



Society of Corporate Law Academics (SCoLA)

Vale the Honourable former Justice Paul Finn and Professor Julie Cassidy

We have continued this year our practice of notifying our community of significant events and among the less happy duties for the President this year was notifying members of the passing of two dear friends of SCoLA/CLTA.

In September we shared the sad news that Professor Julie Cassidy, of The University of Auckland, had died. Julie was a long standing member and friend of the Corporate Law Teachers' Association/Society of Corporate Law Academics, regularly attending and participating in our conferences. As frequent attendees will recollect, Julie's friendly and kind presence was always welcome, together with her many, broadly based, scholarly contributions. After undergraduate and honours studies at the University of Adelaide, Julie taught law at Adelaide before being a foundation staffer at Bond University, where she earned her PhD with a thesis titled *Customary international law's protection of aboriginal rights in post colonial states*. Subsequently, Julie worked at Deakin University, Auckland University of Technology and finally the University of Auckland. She also had an adjunct relationship with Monash University. We will very much miss Julie's optimistic and warm presence at our Society gatherings.

Shortly afterwards, we notified you of the death of The Honourable former Justice Paul Finn, also in September. Formerly an academic at the University of Queensland and the Australian National University, Justice Finn was a judge of the Federal Court, a visiting judicial fellow at Flinders University and following his retirement in 2012 worked in academic roles at ANU, the University of Melbourne and the University of Adelaide, including as a Professorial Fellow. He was the Goodhart professor at Cambridge in 2010-2011; in 2008 he was awarded a Doctor of Laws by Flinders University and in 2014 a Doctor of Laws honoris causa by UQ. Justice Finn attended a number of Corporate Law Teachers Association conferences, offering generous insights and contributions to many. His legendary work on fiduciary obligations is of course familiar to us all and will no doubt form an enduring part of his significant legacy. Paul is survived by his wife, Professor Emerita Suzanne Corcoran, known to many of us as a friend of CLTA/SCoLA, and as someone who played an influential role in its development.

The Society wrote to both Julie and Paul's families to express condolences on behalf of our Society.