

The Annual Phillipa Weeks Lecture in Labour Law – Professor Marilyn Pittard

Professor Marilyn Pittard, Faculty of Law, Monash University delivered the Annual Phillipa Weeks Lecture in Labour Law on 12 October, 2010 at the ANU College of Law. Dean Professor Michael Coper and Cameron Roles from the ANU College of Law also addressed the audience.

The lecture, held annually in memory of [Professor Phillipa Weeks](#), was attended by guests of honour, Phillipa's family members.

In the lecture Professor Pittard examined the extent to which the guard of minimum conditions has changed from tribunal to Parliament, the implications of the Fair Work Act's reliance on Parliament to set basic labour conditions and considered whether this will enhance or impede the goals of fairness and flexibility.

Professor Pittard is Professor of Law in the Faculty of Law at Monash University, with responsibility for labour and employment law in both the undergraduate and postgraduate law programs.

She has published several books and publishes extensively in labour law and industrial relations journals. Her most recent book published by LexisNexis in 2010 is *Australian Labour Law: Text, Commentary and Materials*. She and Phillipa Weeks published the book, *Pittard and Weeks (eds) Public Sector Employment Law in the Twenty-First Century* (2007), arising from an ARC Grant.

Currently Professor Pittard is working as Chief Investigator on an ARC Linkage grant project on employment of people who have a criminal record.

Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law

The ANU College of Law has created a scholarship in memory of the late Professor Phillipa Weeks. Phillipa was a significant contributor to the Canberra legal community and a member of the academic staff of ANU from 1979 until her untimely passing in 2006.

This scholarship supports [students from regional and rural Australia](#) who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. The award is intended to be held by the successful applicant for the duration of their law program. We have decided to endow this fund, so as to award the scholarship in perpetuity. Our goal is \$500,000 as an endowment of this size will allow us to award a scholarship every year.

For more information on giving towards this scholarship, please visit: The [ANU College of Law Phillipa Weeks Scholarship](#) webpage.

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(L-R) Prof Pittard, Mrs Weeks and Phillipa's sister



(L-R) Mr Weeks and Cameron Roles



Phillipa Weeks' family members



Professor Michael Coper