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Important Notice

From: Vanuatu Law Council

An open Call to:

- **All Vanuatu Legal Practitioners and**
- **All Judicial officers**

In accordance to s. 5(e) of the Legal Practitioners Act

You are invited to come and listen to a presentation by Justice Peter Johnson of the New South Wales Supreme Court. A short biography is below introducing the speaker.

The 30 minute talk will centre on Justice Johnson's handling of two particular cases involving Terrorism and money- laundering. Questions will be allowed at the end.

Date: 6 May, 2019
Time: 5pm – 6pm
Venue: Dumbea – Court Room 2

Light refreshments will be provided after the presentation.


Nigel Morrison,
Secretary,
Sub-committee on Continuing Legal Education.



BIOGRAPHY

Justice Peter Johnson has been a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales since February 2005. He sits in the Common Law Division of the Court. The work of the Common Law Division includes presiding at criminal trials and sentencing hearing for serious offences (usually murder, terrorism offences and substantial white-collar crime offences) and sitting on the Court of Criminal Appeal, as well as a broad civil jurisdiction including administrative law, professional negligence claims, claims for possession of land arising from mortgage default and other statutory and common law areas of jurisdiction. He was Possession List Judge (the mortgage default list) between 2005 and 2009 and the Criminal List Judge between 2013 and 2017.

Justice Johnson served as a part-time Commissioner of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission from 2012 to 2016 and participated in Report 139 (Sentencing), Report 140 (Criminal Appeals) and Report 141 (Encouraging Appropriate Early Guilty Pleas).

Justice Johnson was admitted as a solicitor in 1976 and practised in the NSW Public Solicitor's Office as a defence solicitor until his admission as a barrister in 1982. He practised at the private Bar from 1982, taking Silk in 1997. His practice included criminal law, public law, health disciplinary law and appearances as counsel assisting, or as counsel for particular interests, before Royal Commissions, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Police Integrity Commission and coronial inquiries.

He served as an Acting Judge of the District Court of New South Wales in 1998-1999 and as an Assistant Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption in 2003-2004. He has been joint author of *Criminal Practice and Procedure NSW* (LexisNexis) with Roderick Howie QC (a former Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales) since the mid-1980s.

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