A professional development event for teachers of Legal Studies and Commerce

2016 LEGAL UPDATE CONFERENCE

Update and deepen your knowledge in relation to the legal issues in the Legal Studies and Commerce syllabuses by hearing from experts in the legal world and legal educators.

Friday 25 November 2016, 8.50am – 4.00pm
Venue: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Session Presenters –

Margaret Cunneen, SC – NSW Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor
Mark Tedeschi, AM QC – NSW Senior Crown Prosecutor
Richard Wilson – Public Defender
Sergeant Alissa Parker – Police Prosecutor
Nick Clark, Chief Executive Officer – Rule of Law Institute of Australia
Daniela Giorgi, Civics and Citizenship Officer – NSW Parliament House
Joe Alvaro – Head of HSIE Department and Legal Studies Teacher – De La Salle College, Revesby Heights

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<td>About the presenter:</td>
<td>Margaret Cunneen SC is a New South Wales Barrister whose career spans more than 40 years. She holds a Bachelor of Laws and an LLM (Hons.). Cunneen worked as a legal clerk while studying for her Bachelor of Laws at what was then the NSW Institute of Technology (NSWIT), part of the first cohort of students in the Faculty of Law. “I started Law at NSWIT the same day I started work in the NSW Attorney General’s Department,” she recalls. “I’d turned 18 less than a month before.” Both her university degrees were completed at night. Cunneen is currently the NSW Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor. She has brought the weight of justice down on some of the nation’s most notorious criminals, including paedophile Robert ‘Dolly’ Dunn, gang rape ringleader Bilal Skaf, the ‘Butcher of Bega’ Graeme Reeves, and Paul Peters – dubbed ‘the Collar-Bomber’. Cunneen is a firm believer in humanity and conscience in the practice of the law. “My motivation,” she explains, “has always been to give a voice to the traumatised victim of crime, or to his or her bereaved relatives, whose human rights have been violated in the most direct fashion, by the criminal act of another.”</td>
<td>About the presenter:</td>
<td>Alissa is a sworn police officer with 27 years experience, joining NSW Police in 1989. During that time she performed various roles including General Duties at Manly, Criminal Investigation at Fairfield, Blacktown and The Child Mistreatment Unit (now Child Abuse Squad) and The Brief Manager at Blacktown. She was designated as a Detective in 1994 and in 2006 she graduated as a Police Prosecutor. Her Prosecution career has primarily been in Western Sydney working at Blacktown, Parramatta, Penrith and Mt Druitt Local Courts. Alissa is a Specialist Domestic Violence Prosecutor, a course that she assisted to develop and which she continues to facilitate on. Between 2013 and 2016 Alissa was seconded to the NSWPF Domestic and Family Violence Team as the Legal Consultant. She worked closely with Inspector Sean McDermott developing the legislation and delivering training to Police for Police Issued ADVO’s and DVEC (Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief). Alissa is currently a Legal Advocate at the Police Prosecutions Support Unit.</td>
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Murder at Myall Creek: the trial that defined a nation

In 1838, eleven convicts and former convicts were put on trial for the murder of 28 Aboriginal men, women and children at Myall Creek in the Liverpool Plains district of northern New South Wales. It was the most sensational trial of mass murder in Australia’s legal history. The eleven perpetrators had been led by a twelfth man, John Fleming, whose influential family owned vast properties in the area, which enabled him to evade justice. The trial created enormous controversy at the time, because it was virtually unknown for Europeans to be charged with the murder of Aboriginals. This session will be relevant for the “Crime” and “Human Rights” topics in the Legal Studies syllabus.

About the presenter:
Mark Tedeschi AM QC is the Senior Crown Prosecutor for New South Wales. He is a Visiting Professor at the University of Wollongong, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Art School in Sydney, and a Trustee of Sydney Grammar School. His most recent true crime book is “Murder at Myall Creek: the trial that defined a nation”. The other two are: “Eugenia: a true story of adversity, tragedy, crime and courage”, published in 2012 and “Kidnapped: the crime that shocked the nation” published in 2015. “Eugenia” was shortlisted in 2013 as a finalist in the Australian Book Industry Awards and the Australian Crime Writers Association Ned Kelly Awards. Mark is also the author of “Shooting around Corners”, a book of his photography over 25 years, published by Beagle Press in 2012.
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