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*The UNIDROIT Principles  
of International Commercial  
Contracts: What Do They  
Mean for Australia?*

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2008

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

SPEAKER

Professor M J Bonell, University of Rome I

COMMENTATORS

The Hon. Justice Paul Finn  
Adj. Professor Donald Robertson

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The Hon. L.J. Priestley, QC

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**THE UNIDROIT PRINCIPLES OF  
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL  
CONTRACTS: WHAT DO THEY  
MEAN FOR AUSTRALIA?**

**PROGRAM**

**5.30-6.00pm Registration/Light Refreshments**

**6.00-6.10pm Introduction**

The Hon. L.J. Priestley QC,  
Frederick Jordan Chambers, Sydney  
(Formerly: NSW Court of Appeal &  
Consultant to UNIDROIT &  
the ALI)

**6.10-6.40pm Keynote Address**

Professor M J Bonell  
University of Rome I  
Consultant to UNIDROIT &  
the ALI

**6.40-6.50pm Comment**

Justice Paul Finn  
Federal Court (Adelaide)  
Consultant to UNIDROIT

**6.50-7.00pm Comment**

Adj Professor Donald Robertson  
Freehills & Sydney Law School

**7.00-7.30pm Discussion**

Coordinated by Dr Luke Nottage,  
Sydney Law School

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UNIDROIT is an intergovernmental organisation founded in Rome in 1926 to promote private law unification. In 1994 it published "Principles of International Commercial Contracts", primarily for parties to incorporate into their cross-border agreements. Courts and especially arbitrators also refer to them to interpret or supplement national contract law rules, not necessarily suited to cross-border transactions, or international instruments such as the 1980 UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG, adopted by Australia in 1989).

The 2004 edition of the Principles extended coverage even further, affecting third parties (agency and assignment) and limitation periods. Since 2006, a UNIDROIT Working Group (chaired by Prof Bonell and including Justice Finn) is working on the third edition dealing further with multiple parties, illegality, etc.

This Seminar will introduce the Principles to Australian lawyers, focusing on such areas, as well as their actual and potential usage in negotiating, drafting and resolving disputes concerning a wide range of international commercial contracts.

**SPEAKERS AND COMMENTATORS**

**Professor M J Bonell**, at the University of Rome I "La Sapienza", is one of the world's leading experts in comparative and transnational contract law. Since 1978 he has been a Consultant to UNIDROIT, chairing three Working Groups on the Principles of International Commercial Contracts. He has also been Italy's representative to UNCITRAL, a member of the ALI, and a Visiting Professor at leading universities in Europe and the US.

**Justice Paul Finn** serves on the Federal Court of Australia, and as a Consultant to UNIDROIT. He is was formerly Professor of Law at the ANU, and is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne as well as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

**The Hon LJ (Bill) Priestley QC** has practised as a barrister in Sydney since retiring from the NSW Court of Appeal. He maintains strong interests in comparative commercial law, having served as Consultant to UNIDROIT and as a member of the ALI.

**Adj Professor Donald Robertson** is a senior Partner in the Competition and Market Regulation Group at Freehills. He is also Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Sydney Law School. He writes and teaches in the areas of competition and regulatory law, contract and commercial law.

**Dr Luke Nottage** is Associate Professor at Sydney Law School and Co-Director of the Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL). He specialises in comparative and transnational commercial law: contracts, product safety, arbitration and corporate governance.