solicitor Judith Kelly had a commercial litigation practise with a focus on banking and insolvency, insurance, construction and admiralty law. After joining William Forster Chambers in 1996 she retained a commercial focus practising mainly in the areas of contract, partnership, building, property, tax and insolvency matters as well as some professional negligence, insurance, native title, administrative law, maritime, probate and family provision matters. She was appointed as a Senior Counsel in 2008.*



## Duncan McConnell

*Duncan McConnell commenced practice in 1994 as a litigation solicitor practising in general litigation, worker's compensation and commercial litigation. Mr McConnell became a Partner in 1998. He has practiced for most of his career as a solicitor and partner in a private firm in the Northern Territory. Mr McConnell has practised law in the Northern Territory for over 20 years in a wide range of litigation areas. He studied law in Darwin and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 1994. He now works as a barrister, practising predominantly in commercial litigation and worker's compensation. Mr McConnell has had a long association with national legal affairs, originally as a member of the Law Council's Access to Justice Committee. In 2007 Mr McConnell was elected the President of the Law Society of the Northern Territory. In 2008 he became the Northern Territory Law Society representative on the Law Council of Australia, and in November 2009 Mr McConnell was elected as a member of the Law Council Executive. In 2014 Mr McConnell was elected President-Elect of the Law Council of Australia and will assume the role of President from 1 January 2015.*



## Les McCrimmon

*Les McCrimmon is one of Australia's leading experts on evidence law, advocacy and privacy. Before joining William Forster Chambers, Les was an academic at the University of Sydney and Bond University, and was Head of Law at Charles Darwin University from 2010-2012. From 2005-2009, Les held a statutory appointment as a full-time Commissioner with the Australian Law Reform Commission. He has also practised law as a trial and appellate lawyer in Canada before arriving permanently in Australia in 1990. At the ALRC, Les McCrimmon led the references on the uniform Evidence Acts, privacy, and royal commissions. The privacy inquiry culminated in the landmark report For Your Information: Australian Privacy Law and Practice, a three-volume, 2700 page report containing nearly 300 recommendations for reform. Les is the co-author of Real Property Law in Queensland and Fundamentals of Trial Techniques: Australian Edition, and has also published numerous articles and book chapters. Since 1994, he has been a member of the teaching faculty of the Australian Advocacy Institute, Australia's leading provider of advocacy training to the legal profession. He was a founding member of the Global Alliance for Justice Education, which is a world leader in the promotion of social justice through legal education. Les is a Fellow and Board Member of the Australian Academy of Law, and is also a member of the Northern Territory Legal Practitioners Admission Board, and the Northern Territory Law Reform Committee.*



## Ben O'Loughlin

Ben was admitted as a solicitor and barrister in 1990 after obtaining degrees in both Law and Economics. Ben first worked as a solicitor/clerk in London. He then moved to Darwin in 1993 and commenced work as a Police Prosecutor, appearing in a large number of cases and gaining experience in evidence and crime. In 1995 Ben joined Cridlands solicitors where he practised in commercial and general litigation together with some criminal matters. Ben joined William Forster Chambers in February 1998. He has been the Secretary/Treasurer of the Northern Territory Bar Association for 10 years, Chairperson of Darwin Community Legal Service, and a Commissioner for the NT Football League. He has had a successful general practice but in the last 4 years Ben has become very busy in common law personal injury, medical negligence and workers compensation.



## Jaquie Palavra

Jaquie was admitted as a solicitor 1988 in New South Wales and has practised in NSW, QLD and the NT. She is currently Manager of the Family Law Section of the NT Legal Aid Commission, and prior to coming to the Territory in February 2011, she held the positions of Senior Solicitor/Family Lawyer of Legal Aid Queensland in the Townsville regional office. Jaquie has also held positions as a family lawyer at Legal Aid NSW and solicitor in a small general practice. She represents the best interests of children as an Independent Children's Lawyer in family law proceedings and in Queensland as separate legal representative for children in child protection proceedings. Jaquie is registered as a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner in family law disputes and has spent over 10 years travelling, studying and working abroad in Italy in international dry cargo shipbroking, and became a Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers in London.



## Greg Phelps

Greg Phelps is a senior lawyer in the litigation division of the Darwin law firm, Ward Keller. Greg regularly instructs in the Northern Territory Appeal Courts, both in criminal and civil matters. Greg has also worked with pre-eminent Barristers from interstate in the Federal Court, Court of Appeal, Full Court and High Court cases. Greg appears as advocate in the Local Court, Court of Summary Jurisdiction and Supreme Court. Greg has acted in several matters under the Fisheries Management Act (CTH) representing both Indonesian and Australian fishermen and also in environmental and immigration disputes. In 2012 and 2013, Greg instructed Counsel in around 75% of all High Court of Australia cases filed from the Northern Territory, including constitutional, criminal law and equity matters. Greg came to law later than most. His earlier career was in executive management of various agri-businesses, including large-scale irrigation farming in NSW, international commodity trading, light aviation and marine aquaculture. To further his multi-faceted career, Greg enrolled in his first university study in his late forties and took first class honours in law. He has since completed his Masters of Legal Practice. His honours paper was on 'criminal property forfeiture', a little-known part of the law. Greg took an interest in the subject and has since instructed some of Darwin's top barristers in a number of forfeiture cases. Greg has since worked as a part-time lecturer in Consumer Law at Charles Darwin University. Greg has served for 2 years as the NT President of Australian Lawyers Alliance ('ALA'), the national plaintiff lawyer association, and sits on the national board of ALA.



## Professor David Price

David Price is Associate Professor in the School of Law since 2010. His major areas of academic research and teaching are intellectual property law, public international law, and international trade law. He has a particular interest in intellectual property protection regimes in the Middle East and other developing regions, and the impact of bilateral trade agreements on intellectual property protection regimes. He is a Visiting Professor in the International Law program at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Jogjakarta, Indonesia. Additionally, David has a lot of moot experience, having mentored the UGM moot teams at the Willem C Vis International Mooting Competitions, and has judged in the LAWASIA International Mooting Competitions and the International Committee of the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Competition Indonesian rounds.



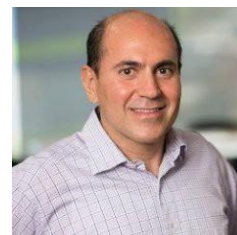
## John Randall QC

John Randall is an English QC practising principally in commercial and equity work, and a deputy judge of the English High Court. He is heavily involved in legal education, and an Adjunct Professor at the University of New South Wales, where he has taught Advanced Contract for the past 10 years. He has a number of publications in the fields of commercial and property law, and his book *The Tort of Conversion* (with Sarah Green) was a finalist in the 2011 triennial Inner Temple Book Prize



## George Roussos

George, a partner of Roussos Legal Advisory, is a legal advisor to businesses in a number of industries on a range of issues which combine legal, strategic and commercial. George has degrees in law, economics and business administration. He is a Vincent Fairfax Fellow and has completed the Harvard Law School Negotiation Workshop and Advanced Negotiation Workshop. George has served on many committees and business associations, including as President of the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce. In 2014, George was partner in a project team that carried out major Review of the Northern Territory Workers Compensation Scheme. George has visited Timor Leste on a number of occasions and has observed the growing and strengthening cultural, economic and political relationships between Darwin, Northern Territory and Dili, Timor Leste.



## Dr Susan Harris Rimmer

Dr Susan Harris Rimmer (BA[Hons]/LLB[Hons] UQ, SJD ANU) is the Director of Studies at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the Australian National University. The APCD is the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere. It is an educational hub for those seeking or advancing careers in such areas as foreign ministries, multilateral organisations, policy-making positions in the public service or international journalism. She is also a Research Associate at the Development Policy Centre in the Crawford School. Susan was chosen as the winner of the Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on the Human Rights of Women for 2006. She is a keynote speaker, frequent contributor to the public press and often called upon for commentary. Susan was selected as an expert for the official Australian delegation to the 58th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in NY in March 2014, with the delegation headed by Minister Michaelia Cash and Ambassador for Women and Girls, Natasha Stott-Despoja. Susan is the G20 correspondent for The Conversation site. She is part of the Think20 process for Australia's host year of the Group of 20 Leaders' Summit in Brisbane 2014.



## Florencio Sanches

CEO of Service for Registration and Verification of Entrepreneurs (SERVE), Ministry of Finance, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. Florencio has a particular interest in Trade, Commerce and Business and has the the following professional experience: SERVE, Ministry of Finance, CEO (2012 - to Present) International Finance Corporation The World Bank Group, PPP Consultant (2011-2012) , B P Australia (Timor-Leste), Country Director, (2003-2008) , ST-Airport Singapore, Assistant General Manager (2008-2010), Austasia Airlines (Silk Air), Country Operations Manager, 2010-2011), and United Nations, Field Assistant, 1999-2002.



## Luis de Olivera Sampaio

Luis is the Director of the Judicial System Monitoring Programme, Timor-Leste. JSMP was established on 28 April 2001 with the aim of monitoring the Indonesian Ad Hoc Tribunals on human rights violations and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in Timor-Leste. During the last ten years, JSMP has continued to monitor the justice system in Timor-Leste and advocated to promote transparency and accountability, and to uphold the rule of law. JSMP's vision is a democratic society where justice and human rights are guaranteed for all. In addition to its work monitoring the courts, National Parliament and the justice sector more broadly, JSMP has continued to provide legal education to the community and conduct advocacy on a number of issues including the crime of incest, the implementation of the Law Against Domestic Violence and the use of suspended sentences in cases of domestic violence according to the Penal Code. For further information see JSMP's Report Overview of the Justice Sector 2013 at [www.jsmp.tl/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Final-draft-of-OJS-2013-28-April-2014.pdf](http://www.jsmp.tl/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Final-draft-of-OJS-2013-28-April-2014.pdf)



## Dr Dennis Shoemith

Dennis Shoemith is a University Professorial Fellow at Charles Darwin University. His research interest is in political developments in Timor-Leste including elections and political parties, leadership rivalries in a semi-presidential system, executive-legislative relations and local government reform. Recently he has extended his interest in decentralisation and local government reform to Eastern Indonesia. He has served as a United Nations and USAID consultant in Timor-Leste and in 2005-2006 was attached as a volunteer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dili as an adviser.





## Salvadore Soares

Salvador Soares is a post-graduate research scholar in the School of Law, Charles Darwin University. In June 2014, he submitted his thesis for the degree of Master of Laws on the subject of the operation of Private security companies (PSCs) and Private Military Companies (PMCs) in developing post-conflict countries, with particular reference to Timor-Leste. Salvador graduated Bachelor of Laws with a major in Public International Law from the Trisakti University, Jakarta, Indonesia, in 2010. In addition to his research on the presence of PSCs and PMCs in Timor-Leste, Salvador has an academic interest in international relations and their relationship with domestic rule of law.



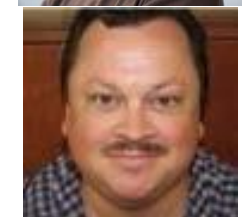
## Christoph Sperfeldt

Christoph Sperfeldt is a PhD Scholar at the Centre for International Governance and Justice within the Regulatory Institutions Network at the Australian National University. Mr Sperfeldt has worked as Regional Program Coordinator at the Asian International Justice Initiative, a joint program of the East-West Center and UC Berkeley's War Crimes Studies Center, where he supports regional human rights and justice sector capacity-building efforts in Southeast Asia.



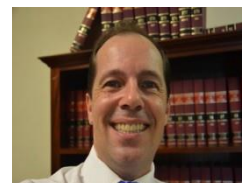
## Matthew Strong

Matthew is a member of the civil section of North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, specializing in family Law and child protection. He represents indigenous parents in both jurisdictions. Matt formerly worked in family law at Strong Law Limited Canberra and is on the panel for Independent Children's Lawyers in the ACT. He has also worked with the Marymead Indigenous Children's program.



## Mark Thomas

Mark is an advocate specialising in criminal law, with more than two decades' experience both for the defence and the Crown. He first worked for the first Aboriginal Legal Service in Australia, in Redfern in Sydney, for eight years as a solicitor-advocate based in Redfern but travelling throughout the state. In 1996 he moved to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) and from 1997 for two years was attached to Prosecution Group 6, formerly called the Special Crime Unit, that was dedicated to the prosecution of high profile and complex prosecutions in NSW, especially of Police. In this regard, he instructed the Senior Crown Prosecutor in the prosecution of John Laws, and he successfully prosecuted an individual identified by police as the largest heroin trafficker in Australia in the late 1990s. In addition, he prosecuted a case, in which one Abraham Saffron, a noted Sydney identity, who was the alleged victim of a crime (used car dealer fraud). In 2007 he became a Senior Crown Prosecutor at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in the NT and worked in that capacity until 2011. Some of the trials and hearings that he prosecuted included murder, manslaughter, sexual assault, drugs, fraud, driving causing death, mental health matters, juvenile matters and criminal property forfeiture. As a consequence he developed extensive experience and expertise in all aspects of the criminal law.



## Jon Tippett QC

Jon Tippett QC is a barrister with Darrow Chambers in Darwin. Jon commenced practice as a barrister in 1978 at the Victorian Bar in Melbourne. In 1982 he came to the Northern Territory for a "short" stay at the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service in Alice Springs. In 1985 he was called to the Bar in Darwin. He practiced at William Forster Chambers until 1990 when James Muirhead Chambers was founded by Jon, Stephen Southwood QC (now Southwood J) and John Waters QC. Later Jon and Stephen Southwood founded Myilly Point Chambers. Jon has appeared in many high profile criminal trials and appeals in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory. He is considered to be the leader of the criminal bar in the Northern Territory. He is a past president of the Northern Territory Bar Association, Law Society of the Northern Territory and the Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory.



## Ros Vickers

Ros has worked in private practice, government, education institutions and community legal centres in NSW and QLD before joining Charles Darwin University. Ros is a specialist in Environmental and Planning Law. She was the Principal Lawyer responsible for investigating and addressing the Land Use Planning term of reference at the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry. She was also the senior legal education lawyer at the Environment Defenders Office Northern Territory. Ros joined the School of Law in 2012. She has experience teaching in property law and environmental and planning law. Currently Ros is undertaking a comprehensive research of the environmental laws in the Northern Territory.



## Dr Christopher Ward

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## Dr Brett Williams

*Dr Brett G. Williams is a lawyer, academic and technical assistance consultant based in Sydney specializing in the regulation of international trade, especially the law of the World Trade Organization. He is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia. On 1 July 2013, he commenced the law firm Brett G Williams Law Office specializing in international trade regulation and operating in cooperation with the firm of Appleton Luff. He teaches units in the field of International Trade Regulation at the Australian National University College of Law, where he is also an affiliate of their Centre for Law and Economics and at the University of Sydney Faculty of Law where he is an affiliate of the Sydney Centre for International Law and the Centre for Asian and Pacific Studies. He has also taught WTO Law for the University of Adelaide, William and Mary College, University of North Carolina, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. As a consultant in the field of trade regulation he has provided expert reports on various issues. He has taught in training programmes for government officials of a number of countries including China, Iraq, Samoa and Timor-Leste. His publications include the CUP edited book China and the World Trading System (2003), and articles on the Doha Round WTO negotiation on agricultural trade (2007 UNSWLR and 2009 Farm Policy Journal), and on innovative mechanisms for resolving trade disputes (2011 AILJ and 2012 UNSWLR). He regularly contributes WTO casenotes to the Australian Yearbook of International Law. He is a member of the Editorial Board of Australian International Law Journal. He is a member of the executive (2012-2014) of the International Law Section of the Law Council of Australia and was an inaugural co-chair (2010-2012) of the International Economic Law Interest Group of the Australian and New Zealand Society for International Law.*



## Alistair Wyvill SC

*Alistair has bachelor degrees in economics and law from Queensland University and a masters degree with distinction from University College London. He has practised as a barrister for almost 30 years both in the Northern Territory and in the United Kingdom. He has lectured at Charles Darwin University in public international law. He has always maintained a close interest in Timor Leste and its surrounding region. He was junior counsel for Hose Ramos Horta in his challenge to the validity of the legislation which implemented the Timor Gap treaty with Indonesia reported in Horta v Commonwealth (1994) 181 CLR 183. He was senior counsel in the successful High Court appeal brought by the West Timorese fisherman, Muslimin, who was convicted for navigating his fishing vessel through the Indonesia EEZ above the Australian Continental Shelf just to the west of the Timor Gap reported in Muslimin v The Queen (2010) 240 CLR 470. He represented the West Timorese fisherman, Sahring, in his successful damages claim in the Federal Court against the Commonwealth arising from the destruction of his boat and his subsequent incarceration as a result of the same Navy operation which saw Muslimin arrested: see Sahring v Commonwealth [2014] FCA 246.*



## Jeswynn Yogaratnam

- *Barrister & Solicitor Supreme Court of Malaysia*
- *Tax Consultant with KPMG– indirect and corporate tax*
- *Tax Consultant with Ernst & Young – corporate tax and emission trading scheme*
- *Hearing Commissioner, NT Anti-Discrimination Commission*
- *Chair, NT Council for Human Rights Education*
- *Vice-Chair, NT Humanitarian Law Committee*
- *Executive Committee, Australian Council for Human Rights Education*

*Jeswynn has taught a range of courses in Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and East Timor including human rights law, corporations law, contracts, consumer and competition law and environmental law. His particular interest is in the area of international human rights law pertaining to refugees and asylum seekers. Jeswynn is also visiting academic at several universities in Indonesia and the USA*

