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Prosecutorial Independence – Especially of the DPP





Nicholas Cowdery

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Thursday, 25 April 2013, 12:30pm - 1:30pm Academic Conference Room, 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower The University of Hong Kong



Professor Cowdery will speak on the need for prosecutors, their chiefs and their agencies to act independently of inappropriate political, media and societal pressures and influences in prosecutorial decision making, the structures and mechanisms that may contribute to that outcome and some of the threats to these principles that may affect community confidence in the criminal justice process.

Nicholas Cowdery AM QC was the Director of Public Prosecutions for NSW, Australia from 1994 to 2011 and President of the International Association of Prosecutors from 1999 to 2005. He was also founding Co-Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association from 1995 to 2000. He is the author of "Getting Justice Wrong: Myths, Media and Crime" (Allen & Unwin, 2001). He now holds academic positions and teaches at the Universities of Sydney, New South Wales and Wollongong (which awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Laws in 2011). He also consults internationally with prosecution agencies and international organisations and writes and speaks on criminal justice matters.

