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RoLIA releases rule of law materials for year 11 & 12 Legal Studies students

Today the Rule of Law Institute of Australia (RoLIA) CEO Richard Gilbert attended the 2011 NSW Legal Studies State Conference to address the 270 conference delegates who collectively teach Legal Studies in NSW to approximately 20,000 year 11 and 12 students. The address was on the topic of 'rule of law case studies and their relevance to Legal Studies'.

The key points in the address were:

1. The need for parliaments to respect and uphold the rule of law.
2. The need for accountability and transparency within the executive arm of government.
3. The need for the courts to be ever vigilant in ensuring that the rule of law is upheld.

The address also highlighted the need for a free and independent press and in this regard the need for journalists to have their sources protected.

To complement Mr Gilbert's presentation, RoLIA has released a comprehensive set of slides on rule of law case studies which teachers may use. The slides are available on the RoLIA website, www.ruleoflaw.org.au.

Richard Gilbert said "High school students, especially those studying Legal Studies, should learn about the rule of law. RoLIA is very pleased to contribute to their education in a meaningful way and to ensure that young Australians are aware of their rights and their duty to protect the rule of law. We especially thank Chairman John Andrews, Treasurer Wayne Gleeson and the Executive for their initiative in inviting RoLIA to the conference. RoLIA congratulates the NSW L.S.A. for convening this critical professional development experience for NSW teachers."

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