

The Centre for Commercial Law Hosts the 2010 Hartnell Colloquium



The Centre for Commercial Law at the ANU College of Law hosted the seventh annual Hartnell Colloquium on Friday 16 July. The annual Hartnell colloquium is funded by a generous grant from Tony Hartnell AM.

The theme for the 2010 Hartnell Colloquium was corporate insolvency law reform.

Topics for discussion included:

- Exploring Directors' duties in a corporate insolvency context
- Reversing the effects of the High Court's decision in *Sons of Gwalia v Margaretic* [2007] HCA 1
- Reforming the insolvency industry

Robert Austin, well-known corporate law expert and former Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, was the keynote speaker. Other speakers included Michael Hughes of Minter Ellison, Chris Symes of Adelaide University, and Daniel McAuliffe from the Treasury.

There was a Colloquium dinner on Thursday 15 July, at which Stephen Mayne of the Mayne Report provided an entertaining and provocative after-dinner speech. The Director of the Centre for Commercial Law, Dr. Daniel Fitzpatrick, stated that this year's colloquium continued the tradition of robust and highly informed debate on issues of contemporary significance for commercial Law in Australia.