



The Hon Frank Vincent AO QC

The Hon Frank Vincent AO QC is a renowned barrister and jurist. In his practice as a barrister, his focus was on criminal law, appearing as counsel in approximately 200 murder trials. He also has a strong connection to the Northern Territory, having worked with several Aboriginal legal aid services, particularly during the years 1975 to 1985 when he spent a substantial part of each year in the Northern Territory working with the Aboriginal community.

He was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1985 and was the Principal Judge of the Criminal Trial Division of that Court. At the time of his retirement in 2009 he had been a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Victoria for nine years.

He was Deputy Chair and then Chair of the Victorian Adult Parole Board, a position he occupied for 17 years. He has served as a consultant to the Australian

Law Reform Commission and Chairman of the Victorian Criminal Bar Association.

Since retiring as a judge of the Court of Appeal of Victoria, he has been appointed by successive Victorian Attorneys-General to conduct inquiries into matters of public importance, including the Victorian Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into the physical and sexual abuse of children in non-government organisations. He has recently completed a review of the National Institute of Forensic Science on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Police Advisory Agency, and is presently conducting an inquiry into the Victorian Witness Protection arrangements.

He was formerly the Chancellor of Victoria University (2001–2009), and is a Distinguished University Fellow at Victoria University. He is currently a Commissioner of the Victorian Law Reform Commission.

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Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance

Law and Order in a Rapidly Changing Society

The Hon Frank Vincent AO QC

Thursday 4 September 2014
5.30pm to 7.00pm

Dining Room and Nitmiluk Lounge
Level 4, Parliament House
Mitchell Street, Darwin CBD

Abstract

Australia's various systems and institutions are under increasing stress, while at the same time the values and priorities on which such systems and institutions rest are being questioned more and more. In his oration, the renowned barrister, and former justice of the Victoria Court of Appeal, The Hon Frank Vincent AO QC, will focus on the Rule of Law, and some emerging legal, practical and moral challenges which impact on the Rule of Law.

Austin Asche AC QC



Austin Asche AC QC was the third Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and fifteenth Administrator of the Northern Territory. He was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 1994. This oration honours the service of Austin Asche AC QC to the people of the Northern Territory and his contribution to the law, to tertiary education and to the community.

Austin Asche Oration

The Honourable Frank Vincent AO QC

Program

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5.30pm	Welcome Reception
5.45pm	Welcome Guests by Master of Ceremonies, Professor Les McCrimmon
	Welcome to Country
	Welcome Address by Professor Simon Maddocks, Vice-Chancellor, Charles Darwin University
	Address by The Honourable Jenny Blokland on the Honourable Austin Asche AC QC
	Welcome Address on behalf of the Australian Academy of Law by Emeritus Professor David Weisbrot AM, Vice President of the Australian Academy of Law (AAL)
6.10pm	Keynote Address – The Hon Frank Vincent AO QC
6.50pm	Questions and Answers
7.00pm	Close



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