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PRESENTS:

Dispute Boards and Construction Contracts

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Dispute Boards are a new (for Australia) paradigm for the avoidance and resolution of disputes arising from construction contracts. They have been widely and successfully used in the USA since the 1970s and on major international projects since the 1980s. The World Bank mandates the use of Dispute Boards for construction contracts greater than \$10 million. Dispute Boards have been used to a limited extent in Australia since 1988, however to date there has been no Dispute Board on a Victorian project. The magnitude of infrastructure to be procured within the next few years, and the support of both Commonwealth and Victorian governments for alternative dispute resolution methods, indicates that now is an opportune time to consider the use of Dispute Boards for major infrastructure projects in Victoria.

The talk explains what a Dispute Board is, how it is constituted, and how it operates in practice in large projects. The key features which monitor the project, promote the avoidance of disputes and enable speedy and cost effective resolution of disputes that might occur, will be highlighted. Costs of Dispute Boards will be discussed, and their cost effectiveness demonstrated. The efficacy of Dispute Boards will be demonstrated by reference to their use in successful projects in Australia, with particular reference to the outcomes achieved which would not have resulted from other dispute resolution or dispute avoidance processes.

This seminar will be held on
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009
5:15pm - 6:15pm
in the Neil McPhee Room
Level 1, Owen Dixon Chambers East

This Seminar is a component of the Victorian Bar CPD Program and will carry one (1) CPD point in the field of Substantive Law / Professional Skills