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SPEAKERS:

Dr Linda Haller
Melbourne Law School
The University of Melbourne
& Dr Trevor Davies
Allens Arthur Robinson

DATE AND TIME

Wednesday 18 March 2009
1:00pm - 2:00pm
(Refreshments from 12:30pm)

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Friday 13 March 2008

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Professional Standards Board

The Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys has advised that attendance at this seminar will enable Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys to claim 1 CPE point.

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This seminar attempts to bring greater clarity to the issue of conflicts as they relate to patent attorneys, by using practical examples to demonstrate what is meant by a conflict and how it can be identified and managed. When conflicts of interest are not properly managed the consequences can be severe for intellectual property practitioners and their clients and while the legal obligations of lawyers in relation to conflicts are fairly well-understood, to date the obligations of patent attorneys have not been as clearly articulated. This seminar will include guidance on practical issues such as effective conflicts checking, use of information screens and informed consent.

Dr Linda Haller has taught Legal Ethics for a number of years, both at the University of Melbourne and the University of Queensland. She holds a law degree from Monash University as well as a Masters of Law and a PhD from the University of Queensland. She has been a Senior Lecturer at Melbourne Law School since 2006. She has published and spoken widely in Australia and overseas in relation to the professional discipline and regulation of lawyers and takes a keen interest in issues relating to lawyers and conflicts of interest. Her article 'Patent Attorneys and Conflicts of Interest' will soon appear in the *Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice*. Prior to her academic career, Dr Haller practised as a solicitor for seven years in Victoria and Queensland.



Dr Trevor Davies is a Councillor and Fellow of the Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia and the Convenor of Ethics & Disputes Committee and Plant Breeders Rights Committee. He is a partner with Allens Arthur Robinson Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys where he specializes in biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent areas. His wide-ranging experience and knowledge is sought by local and foreign clients in relation to Australian and foreign patent, trade mark and design protection and enforcement as well as plant breeder's rights. Dr Davies has a BSc(Hons) majoring in Microbiology and Biochemistry and a PhD in Microbiology and was employed as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Medicine, University of Chicago, USA and as a Scientific Researcher at the Urology Clinic, University of Saarland, Germany before becoming a registered Patent and Trade Mark Attorney.



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