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NSW Bar Association and RoLIA Rule of Law Conference 2010

The second New South Wales Bar Association and Rule of Law Institute of Australia (RoLIA) Rule of Law Conference titled, '**The rule of law, the courts and constitutions**', will be held on **Saturday, 6 November 2010** from 9.00am to 2.00pm at the Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney.

The Honourable Chief Justice Spigelman AC, NSW Supreme Court, will be chairing the conference.

The speakers are as follows:

- The Hon Justice J D Heydon AC, High Court of Australia
- The Hon Justice P Brereton AM, NSW Supreme Court
- Dr Melissa Perry QC, Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers
- Nicholas Cowdery AM QC, NSW Director of Public Prosecutions
- Professor George Williams, University of NSW
- The Right Hon Lord Goldsmith QC PC, European Chair of Litigation, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and the United Kingdom's Attorney-General from 2001-2007

Robin Speed, President of RoLIA and Richard McHugh SC, Banco Chambers are chairing the two panel sessions.

RoLIA CEO Richard Gilbert states that, 'this year's conference includes rule of law experts from the ranks of the judiciary, the Bar and academia. During the last twelve months the rule of law and its underlying principles have been highlighted in court cases and constitutional discussion. The key questions which the conference will address include:

1. Is the rule of law under challenge in Australia?
2. Which Commonwealth and State laws offend the rule of law?
3. How can we improve legislation so that the rule of law is upheld?
4. What has been the role of the courts in upholding the rule of law?
5. How do we ensure that our regulatory systems operate in accordance with rule of law principles?

Registration forms can be obtained from the Bar Association and RoLIA websites.

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