

Class actions and law reform

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Chair:

The Hon Justice Julie Ward,
Chief Judge in Equity

NSW Bar Association
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1 HOUR SEMINAR

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SUBSTANTIVE LAW, PRACTICE AND
PROCEDURE, AND EVIDENCE

On January 24 2019, the Attorney-General for Australia tabled in Parliament the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) report, *Integrity, Fairness and Efficiency—An Inquiry into Class Action Proceedings and Third-Party Litigation*. The Terms of Reference asked the ALRC to consider whether, and to what extent class action proceedings and third-party litigation funders should be subject to Commonwealth regulation, and whether there is adequate regulation of: conflicts of interest between third-party litigation funders, lawyers and class members; prudential requirements and character requirements of funders; and the proportion of settlement available to be retained by lawyers and litigation funders in class action proceedings. The ALRC received over 75 submissions, including from the NSW Bar and the ABA. Its final report contains 24 recommendations for reform. At the same time, there have been a number of recent important decisions of Australian courts further addressing topics discussed in the ALRC's report.

This seminar will consider possible legislative reforms and changes in practice and procedure arising from the ALRC's final report and related judicial developments. The presenters will be Elizabeth Collins SC, Jonathon Redwood and Rebecca Gilsean (Maurice Blackburn). The seminar will be chaired by Justice Julie Ward.

This seminar has been organised by the NSW Bar Association's Commercial Law Section.

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

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