

## QUEENSLAND CIVIL JUSTICE AWARD

Two Queensland lawyers, who helped to free a man wrongfully detained and gave cause for Australians to ponder the very fabric of their own human rights, were presented with the Australian Lawyers Alliance Queensland Civil Justice Award on 14 February 2009.

Stephen Keim SC, of Higgins Chambers, and Peter Russo, of Russo Lawyers, were jointly awarded the prize for skilled legal work in representing Gold Coast medical registrar, Dr Mohamed Haneef, who faced terrorism-related charges in 2007.

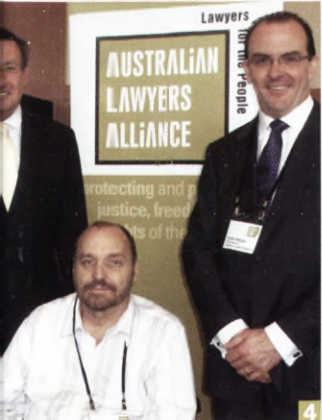
The award was presented at the Royal Pines Resort, on the Gold Coast, by Australian Lawyers Alliance Queensland president, Justin Harper, at the Queensland state conference.

The award represents recognition by the legal profession of unsung heroes who, despite personal risk or sacrifice, have fought to preserve individual rights, human dignity or safety.



Clara Davies, National President, Australian Lawyers Alliance and Peter Russo, recipient of the 2009 Australian Lawyers Alliance Queensland Civil Justice Award.

## QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE



**1** (L to R) Michelle James, Sarah Atkinson, Sondra Vandeleur, Michaela Bortonkova and Laura Neil from Maurice Blackburn Lawyers. **2** David Jasinski (L) and Sean Delpopolo (R) from East Coast Lawyers, with Leon Zann from Ask Funding **3** Delegates enjoying the conference dinner. **4** (L to R) The Hon Kerry Shine MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice; Kevin Cocks, Queensland Advocacy Incorporated; and Justin Harper, QLD President, Australian Lawyers Alliance. **5** (L to R) Steven Parry and Charlie Fraser from Perpetual, with Brian Biggs from Slater & Gordon Lawyers. **6** Delegates enjoying pre-dinner wine tasting, compliments of the Australian Lawyers Alliance National Wine Sponsor, The Wine Society.

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