



Society of Corporate Law Academics (SCoLA)  
(formerly Corporate Law Teachers Association)

**Professor Roman Tomasic**

The Society of Corporate Law Scholars (formerly Corporate Law Teachers Association) expresses our sincere condolences at the death of Roman who was our friend and colleague.

Roman, who was President of the Association 1996-1997, made a profound contribution to the development of corporate law academic work in Australia over many decades. He played a foundational role in our Association and was a very strong long-term supporter of CLTA (SCoLA) as the peak body for Australasian corporate law academics, something for which we will always be grateful (in fact we believe that the 2022 conference was one of very few conferences that he did not attend).

Roman's contributions also included being a founding Editor of the Australian Journal of Corporate Law, one of the two premier corporate law journals in Australia. His numerous doctrinal and empirical contributions covered comparative and international aspects of corporate law, corporate governance, insolvency, business regulation, analysis of Chinese and East Asian legal systems and stakeholder governance to name just a few areas.

Roman has been described as having a way of being able to see 'over the horizon' – identifying emerging issues before they had crystallised in general discourse – and was always keen to share his insights. We found him to be a quietly kind man, but also a brave and independent thinker who was not afraid to give a contrarian view and who would support colleagues to develop their own ideas whether or not they ran with or against the tide.

Roman will be sadly missed by all the corporate law community in Australia and New Zealand as well as overseas where his contribution was also notable.

Professor Susan Watson (President) and Associate Professor Vivienne Brand (President Elect)  
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