



COMMON ISSUES, COMMON SOLUTIONS

NORTHERN TERRITORY BAR ASSOCIATION 2014 CONFERENCE

In association with the School of Law, Charles Darwin University

'Common Issues: Common Solutions'

Timor Plaza, Dili, Timor Leste

Thursday 10 July 2014 to Saturday 12 July 2014

(Registration and welcoming drinks from 6pm Wednesday 9 July 2014)

Early Bird Registration is now open – please register as soon as possible - limited spaces available – details below

Programme

The programme will be in two parts: the main programme and, running parallel with the main programme for some but not all of the conference, a programme directed specifically towards the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements for Territory practitioners.

General Programme

The general programme will be opened on Thursday morning, 10 July 2014, by [Dr Dionisio Babo-Soares](#), Minister of Justice, Timor Leste. Dr Babo-Soares will be followed by [Professor Hilary Charlesworth](#) who will deliver the key note address. Professor Charlesworth is one of Australia's most highly regarded experts in public international law and human rights, including democratic development post conflict. She has also maintained a very close interest in Timor Leste, being one of the authors of *Networked Governance of Freedom and Tyranny: Peace in Timor-Leste*, published in 2012.

The balance of the first day will focus on the tension between indigenous legal systems and Christian-based western legal systems both in theory and in the practical way the systems of justice in Timor Leste and the Northern Territory attempt to deal with domestic violence and child welfare. Speakers include:

- [James Gaykamangu](#) and [George Pascoe Gaymarani](#), senior Territory indigenous elders;
- [Luis de Olivera Sampaio](#), Director, Judicial System Monitoring Programme, Timor-Leste;
- [Dr Susan Harris Rimmer](#), Director of the Asia -Pacific College of Diplomacy at ANU;
- [Justices Judith Kelly and Jenny Blokland](#), NT Supreme Court;
- [Danial Kelly](#), senior lecturer in law at Charles Darwin University including in indigenous legal issues;
- [Jeswynn Yogaratnam](#), law academic at Charles Darwin University and its principal lecturer in Human Rights Law;
- [Gabby Brown](#) (Solicitor for the NT), [Jaquie Palavra](#) (NTLAC) and [James Stoller](#) (NAAJA), senior Territory child welfare practitioners.

Thursday's sessions will finish in the early evening with a short presentation by [Felicity Gerry](#), a barrister from the UK and a lecturer at the Charles Darwin University, on the duties of defence lawyers in relation to the victims of people trafficking followed by the Timor Leste premiere of '[Not My Life](#)', a ground-breaking film which exposes the cruel and dehumanizing practices of human trafficking and modern slavery on a global scale.

Friday will focus on issues in relation to resources including in the Timor Gap, boundary issues in the Gap, an update on the current arbitration and ICJ proceedings between Australia and Timor Leste and related legal topics.

Speakers include:

- [Bernard Collaery](#) – former ACT Attorney-General, lawyer representing Timor Leste in the current arbitration against Australia and whose legal office in Canberra was raided recently by the Australian authorities;
- [Ricardo Silva](#), Deputy Head of Energy Practice of the international law firm, Miranda Correia Amendoeira & Associados, and the partner responsible for its Timor-Leste Practice;
- [Dr Christopher Ward](#), barrister and co-author of the Lowe, Carleton & Ward 'Petro Timor Opinion' on the extent of East Timor's maritime boundaries;
- [Ros Vickers](#), environmental law specialist and lecturer in law at Charles Darwin University;
- [John Randall QC](#), senior UK commercial silk and adjunct professor at the University of NSW;
- [Greg Phelps](#), lawyer representing the victims in and around Timor of the Montara Oil Spill.

Saturday morning will focus on institutional development and the rule of law with particular reference to Timor Leste. Speakers will include:

- [Dr Dennis Shoemith](#), Associate Professor of Politics Charles Darwin University and specialist in institutional development in Timor Leste;
- [Mr Florencio Sanches](#), Director General of "Serve", a "one stop" agency for registration of business entities in Timor-Leste;

- [Mr Bernard Almeida](#), adviser in the Directorate of Land and Property in the Timor-Leste;
- [Dr Brett Williams](#), Solicitor and Barrister (NSW), Brett G Williams Law Office, specialist in International Regulation of Trade, speaking on “Integrating Timor-Leste into the ASEAN Economic Community and the World Trading System”;
- [Duncan McConnel](#), president elect - Law Council of Australia.

Saturday afternoon will be a “where to from here?” session.

NT Practitioners Programme

Sessions will be conducted in parallel with some of the general programme focusing on:

- civil procedure reform in the Supreme Court and the Local Court;
- reforms in relation to Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act;
- the current state of the law with respect to adjudications under the *Construction Contract (Security of Payment) Act (NT)*;
- the other core competencies required to satisfy NT CPD requirements including professional ethics and responsibility, practice management and business skills, and professional skills in legal practice.

Legal practitioners are eligible to claim up to 10 CPD points for attendance at this conference. All required CPD competencies for Northern Territory legal practitioners will be covered during the conference.

Social Programme

There will be a welcoming cocktail party commencing at the Timor Plaza from 6:00pm on Wednesday 9 July 2014 in the roof garden of the Timor Plaza.

The conference dinner will be held at the Timor Plaza on the evening of Saturday 12 July 2014. The speaker will be [Mr Jon Tippett QC](#) of the NT Bar and who also practices regularly as an advocate in Timor Leste.

Informal events are being arranged for the other evenings of the conference. A series of events will also be arranged during the day for those who are registered as accompanying delegates if they are interested. The cost of these events will be at your own cost and charged separately.

Accommodation

The NTBA has reserved all accommodation at the [Timor Plaza](#) from Wednesday 9 July until Sunday 13 July 2014. There are various levels of rooms and apartments available, varying in price from \$US120 to \$US180 per night. Delegates who register will be given the range of available rooms and the contact details at the Timor Plaza. Bookings and payment should be made with them direct. There are reasonable alternatives to the Timor Plaza, information about which will be available upon registration.

Flights

Airnorth operates flights between Darwin and Dili nine times each week.

On Wednesday 9 July 2014, two flights depart from Darwin to Dili. The first flight departs at 5.45am and arrives in Dili at 6.30am. The second flight departs Darwin at 4.00pm and arrives in Dili at 4.45pm.

For those who cannot make a Wednesday flight, Airnorth flies to Dili at 5.45am on Thursday 10 July 2014 arriving in Dili at 6.30am.

Flights back to Darwin on Sunday 13 July 2014 leave Dili at 5:30pm arriving at 7.15pm.

The return conference airfare is approximately \$AU750.00 (subject to currency fluctuations). A booking code will be provided upon registration. Bookings or enquiries (quoting the booking code) should be made direct with Airnorth Group Bookings by phoning 08 – 8920 4067 or by email to groups@airnorth.com.au.

Airnorth is a Qantas partner and through fares may be available from Australian cities to and from Dili. These fares must be made with Qantas direct. Please note the Airnorth conference fare cannot be booked through Qantas.

Registration

The conference fee is \$600.00 inclusive of GST (if applicable) if paid prior to 31 March 2014. From 1 April 2014, the cost is \$660.00. This includes:

- airport transfers;
- admission to all sessions of the conference including the provision of all conference materials;
- welcoming drinks at the roof garden at the Timor Plaza on Wednesday evening;
- lunches and morning and afternoon teas on Thursday, Friday and Saturday;
- the conference dinner on Saturday evening.

The fee for accompanying delegates is \$200.00 inclusive of GST (if applicable) if paid prior to 31 March 2014. From 1 April 2014, the cost is \$220.00.

This includes:

- Airport transfers;
- Welcoming drinks at the roof garden at the Timor Plaza on Wednesday evening;
- Movie venue on Thursday evening;
- Conference dinner on Saturday evening.

Registration may be made by telephoning or emailing Marie Turbill at William Forster Chambers on 08 8982 4700 or clerk@williamforster.com. Registration fees should be transferred direct to the Northern Territory Bar Association at BSB 015-901 account no. 413 418 114. Please forward deposit confirmation to clerk@williamforster.com.