



## 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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PROGRAM	
3:00PM	Registration and welcome
<b>Opening</b>	
3:15-3:35PM	<p><b>Prayer</b> – Luke Wangi, Senior Associate, LLLS Lawyers</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <p>David Denniston, Commonwealth Lawyers Association &amp; Special Counsel, LLLS Lawyers</p> <p>Hubert Namani, Principal, Namani &amp; Associates &amp; President of the Law Society of Papua New Guinea</p> <p>Her Excellency Winnie Anna Kiap CBE, Chair of the Commonwealth Foundation:</p> <p><i>"The Role of the Commonwealth Foundation in PNG in supporting freedoms and the rule of law and other values"</i></p>

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

3:35-4:05PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>The new Mining Bill – key changes, landowner perspectives, and ways the government may take up its increased equity.</b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sharon Haihavu – Manager, Legal & Compliance, Mineral Resources Authority
	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>Developments in Resources Laws - National Petroleum Authority</i></b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sarah Kuman, Partner, Allens
	<b>Chair:</b>	Sarah Kuman, Partner, Allens
4:05-4:30PM	<b>Topic</b>	<b><i>Courtroom advice for young lawyers</i></b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	<i>Gertrude Tamade, Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, PNG &amp; Chair of the Corrs Network of Women PNG (CORRS NOW PNG)</i>
	<b>Chair:</b>	Marlyna Kiske, Associate, LLLS lawyers & Joint VP, PNG Women Lawyers Association
4:30-5:00PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>Natural Resources Law in PNG, Biodiversity Loss &amp; Climate Change, International Environmental Rule of Law Development and the Role of the Courts: Have we got the balance right?</i></b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	Deputy Chief Justice Ambeng Kandakasi, CBE
	<b>Chair:</b>	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

5:15-5:20PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>PacLII Directions</i></b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	Kym Freriks, Managing Editor, Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute (PacLII)
	<b>Chair:</b>	David Denniston, Commonwealth Lawyers Association & Special Counsel, LLLS Lawyers
5:20-5:45PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>An Independent Referral Bar in PNG - has the time come?</i></b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	Hon Justice J A Logan RFD
	<b>Chair:</b>	Jessy Biar, Senior Lawyer, Vic Bar, Holingu Lawyers

5:45-6:15PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>AI – its role in the judiciary and legal practice – risks &amp; opportunities and the CLA Declaration on AI</i></b>
	<b>Presenters:</b>	Alison Holt, LLM, FITP, FBCS, MInstD, CITP, Adviser e-Judiciary, Office of the Chief Justice, Supreme and National Courts.  Kenneth Imako, Partner, Allens
	<b>Chair:</b>	Anthony Roden-Paru, Senior Associate, Vic Bar, Allens & PNG Law Society Councillor
6:15-6:45PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>The Commonwealth Latimer House Principles: the doctrine of Separation of Powers, Parliamentary Sovereignty &amp; the Independence of Lawyers &amp; the Judiciary</i></b>
	<b>Presenter:</b>	Justice Narokobi – Judge of the PNG National & Supreme Courts
	<b>Chair:</b>	Chief Justice, Sir Gibbs Salika GCL KBE CSM OBE
6:45-7:15PM	<b>Topic:</b>	<b><i>Law Society Update</i></b>
	<b>Presenters:</b>	<b><i>Compulsory Legal Education in PNG – has the time come?</i></b>  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
	<b>Chairs</b>	Chief Justice, Sir Gibbs Salika GCL KBE CSM OBE  Andrew Crowe KC CBE – QLD Bar
<b>Closing</b>		
7:15-7:25PM	<b>Closing Remarks:</b>	Hubert Namani, President of the Law Society of Papua New Guinea
7:25-7:30PM	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Luke Wangi, Senior Associate, LLLS Lawyers
	<b>Closing</b>	David Denniston, Commonwealth Lawyers Association & Special Counsel, LLLS Lawyers
7:30-8:45PM	<b>Light Refreshments &amp; Networking</b>	