



FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
SEMINAR ON LITIGATION FUNDING

Monday 13 August 2007
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Level 17 Conference Room
Law Courts Building
Queens Square
Sydney

The Corporations and Insolvency Panel of Judges in the Sydney Registry of the Federal Court will hold a seminar on **Litigation Funding** from 5.00pm to 7.00pm on Monday 13 August 2007 in the Federal Court Conference Room, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square Sydney.

A panel of members of the profession will address some of the questions raised in the May 2006 Discussion Paper of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General. Some of the questions likely to be discussed are:

- Should a direct contract between the solicitor and the plaintiffs/applicants be required in all funded actions?
- Should funding agreements be required to comply with certain criteria?
- Should measures be introduced to ensure the independence of lawyers from litigation funding companies?
- Should it be required that a plaintiff/applicant disclose to the Court and to the other party that a litigation funding agreement is in place, by, for example, filing a copy of that agreement with the Court?
- Is there scope for making of court rules relating to litigation funding companies and agreements?

The panel is:

Mr Tom Bathurst QC
Mr Bret Walker SC
Mr Ben Slade, Maurice Blackburn Cashman
Mr Michael Rose, Allens Arthur Robinson
Mr Michael Legg, Clayton Utz

There will be opportunity for comments and questions from the floor.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the seminar.

All legal practitioners are welcome to attend. As seating is limited, however, please RSVP by 8 August 2007 to Mr Peter Pholi by telephone (9230 8277) or by email: peter.pholi@fedcourt.gov.au. If there are any specific issues or areas which a legal practitioner would like addressed at the seminar, please advise Mr Pholi.

Michael Wall
NSW District Registrar

17 July 2007