

CURRICULUM VITAE – PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER FRANCIS SYMES

Professor Christopher Symes is an academic lawyer with a personal chair at the Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia who has a distinguished record in the field of corporate and commercial law with a special interest in corporate and personal insolvency. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

Christopher Symes' research interests include the regulation of insolvency law and practice, the development of an Australian theory of insolvency, the history of Australian insolvency, comparative insolvency law, and the application of the law of remedies to insolvency. Christopher has been a trailblazer in Insolvency Law research in Australia and is Australia's most senior insolvency academic. He is editor of Australia's leading corporate law journal and the senior author of Australia's textbook on insolvency.

Christopher has wide experience in the law of insolvency from more than three decades ranging from teaching, researching, developing and practising with those in the insolvency industry. He is regularly asked to present locally, nationally and internationally on matters of Australian insolvency law. He acts as a consultant to a national insolvency firm with an emphasis on the education and training of those in the insolvency industry. For many years he has also applied his doctrinal and empirical research outcomes in conducting professional development for lawyers, accountants, insolvency practitioners and regulators.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1988 LL. B. (University of Adelaide)
- 1989 Grad. Dip Legal Practice (SAIT)
- 1996 LL. M. (University of Adelaide)
- 1997 Grad. Cert. Tertiary Ed. (Flinders University)
- 2002 M. Ed. (Flinders University)
- 2005 Ph. D. (Flinders University)

RECENT ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016- present Professor, Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide
- 2010- 2015 Associate Professor, Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide
- From 1993 -2009 Christopher was Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer and Associate Lecturer at Flinders University. From 1975 until 1993, before joining academia full time, Christopher worked in a variety of jobs including as an accountant and commercial lawyer.

PUBLICATIONS

Christopher's publications include 14 books and over 100 published articles. In the last 3 years he has published:

- C Symes, 'Cross border insolvency in Australia is bringing about international judicial collegiality: Cooperation with foreign courts and foreign representatives is now mandatory and contemporary' (2020) 36 *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 103-111
- S Lombard and C Symes, 'Judicial Guidelines in respect of Insolvent Litigation Funding Agreements' (2020) 28 (4) *Insolvency Law Journal*
- C Symes, 'Ratcheting up Corporate Law Penalties and the 'Bystander' Impact on Insolvency' (2020) 20 (4) *Insolvency Law Bulletin* 77-79.
- C Symes, 'Dissatisfied creditors wanting the exercise of the court's discretion to terminate DOCAs: Elaborating on the basics of the s 445D discretion.' (2019) 34 *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 356-362.
- J Harris and C Symes, 'Be Careful what you for! Evaluating the Ipso Facto Reforms' (2019) 34 *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 84-102.
- B Nosworthy and C Symes, 'The Good Place or the Bad Place: The Position of Directors during a Deed of Company Arrangement (2019) 26 *Insolvency Law Journal* 191-202.
- T S Porter and C Symes, 'Section 90-15 of the IPS (Corporations) — The new power for courts to exercise when applications for directions are made from voluntary administrators, liquidators and others' (2018) 33 *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 275-284.
- C Symes and B Nosworthy, 'Paying the liquidators when the company is an insolvent trustee' (2018) 33 *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 111-123.
- C Symes, 'Environmental Protection Orders and Insolvency: It's onerous to disclaim, or to prioritize or to resolve the conflict of two public interests!' (2018) 37 *Australian Resources Energy Law Journal (on-line)*

Professor Symes has given 21 seminars, conference presentations and roundtables in the last 3 years in 5 countries, taught International Insolvency Law in Germany in 2018 and participated as Lead for LawAsia at UNCITRAL Committee V in 2018.