



PNG Continuing Legal Education

Topics:

Mining & Resources

Courtroom Advice

Natural Resources Law

An Independent Referral Bar in PNG

AI – its role in the judiciary and legal practice

The Commonwealth Latimer House Principles

Law Society Update

Compulsory Legal Education in PNG

3PM - 8:45PM

2 September 2025

Crown Hotel

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Attendance in person: Judiciary, Lawyers & LTI Students

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Free of charge

PROGRAM	
3:00PM	Registration and welcome
Opening	
3:20-3:35PM	Prayer – Luke Wangi, Senior Associate, LLLS Lawyers
	Welcome: David Denniston, Commonwealth Lawyers Association & Special Counsel, LLLS Lawyers Hubert Namani, Principal, Namani & Associates & President of the Law Society of Papua New Guinea

Session 1: Mining Law, Oil & Gas & Natural Resources Law Developments

3:35-4:05PM	Topic:	The new Mining Bill – key changes, landowner perspectives, and ways the government may take up its increased equity.
	Presenter:	Sharon Haihavu – Manager, Legal & Compliance, Mineral Resources Authority
	Topic:	<i>Developments in Resources Laws - National Petroleum Authority</i>
	Presenter:	Sarah Kuman, Partner, Allens
	Chair:	Sarah Kuman, Partner, Allens
4:05-4:30PM	Topic	<i>Courtroom advice for young lawyers</i>
	Presenter:	<i>Gertrude Tamade, Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, PNG & Chair of the Corrs Network of Women PNG (CORRS NOW PNG)</i>
	Chair:	Marlyna Kiske, Associate, LLLS lawyers & Joint VP, PNG Women Lawyers Association
4:30-5:00PM	Topic:	<i>Natural Resources Law in PNG, Biodiversity Loss & Climate Change – have we got the land use balance right, the RECC List and the law and the role of the Courts</i>
	Presenter:	<i>Deputy Chief Justice Ambeng Kandakasi, CBE</i>
	Chair:	Ethel Heagi, Head of Legal, New Porgera Limited, Barrick (Niugini) Limited, PNG ADR Committee, Member of the PNG CORE – Legal Sub-Committee

5:00-5:15PM

Break – Light refreshments

Session 2: The Profession, its position, and the Future

5:15-5:45PM	Topic:	<i>An Independent Referral Bar in PNG - has the time come?</i>
	Presenter:	Hon Justice J A Logan RFD
	Chair:	Jessy Biar, Senior Lawyer, Vic Bar, Holingu Lawyers
5:45-6:15PM	Topic:	<i>AI – its role in the judiciary and legal practice – risks & opportunities and the CLA Declaration on AI</i>
	Presenters:	Alison Holt, LLM, FITP, FBCS, MInstD, CITP, Adviser e-Judiciary, Office of the Chief Justice, Supreme and National Courts. Kenneth Imako, Partner, Allens
	Chair:	Anthony Roden-Paru, Senior Associate, Vic Bar, Allens & PNG Law Society Councillor

6:15-6:45PM	Topic: Presenter:	<i>The Commonwealth Latimer House Principles: the doctrine of Separation of Powers, Parliamentary Sovereignty & the Independence of Lawyers & the Judiciary</i> Justice Narokobi – Judge of the PNG National & Supreme Courts
	Chair:	Chief Justice, Sir Gibbs Salika GCL KBE CSM OBE
6:45-7:15PM	Topic: Presenters:	<i>Law Society Update</i> <i>Compulsory Legal Education in PNG – has the time come?</i> Tauvasa Tanuvasa, Acting Secretary of the Law Society of Papua New Guinea Hubert Namani, Principal, Namani & Associates & President of the Law Society of Papua New Guinea
	Chairs	Chief Justice, Sir Gibbs Salika GCL KBE CSM OBE Andrew Crowe KC CBE – QLD Bar
Closing		
7:15-7:25PM	Closing Remarks:	Hubert Namani, President of the Law Society of Papua New Guinea
7:25-7:30PM	Closing Prayer Closing	Luke Wangi, Senior Associate, LLLS Lawyers David Denniston, Commonwealth Lawyers Association & Special Counsel, LLLS Lawyers
7:30-8:45PM	Light Refreshments & Networking	