Rectification of Contracts

Rectification is a court order correcting a mistake in a written contract or other legal document. The precise circumstances in which this important remedy will be granted have long been subject to debate. In this seminar Professor Michael Furmston, one of the world's leading experts on contract and commercial law, will review some major and difficult English developments in this area. These arise from the remarks of Lord Hoffmann in *Chartbrook v Persimmon Homes* about whether the court should apply an objective or subjective test in deciding whether there was a mistake. This produced three different views in *Daventry District Council v Daventry & District Housing*, a challenging case which illustrates just how much can be at stake when something "goes wrong" in the drafting process.

**Presenter**

**Professor Michael Furmston** is a Professor and former Dean of Law at Singapore Management University. His earlier career included lengthy spells at Oxford University and also the University of Bristol, where he served as both Dean of Law and Pro-Vice Chancellor. A Barrister of Law at Gray's Inn, he is the Editor of the Construction law Reports and the author of many leading texts, including *Cheshire, Fifoot & Furmston on Contract*, now in its 16th edition.

**Chair**

**Professor Andrew Stewart** is the John Bray Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide, a consultant with Piper Alderman and President of the Australian Labour Law Association.

**Date:** Tuesday 21 May 2013  
**Time:** 7.30 am - 8.40 am  
**Breakfast:** A buffet continental breakfast will be served, accompanied by tea, coffee and juice  
**Venue:** National Wine Centre (Cnr North Tce and Hackney Road)  
**Parking:** Parking is available along Hackney Road and Plane Tree Drive after the first Parking Bay. Charges will apply.

**Cost:**  
- $130 - Standard ticket  
- $110 - Alumni ticket  
- *$75 - Young lawyers discount ticket*  
- *(for those who have been admitted for less than 3 years)*  
- $40 - Adelaide GDLP Students

The event will attract 1 CPD point in professional skills.
