

International Legal Services Advisory Committee (ILSAC)

- Appointment of Chairman : August 1990
- Appointment of Members : December 1990-February 1991
- Appointment of Director : 14 February 1991
- First Meeting of ILSAC : 27 February 1991
- ILSAC's 3 year term ends : 30 June 1993

Overview of ILSAC's Activities and Achievements (to 30 April 1993)

- Advice to the Attorney-General and other Commonwealth Ministers concerning :
 - Australia's initial commitments under the Uruguay Round and inclusion of legal services in Australia's conditional offer
 - legal services market access issues in the context of establishing fair trade rules for services under the Uruguay Round trade negotiations
 - the importance of a single Australian market for professional legal services and the role of mutual recognition in this process
 - scope for an initiative in the field of legal co-operation and assistance between Australia and Vietnam
 - the opportunities and challenges facing Australia and the Australian University Law schools in the area of international legal education, including recommended measures to enhance Australia's performance.
- Meeting by Chairman with senior Commonwealth Ministers to explain ILSAC's focus and interests and to seek close co-operation of portfolios in ILSAC's work program.
- Representations to all State Premiers and Chief Ministers concerning ILSAC's strong support for inclusion of legal services in Australia's GATT offer and the importance of the move towards mutual recognition in occupations and professions.
- Initiation of requests by Australia under the Uruguay Round bilateral market access negotiations and advice to DFAT on a range of bilateral market access issues, drawing on the expertise of Australian lawyers and law firms within Australia and overseas.
- A regional initiative in the area of international trade law harmonisation (through the Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AUSPECC)) .
- An international legal education and training research project, with input from the Australian Law Deans, Law Schools, Universities, Government departments and

agencies, training institutions and private sector lawyers to identify constraints and opportunities and develop international legal education in Australia.

- Ongoing advocacy to achieve recognition of legal education qualifications between Australia and countries of the Asia Pacific region.
- Research and an awareness agenda to promote wider use of commercial dispute resolution services by business and government in Australia and in the Asia Pacific region.
- Coordination and assistance in the preparation of a joint government/private sector submission and presentation to the Study Commission of Japan and Ministry of Justice on the issue of foreign lawyers - advocating mutually beneficial concessions in the regulation of access by foreign lawyers to the legal services market of Japan.

Publications and Papers

- Exportable Legal and Related Services - Guide to Responsibilities and Programs of Selected Commonwealth Government Departments and Agencies (handbook).
- ILSAC - Developing the Asia Pacific Links (paper).
- The Opportunities and Challenges Facing the International Performance of Australia's Legal and Related Services Sector (paper).
- An Overview: Exportable Legal and Related Services (paper).
- International Legal Services Advisory Committee - Brochure and Pamphlet.
- ILSAC: What it is and What it Does (speech outline).
- Harmonising International Trade Law to Benefit Trade, Business and Investment in the Asia Pacific Region (speech by Chairman, outline proposal to the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), and information kit).
- Australian Vietnam Legal Assistance and Cooperation Program: An Outline Proposal.
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution (paper).
- The Importance of a Single Australian Market in the Export of Legal Services (paper).
- Studying Law in Australia - A guide to undergraduate and post-graduate courses offered in 1993 by Australian University Law Schools (published by the Committee of Australian Law Deans) (handbook - available within Australia for \$10).
- Australia in Asia : Legal Education Challenges and Opportunities (report).

- Legal Services Country Profiles - China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand (twelve sectoral profiles of approx 15-20 pages each, published 15 February 1993 : \$5.00 each; \$50.00 the set of 12 profiles).
- Submission to The Study Commission of Japan on the Issue of Foreign Lawyers (English and Japanese language editions)
- ILSAC Meetings to Date
 - . 6 full ILSAC meetings
 - . 2 meetings of the Globalisation of Legal Practice Sub-Committee
 - . 2 meetings of the International Commercial Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee
 - . 4 meetings of the International Legal Education and Training Sub-Committee
 - . 3 meetings of the International Legal Co-operation Sub-Committee
 - . 1 meeting of Public Sector Co-ordination Group
 - . 2 meetings of the AUSPECC/ILSAC Coordination Committee
- ILSAC Presentations
 - Chairman: Presentations on ILSAC's international trade law initiative to CEDA forums in Melbourne and Sydney, April and May, 1992
 - Chairman: Presentation on the work of ILSAC to the Australian Professional Legal Education Conference (APLEC), Melbourne, May 1992
 - Chairman: Introductory Remarks - Meeting of Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) representatives on Harmonising International Law to Benefit Trade, Business and Investment , Canberra, 5 November 1992.
 - Chairman: After dinner speech on occasion of launch of ILSAC report *Australia in Asia - Legal Education Challenges and Opportunities*, Committee of Australian Law Deans, Sydney, 19 November 1992
 - Chairman: Presentations to the Study Commission of Japan on the Issue of Foreign Lawyers and the Japanese Ministry of Justice, Tokyo, 30-31 March 1993
 - Professor David Flint: Presentation of paper *ILSAC - Developing the Asia Pacific Links* to LawAsia Conference, September 1991, Perth

- Mr David Bailey: Presentation on ILSAC's international trade law initiative to a meeting of the Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AUSPECC), Canberra, February 1992
 - Mr David Bailey: Presentation to Meeting of Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) representatives on Harmonising International Law to Benefit Trade, Business and Investment , Canberra, 5 November 1992.
 - Mr Philip M Clark : Presentation to a meeting of the Australian Industry Technology Council (AITC) Working Group on Traded Services, Sydney, 21 August 1992
 - Mr Philip M Clark : Launch of ILSAC report *Australia in Asia - Legal Education Challenges and Opportunities*, Dinner of the Committee of Australian Law Deans, Sydney, 19 November 1992
 - Director : Presentation to the 18th International Trade Law Conference, Canberra, October 1991
 - Director : Presentation to a Working Breakfast, Committee of Australian Law Deans, Sydney, 20 November 1992
- Information Sharing
 - ongoing contact with Australian private law firms in Australia and overseas
 - contact with private law firms and lawyers and Law Schools in all Australian States and Territories on the work of ILSAC
 - research material to legal researchers and university postgraduate students
 - dissemination of news of ILSAC's activities through Australian Law News, daily newspapers and other media.
 - occasional contact with overseas government officials, trade development officers and overseas law firms.
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