

## **Harold Ford Scholarship initiative: Supporting a bright future**

As a member of The University of Melbourne Law School Scholarships Steering Committee, Arnold Bloch Leibler, was proud to host the launch of the Melbourne JD Harold Ford Scholarship initiative on the 7 May 2009 at Arnold Bloch Leibler's Melbourne office.

Appropriately named in honour of Professor Harold Ford – one of Australia's pre-eminent corporations lawyer – the scholarship will provide financial support to prospective bright legal minds whose financial situation may constrain them from studying law.

The speakers included Justices Dodds-Streeton and Whelan in addition to the Dean of the Law School. Justice Dodds-Streeton spoke of Professor Ford's impact on the legal profession and of his remarkable ability to convey to his students complex ideas and propositions in plain and understandable language.

Among the esteemed guests from the Judiciary, the Bar, the wider legal profession, the business community and academia were Harold Ford, Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen, Ray Finkelstein, John Middleton, Julie Dodds-Streeton, James Judd, Simon Whelan, Robert Richter, John Walker, Margaret Jackson, Alan Fells, James Hathaway and Alex Chernov. The firm was honoured to host such an event attended by some of Australia's top legal and business professionals.

Arnold Bloch Leibler is delighted with the outcome of the evening, which aimed to promote awareness of, and garner support for, the scholarship, and wishes the initiative every success in attracting and educating potential future leaders of the legal industry.

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