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**“Construction law under the microscope: health of the industry,
standard form contracts and residential perspectives”**

presented by

Phillip Greenham, Dr Matthew Bell, Professor John Sharkey AM and Wayne Jocic

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In this webinar, our speakers will cover three discrete and interesting topics.

First, the authors will provide a recap on the key findings and themes emerging from The University of Melbourne’s, "The Health of the Australian Construction Industry Research Report", published late last year (available for free download via www.law.unimelb.edu.au/constructionlaw). This report provides a valuable overview of the state of the industry and guidance in relation to key issues for further consideration particularly as we emerge from the impact of COVID.

Second, Phillip Greenham has recently published the *International Compendium of Construction Contracts* (available with a discount for SoCLA members via [this link](#)). This provides a digest from colleagues around world about how the most commonly used construction project contracts are applied in various countries. Phillip will take us through a number of common issues and themes and his thoughts on areas for further consideration.

Third, Dr Matthew Bell has recently co-authored *Residential Construction Law* with Philip Britton and specialist contributors Dr Deirdre Ní Fhloinn and Kim Vernau. The book offers a systematic and analytical overview of the legal framework for residential construction in a comparative context across the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. It is an accessible guide to the existing law for residents and construction professionals (and their legal advisers), but also charts a course to further, meaningful reforms of the legal landscape for residential construction around the world. Matthew will discuss some of the key themes and issues emerging from the book and will also touch on future directions. More information about the book is available via [this link](#) and SoCLA members can obtain a code for a special discount via [this link](#).

There will also be time at the end of the webinar for attendees to ask questions.

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Dr Matthew Bell



Dr Matthew Bell is a Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of Studies for Construction Law at Melbourne Law School. He is the author of many publications in the field. His scholarship and teaching has been recognised in several awards. Matthew is Professional Support Lawyer to the Major Projects and Construction Group at Clayton Utz on a part-time basis and was the founding Chair of SoCLA's Academic Subcommittee. In 2019, Matthew completed PhD studies, undertaken part-time through the Centre of Construction Law at King's College London. His doctoral thesis examined regulatory regimes to protect the health and safety of occupants of residential buildings in England and Victoria.

Phillip Greenham



Phillip Greenham has practised construction, engineering and infrastructure law for over 30 years. He has extensive experience in contract drafting, contract administration advice and construction dispute resolution. He is highly regarded for enhancing his clients' understanding of risk allocation in commercial contracts and the inherent and particular risks in disputes. Phillip often presents seminars to professional associations, universities and government bodies, on a variety of topics, including effective contract management, improving contractor and consultant performance, insurance law for the construction industry and dispute avoidance.

Phillip teaches as a Senior Fellow Construction Law in the Melbourne Law Masters and is an Enterprise Fellow in the Melbourne Law School.

Professor John Sharkey AM



John Sharkey is a Honorary Professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne and a commercial arbitrator. He is the former head of the Construction and Engineering Division of Norton Rose Fulbright Australia and has practised construction law for over 40 years. He is the co-author of *Building and Construction Contracts in Australia* (Law Book Co. 2nd ed. 1990) and *Commercial Arbitration* (Law Book Co. 1986)

Wayne Jovic



Wayne Jovic is Co-Director of Studies in Construction Law at Melbourne Law School, where he is a senior lecturer. He is also a part-time consultant in the projects group at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. His teaching and research interests are in construction law, contract and private law generally. Wayne previously worked for a decade at Clayton Utz and advised on major construction projects in every state.

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