



The School of Law and Justice, Southern Cross University, presents a panel discussion on:

# Why an ethical lawyer should not be an oxymoron

<b>Date</b>	Friday 29 August, 2014
<b>Time</b>	3.30pm – 5pm
<b>Venue</b>	The Studio, Lismore City Hall 1 Bounty Street, Lismore
<b>RSVP</b>	Friday 15 August, 2014 Email: <a href="mailto:lawevents@scu.edu.au">lawevents@scu.edu.au</a>

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## Invited Panelists

- The Hon Michael Kirby AC, CMG (Former High Court Justice 1996-2009, Co-Winner of Gruber Justice Prize 2010)
- Sophie Anderson (Barrister, Byron Bay Chambers)
- Stafford Shepherd (Senior Ethics Solicitor, Queensland Law Society)
- Richard Harris (Senior Lecturer, School of Law and Justice, SCU)



## Theme

Why are there so many lawyer jokes yet hardly any about pharmacists, scientists or nurses? Lawyers have led the fight for freedom, justice and equality yet, on a 2013 list of Australia's most trusted professions, they were down near the bottom in the company of tow truck drivers, door-to-door salespeople and politicians.

Lawyers suffer as much from a misunderstanding of their role in the common law adversarial system as they do from the highly publicised behaviour of an unethical, misbehaving minority. We may want, for example, our own lawyer to fight vigorously for us yet don't necessarily approve of that same lawyer staunchly defending the accused in a sexual assault trial.

Join us at SCU as a panel of eminently qualified lawyers attempt to unravel this conundrum by discussing the question –

***What makes an ethical lawyer?***