



# **KILN INAUGURAL CONFERENCE 2018**

**SOFITEL RESORT & SPA (FIJI)**

**FRIDAY, 26 – SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY 2018**

**LAW AS A MISSION; BEING CALLED AND SENT**

**PROGRAM**



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Conference Dress Code: Semi Formal attire

### Thursday, 25 January, 2018

5.00pm – 7.00pm Early Registration

### Day One – Friday, 26 January 2018

6.00am – 7.00am Corporate Prayer (optional)

7.00am – 8.00am Registration for late arrivals

### 9.00am – 10.00am Official Opening

9.00am Welcome & Opening Prayer

9.10am Fiji Welcome formalities

9.40am Garlanding of Chief Guest Justice Anthony Gates  
Speech by Chief Justice Anthony Gates

10.00am Official Photograph & Morning Tea

### Session 1 The Practice of Law – Legal work as Mission, the Prospects and Challenges?

10.30am – 11.30am Speaker: Dr David Benson, Malyon College, Lecturer

*Do you see your work as a calling? It's crucial to reclaim and reframe this word, navigating between the distortions of spiritual dualism and the idolatry of work. We are called by one God, responding through our many callings as we labour for shalom and salvation. Beyond detached commands, however, we need a fresh sense of how God is at work in the world through humanity's journey across the biblical acts of Creation, Fall, Israel, Jesus, Church, and the New Creation. God's labour is all-encompassing, taking in providential, revelatory, justice, redemptive, compassionate and creative work, that all may flourish. Locating our efforts within God's labour impels us each to "toil with all His energy that He powerfully works within me" (Col 1:29)*

11.30 – 11.45 Q&A  
Moderator: James Tan (Australia)

### Session 2 The Christian Lawyer, Oxymoron or Opportunity? Can you be a successful lawyer and a faithful Christian at the same time

11.45am – 12.45pm Speaker: Chen Bunn Young, Principal, Young & Associates, Fiji



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*Are we able to live the principles of the Word of God and be a successful lawyer or do we sacrifice the "Principles of the Word of God" to be successful as a lawyer. Is a successful lawyer measured by their good works, the money they bring in, the number of courtroom 'wins', created precedents, quality of drafting, the way they dress or public perception? What does being a faithful Christian lawyer look like? Are the two inter-related? What happens when there is tension in acting in the best interest of a client which may result in a compromise between your duty and your faith/belief?*

12.45pm – 1.00pm **Panel Responses:**

Hellen Wasilwa (High Court Judge, Kenya) | David Cormack (Barrister, Australia) |  
Seini Puamau (Barrister, Fiji)

Chair: Nancy Tikoisuva (Fiji)

1.00pm – 2.00pm *Networking Lunch*

### Session 3 Elective Workshops

2.00pm – 2.45pm **OPTION A - How to Run Be A Successful Christian Barrister** – Frank Lippett,  
Barrister, Brisbane

*Practical tips for practitioners on being a Christian Barrister and the challenges of Secular  
v Christian perspectives*

Q&A

Moderator: Salaseini Lesianawai (Fiji)

**OPTION B – Separation of Church and (Secular) State** *Where do we fit as  
Christian lawyers?* - Jennifer Gitiri, Senior Legal Officer, Attorney General's Office,  
Kenya

*Governments are seats of authority. As Christians we are to pray for our government  
leaders, pay taxes and obey laws. However, what happens when the laws of God contradict  
the laws of the state? How do you reconcile the difference? What do you do when faced  
with controversial Parliamentary Bills that challenge your faith? Practical tips on effective  
advocacy and submission-making on Bills that will bring legal opinions to the attention of  
government, the judiciary and the public through policy committees.*

Q&A

Moderator: Katalaini Ziru (Solomon Islands)

2.45pm – 3.00pm *Afternoon tea*



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#### Session 4 Understanding Legal Battles

3.00pm – 4.00pm Speaker: Hellen Wasilwa, *Industrial Court Judge, Kenya*

*How do you deal with discourteous and offensive behaviour when it is directed at judicial officers, fellow lawyers, public officers, court administrators and used in email correspondences? Where is the line drawn for practitioners to advocate fearlessly on behalf of the interests of the client and tit-for-tat advocacy? What does informality and familiarity between practitioners in attitude and correspondence indicate?*

*This session will also discuss understanding of root causes of legal battles; dealing with hurt parties; and discerning lawyer and stakeholders.*

4.00pm – 4.15pm **Panel Responses**

Laurel Vaurasi, Principal, *Shekinah Law, Fiji* | Frank Lippett, *Barrister/QLD Parole Board, Brisbane* | **TBC Other Panellist**

Chair: Jennifer Gitiri (Kenya)

#### 7.00pm – 10.30pm BULA (WELCOME) DINNER

**Dinner Topic** **Stories from Scattered Regents (Region Reports and the LEAD program)**

**The first LEAD exchange: A step of faith out of ones comfort zone**

Presenters: Region Reps | LEAD – Corney & Lind Team | Shekinah Law Team | Young & Associates Team | Law Corporation Team

*Short reports from those that lead Christian Legal Fellowship in various parts of the world, challenges they face and encouragement in the lessons learned.*

*How the LEAD program can be a useful tool to build up Christian lawyers on exchange, a time for reflection, the push to grow, an opportunity for broader ministry.*

**Saturday, 27 January, 2018**

6am – 7am Corporate Prayer (Optional) | Morning Devotions @ the Sabeto Mud Pools

**Session 6** **Lessons from the Royal Commission into institutional responses to Child Sex Abuse**

9.00am – 10.00am



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Speaker: Alistair Macpherson, Director, *Corney & Lind Lawyers* and Jeff Bartlett, General Manager, *Australian Christian Churches*

*The Royal Commission in Australia recently engaged in an investigation to Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The implications of this investigation have resulted in significant changes to Australian Law, such as the removal of the Statute of Limitations for victims of Child Sex Abuse. Alistair Macpherson and Jeff Bartlett will explore some of lessons learnt from the Commission, to share on best practices and policies to protect children and the vulnerable in Church, School and institutional settings.*

10.00am – 10.15am **Panel Responses**

Nancy Loaloa, Barrister, Fiji | Rupeni Fatiaki, Director of Social Welfare, Fiji | TBC  
Other Panellist Vanuatu.

Q&A

Chair: Heilala Tabete (Australia)

**Session 7** **Elective workshops**

10.15am – 11.00am **OPTION 1 – Confidentiality** – *Loose Lips Sink Ships* – Laurel Vaurasi and Wati Seeto, Fiji

*Often an understated ethical feature, the importance of this trait can prove to be the 'life' or 'death' of pending matters. Whether at a function, a public place, or even in a lift, those working in the legal sector have to be careful about what we communicate to others concerning legal matters. The obligation of confidentiality is nearly absolute, with limited exceptions, such as consent. In the legal sector (often a small sector and smaller still in small societies) loose lips can sink not only the law practice, but also the reputation of the person who may have inadvertently made known matters to third parties regarding confidential information. The Bible has multiple verses on confidentiality and the repercussions of "spreading strife" and how slander causes division. This elective highlights the importance, the horrors associated with lack of confidentiality and when there are exceptions to the rule.*

Moderator: Eduardo Cruz (Australia)

**OPTION 2 – Reconciliation and Restorative Justice**

David Cormack, Barrister

*Restorative justice and reconciliation are relational concepts of justice and serve to integrate the various and often competing goals involved in peace building into a holistic framework. Sharing from restorative justice initiative of Prison Fellowship Australia example, is there a need for transitional justice processes like trials, truth commissions and*



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*reparation programs to deal with violations of the past and pave a way for reconciliation? Crime survivors in Queensland are taken into a correctional centre and engage with prisoners for two hours one day a week over eight weeks. The crime survivors do not meet their actual perpetrators but, like offenders of similar crimes. The course is based on Jesus approach to Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10). The results for both the crime survivors and prisoners have been life transforming. Restorative justice contributes to the building of safer societies. As Christian lawyers, how do we help navigate a way forward whilst dealing with the traumas of the past?*

Moderator: Samanunu Vaniqi (Fiji)

11.00am – 11.15am Morning tea

**Session 8** Topic: **Recognising Christians in your Sphere of Influence – in Court, in Business, in Boardrooms**

11.15am – 12.00pm Judge David Alfred , Puisine Judge High Court, Fiji Judiciary

*An interview panel of sector leaders who have a large number of people 'walking in-and-out' of their daily lives and how they interact and distinguish those they influence by:*

- *Communication with other parties;*
- *Maintaining independence;*
- *Dealing with tension;*
- *Responding to criticism;*
- *Managing people.*

12.00pm – 12.15pm **Panel Responses**

Howard Politini, General Manager, Bank South Pacific, Fiji | Eduardo Cruz, Senior Associate, Australia | Calvin Ziru, Registrar of Political Parties, Solomon Islands

**Session 9** **Law as Mission: Being called & sent – What is your call? Where are you going?**

12.15pm – 1.00pm Speaker: Romulo Nayacalevu, Senior Human Rights Trainer, Vanuatu

*Our calling in the legal profession is more than just being a "lawyer" or "Law Clerk" or "Office Manager", but also to show the Christ that lives in us and to live by the principles of the Word of God. It is important that you seek God about what your call is, so that you will not be like the Israelites travelling in the desert and not reaching the promise land. The New Testament focuses on mission to include all the world rather than only the community of God's people. Jesus sent his disciples into the world just as he had been sent by God (John 17:18; 20:21). Believers are the salt and light of the world (Matt. 5:13–16). While some*



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*are specially trained (Eph. 4:11–12), it is the joyful responsibility of all believers. As representatives of the Servant Lord, believers are called to a life of humble service (Mark 10:42–45; 2 Cor. 4:5; Phil. 2:5–11). Old Testament history shows that even in pagan environments, God's people such as Daniel, Esther, Joshua can fulfill a God given mandate, bringing glory to God and blessing to people through their calling. This remains true today.*

1.00pm – 1.20pm Closing of Conference: Prayer and Commissioning – Seremaia Waqainabete

1.20pm – 2.30pm *Networking Lunch – BBQ lunch*

**6.30PM – 11.00PM**

**FAREWELL DINNER**

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