



An Introduction to Refugee, Migration & Administrative Law CPD Seminars

CASE for Refugees is running a seminar series on Refugee, Migration and Administrative Law to support their new project, the '*Judicial Review Asylum Seeker Project*' ("JRASP").

The project aims to assist clients in house and also to match clients with pro bono assistance to review their decision in the Federal Magistrates Court. The Government currently provide no funding or assistance in this area, despite the recent High Court decision which granted access to the Courts for offshore asylum seekers.

In order to assist barristers and solicitors who may be interested in taking on these matters, CASE for Refugees has arranged for training seminars run by experienced counsel which will cover the background issues, current law and future direction of judicial review in immigration matters. Presenters include a number of members of the Bar including Matthew Howard SC and an opening address will be delivered by Federal Court Judge His Honour Siopis.

CASE is pleased to offer this free CPD opportunity to those firms and members of the Bar who would be interested in becoming involved in the project in a pro-bono capacity. Several large law firms have already joined us. They have recognised the importance of the project but also have seen the benefits that their involvement can have for their legal practice.

We encourage anyone who is interested in refugees, migration or administrative law to take the opportunity to expand their knowledge and become involved in this important access to justice project. The training assumes no particular level of knowledge in this area of law and is designed to be a broad introduction. It is appropriate for all levels of practitioners.

A proposed programme is attached. Please email shayla@caseforrefugees.org.au to register your attendance. A CBD venue will be advised once numbers have been confirmed.

More about JRASP

The Judicial Review for Asylum Seekers Project was set-up by community legal centre CASE for Refugees with the support of Legal Aid WA and WA Bar Association, in response to the substantial number of offshore asylum seekers and refugees who can now access judicial review of their cases as a result of the High Court decisions. The Government currently provide no funding or assistance in this area, despite the fact that the High Court have granted access to appeal mechanisms to these detainees.

In the three months that it is has been operational, it has received requests from almost 100 people and CASE is currently instructing pro bono counsel on 20 matters in the Federal Magistrates Court. The Project is only staffed by a part time lawyer and volunteer law students and it desperately needs help from the legal profession. It is a great opportunity for your firm to get some administrative law experience which can be useful across many areas of your commercial practice.

More information is available from our website; www.caseforrefugees.org.au. If you want to get involved, please telephone Shayla Strapps on 08 6262 1945 or email shayla@caseforrefugees.org.au.

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PROGRAMME CBD Venue (to be advised)

Session 1 – Tuesday, 7 February 2012, 4pm – 6.30pm		(2CPD points – Substantive Law)
3.50pm	Registration	
4.00- 4.15	Welcome by the Hon Siopis J, Federal Court of Australia Introduction to Judicial Review Asylum Seeker Project by Shayla Strapps, Principal Solicitor, CASE for Refuges	
4:15 – 4.45 pm	Overview of the Refugees Convention <i>Matthew Howard SC, Francis Burt Chambers</i>	
4.45 – 5.05 pm	The Convention: A personal insight <i>Sonja Zivak, Associate to the Hon. Siopis J</i>	
5:05– 5:20 pm	Break	
5:20 – 6:00 pm	The Migration Act: “onshore” v “offshore” applicants <i>Nilan Ekanayake, Francis Burt Chambers</i>	
6.00 – 6.30 pm	Relevant, “basic” federal administrative law <i>Henry Jackson, Francis Burt Chambers</i>	

Session 2 – Friday, 10 February 2012, 4pm – 6.30pm		(2.5CPD points – Substantive Law)
4.00 – 4.10 pm	Registration and Welcome	
4.10 – 4:50 pm	The jurisdiction of each of the federal courts to review Refugee Review Tribunal and Independent Merits Review decisions <i>Matthew Howard SC, Francis Burt Chambers</i>	
4:50 - 5:05 pm	Break	
5:05 - 5.45pm	Principal Grounds of review: including <i>Craig v South Australia</i> ; irrelevant and relevant considerations; legislative grounds for review. <i>Matthew Howard SC, Francis Burt Chambers</i>	
5.45 - 6:30 pm	Principal Grounds of review: including procedural fairness; fact finding in the RRT. <i>Peter Hannan, John Toohey Chambers</i>	
6.30pm	Drinks	