

Foreign law info requested

Dear Ed,

Proof of foreign law is often regarded as vexed and difficult.

The International Trade and Business Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia is interested in researching practical problems associated with proof of foreign law.

If, as is suspected, significant problems are being experienced by the profession, the Committee will work towards solutions to those problems.

The Committee would like to hear from members of the profession about their experiences in proving foreign law. We are particularly interested in the following:- (a) under what circumstances has proof of foreign law been necessary? (b) on how many occasions has proof of foreign law been required? (c) how did you locate an appropriate expert? (d) what was your experience with the proc-

ess? and (e) was there a genuine conflict, in the litigation context, between the various experts called to prove foreign law?

The Committee is also contemplating the establishment of a register of foreign law experts.

If any of your members are admitted to practise in an Australian jurisdiction as well as a foreign jurisdiction, or if any member has a foreign law qualification, the Committee would appreciate his or her contact with us giving relevant details of qualification and/or experiences.

Kindly forward any response to the above to Ms Ivy Kristo, International Law Section, LCA, GPO Box 1989, Canberra ACT 2601.

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New ASC boss announced

The Attorney-General, Michael Duffy, has recommended the appointment of Alan Cameron as Chairman of the Australian Securities Commission to the Governor-General.

Mr Duffy has recommended that Mr Cameron be appointed with effect from 1 January next year.

Mr Cameron, 44, is currently the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

He was former the National Managing Partner of Blake Dawson Waldron and has worked extensively in commercial and corporate law, including a period in the Corporate Finance Department of Hambros Bank Limited in London.

Mr Cameron also served on the Companies and Trade Practices Committees of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, and the Unit Trust Committee of the Section on Business Law of the International Bar Association.

He has also worked as Principal Solicitor with the New South Wales Aboriginal Legal Service, as a consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission, as Overseas Service Fellow for the Law Council of Australia and the International Legal Centre of New York, attached to the Faculty of Law at the University of North Sumatra, and was a part-time member of the NSW Equal Opportunity Tribunal.

Mr Cameron was appointed Ombudsman in April last year.

"I am delighted that the second Chairman of the ASC will be a man of Alan Cameron's great experience, qualification and calibre," Mr Duffy said.

The Attorney-General paid tribute to the current Chairman, Tony Hartnell, describing him as a "tireless and very effective inaugural Chairman of the ASC."

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