

# Lunchtime Speaker Series: Father Frank Brennan SJ, AO

## Lessons from *Ellis v Pell*

Moral Leadership  
in difficult  
circumstances -  
do lawyers have  
too much say?

Carroll & O'Dea is delighted to have Father Frank Brennan speak as part of our Tuesday Lunchtime Speaker Series. Father Brennan is a Jesuit priest, professor of law at Australian Catholic University and Adjunct Professor at the ANU College of Law and National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS). He was the founding director of Uniya, the Australian Jesuit Social Justice Centre.

He is a board member of St Vincent's Health Australia and Jesuit Social Services. He is presently Advocate in Residence for Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

His books on Aboriginal issues include 'The Wik Debate', 'One Land One Nation', 'Sharing the Country' and 'Land Rights Queensland Style'. His books on civil liberties are 'Too Much Order with Too Little Law' and 'Legislating Liberty'. His book 'Tampering with Asylum' compares Australia's asylum policies with those of other first world countries. He wrote the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council's paper 'The Timor Sea's Oil and Gas: What's Fair?'. His latest book 'Acting on Conscience' looks at the place of religion in Australian politics and law. At the launch, then-Prime Minister The Hon. Kevin Rudd described Father Frank as "an ethical burr in the nation's saddle". He is a contributor to Bernadette Brennan's 'Just Words'.

Father Brennan was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 1995 for services to Aboriginal Australians, particularly as an advocate in the areas of law, social justice and reconciliation. In 1998, the National Trust classified him as a Living National Treasure, during his involvement in the Wik debate. In 2009, he chaired the Australian National Human Rights Consultation Committee.



### To book please contact

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*Sandwiches and light refreshments provided.*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 from 1-2pm  
The College of Law Rooms, Level 16, 111 Elizabeth Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

*Please RSVP by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014*

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