

# **Commercial Issues in Private International Law Conference, Sydney, 16 February 2018**

The University of Sydney Law School is hosting a conference on Commercial Issues in Private International Law on 16 February 2018. The organisers have provided the following information about the conference's theme:

'As people, business, and information cross borders, so too do legal disputes. Globalisation means that courts need to invoke principles of private international law with increasing frequency. Thus, as the Law Society of New South Wales recognised in its 2017 report on the Future of Law and Innovation in the Profession, knowledge of private international law is increasingly important to the practice of law.

This conference will bring together members of the judiciary, the profession, academia, and government to discuss private international law as it relates to commercial law. The conversation will be timely. In late 2016, the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules were amended in respect of service outside of the jurisdiction. In 2017, Australia is likely to accede to the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, and to implement the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts.

The extraterritorial application of the Australian Consumer Law is under consideration by the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia. While Brexit and the rise of Trump may have signalled a retreat from globalism, arguably, that is not the experience of private international law in Australia.'

Further details are available here:  
<http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventcategoryid=39&eventid=11728>

Registration will open and the full conference programme will be released later in 2017.