



The Council of Australasian Tribunals  
NSW Chapter Incorporated

2012 Whitmore Lecture

**Thursday 3 May 2012 at 5.30pm sharp**

*Court 1, Federal Court of Australia*

*Level 21 Queens Square, Sydney*

The late Professor Harry Whitmore was an eminent academic who, through his teaching and writing, pioneered the field of Australian administrative law. Notably, he was a member of the Kerr Committee established in 1968 whose recommendations are the foundations of the modern Australian administrative law framework.

The New South Wales Chapter of COAT has, since 2007, held an annual lecture in honour of the late Harry Whitmore.

*At the conclusion of the Whitmore Lecture, attendees are invited to a reception outside the courtroom where drinks and canapés will be served.*

*For members of COAT this function, including the reception, is complimentary. For non-members the cost of attending the lecture and the reception is \$50 (\$25 for student non-members).*

*As seating for the lecture is limited, and for catering purposes, you must advise the secretary of COAT by 24 April 2012 if you will be attending the function.*



The New South Wales Chapter of the Council of Australasian Tribunals (COAT) is delighted to announce that the Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG will deliver the annual Whitmore Lecture. The topic of the lecture will be, **“The Duty to Give Reasons Revisited”**.

Michael Kirby was admitted to the New South Wales bar in 1967. He served as Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission from 1975 until 1983. In 1983 he was appointed as a judge of the Federal Court. He served as the foundation president of the Australian Law Reform Commission from 1975 to 1984. In 1984 he was appointed President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal and in 1996 a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

To RSVP for the function please advise the secretary by 24 April 2012:

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