

Public Law Seminar

RESOLVING A TRUE CONFLICT BETWEEN STATE LAWS: A MINIMALIST APPROACH

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Graeme Hill works in constitutional litigation for the Commonwealth. He has been closely involved in recent High Court cases that have examined the effect of the Constitution on choice of law rules, such as *John Pfeiffer v Rogerson*.

In this seminar he will propose a new approach to an issue that has puzzled the High Court for some time: how to resolve a true conflict between the statutes of different States. He rejects a common argument that the conflict should be resolved by applying the statute of the State with the 'closer connection' to the dispute. Instead, he argues, this conflict can be resolved using existing constitutional doctrines.

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