

## FACT SHEET

### The 7th USA PACIFIC BUSINESS LAW CONFERENCE

#### NEW YORK, USA

Monday 25 June 2012 to Monday 2 July 2012

*This conference runs before **Lipari, Sicily** 7-14 July 2012 and **Prague, Czech Republic** 20-27 July 2012*

So much of Australia's legal tradition comes from the USA, so what better place to explore this than the cultural and commercial heart of that country, New York. What better place to learn about class actions, the onslaught of medical litigation, issues like product liability & financial regulation than the place where it all, if not began, then exploded. Our 4<sup>th</sup> conference in New York in 2010 was our best ever in that city & we hope to match that standard in 2012.

**The academic and professional program** has always been the centrepiece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The informal networks established have led to a mutual referring of clients and, through being aware of other practitioners' specialties; practitioners have gained access to professional resources which previously would have been either inaccessible or unknown. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to the cross-pollination of ideas, exchange of methodologies and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners. Many delegates are now coming to these conferences as individuals because of the camaraderie and networking events associated with the conferences.

## CONFERENCE EVENTS

The conference will include a number of optional social events. The first event is welcome drinks at 7.00pm on Monday 25 June, followed by a conference dinner at 7.30pm at Becco's Italian Restaurant (cost of dinner not included in registration fee), which is co-owned by Lydia Mattichio Bastianich and her son Joseph. Lydia is one of Americans best loved Italian chefs and television celebrities (look out for her cooking program on The Lifestyle Channel). Other events will include a night at "the Met" (the Metropolitan Opera Company), a helicopter flight over New York's best attractions (where you almost touch the statue of Liberty), an evening of Jazz at the Village Vanguard or similar venue, a tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art and a NY Yankees baseball game.

## ACCOMMODATION

### **BELVEDERE HOTEL - 4 Star hotels – Mid town (CONFERENCE HOTEL & VENUE)**

For a deluxe double room at the Belvedere Hotel the rates start at \$AUD325 per room, per night (*excluding breakfast, portage and baggage handling costs*) Alternative room configurations and prices are available on request.

All prices are subject to room availability and exchange rate variations.

## REGISTRATION

Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), we will refund your registration fee less an \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

We highly recommend utilising the services of our preferred travel partner CPE Travel whom we work closely with to ensure your travel requirements are met. CPE Travel are an award winning travel agency specialising in premium travel experiences including cruising, touring, villa stays and bespoke travel. Be sure to enquire about the exclusive 2 for 1 packages they offer delegates. CPE Travel Professionals can be contacted on 07 3254 3331 or via email [travel@educationcpe.com](mailto:travel@educationcpe.com).

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## THE PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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Conference sessions will run for a disciplined 4 hours each day, generally starting early to late afternoon depending on the evening event. This allows ample time to climb the Statue of Liberty, walk in Central Park or Times Square, visit 'Little Italy' or Chinatown, or the many museums, bookshops, cafés and art galleries of New York.

Speakers at our conferences in the past have included Business Experts from Australia and other countries who deliver presentations based on business law, ethics and current issues. Judges at all levels including the Canadian Court of Appeal, the US Federal Court of Appeal, the Venice International Arbitration Court and other international arbitration bodies, the Italian trial and appeal courts & judges from Australia and NZ at all levels. Other speakers have included legal experts from the World Trade Organisation, United Nations, the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the Red Cross, the International Labour Organisation, practising lawyers & legal academics from the USA, Europe, Burma, China and of course Australia and NZ and representatives of law enforcement bodies like the money laundering division of the Swiss police and Ireland's Criminal Assets Bureau.

This is a sample of past papers presented at this conference:

**Dr Andrew Thomson** forensic medical specialist with the United Nations - a paper on his work in providing the medical proof for war crimes in Rawanda & Cambodia

**Dan Bender**, Director of the International Department, American Arbitration Association – International Arbitration Issues.

**Dr Bob Newman** President of the Continuum Partners Hospital Group - USA policies of dealing with drug abuse

**Hugh McDermott** – international lawyer, Litigation in Offshore Jurisdictions & Money Laundering, Asset Tracing and Pursuing the Proceeds of Crime in Offshore Jurisdictions

**Dr Gordon Davies**- Psychiatrist - A Comparative Assessment of the Validity of Psychiatric Impairment and Disability Scales

**Jacoba Brasch**, Barrister-at-Law, Queensland, "The human rights of mental illness: civil commitment in Australia and America".

**Thomas R. Newman**, expert on medical litigation & legal counsel to Duane Morris LLP, New York, one of the 100 largest law firms in the USA – "*International insurance law, arbitrations and some medical issues*"

**Dr Mark Chassin**, Quality Control Supervisor at the Mt Sinai Hospital, New York - Controlling organisational mistakes in health care delivery.

**CONFERENCE MOTTO: CARPE DIEM (SEIZE THE DAY!)**