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PRESENTS:

“The Cartel Reforms: Impetuses, Outline and Issues”

BY:

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**This seminar will be held on
Thursday 25th June 2009
5:15pm - 6:15pm
in the Neil McPhee Room
Level 1, Owen Dixon Chamber East**

On 16 June 2009 the Parliament passed the long-awaited Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2009. The Bill is most well known for its creation of cartel offences, with a maximum of 10 years jail for individual defendants. However, it also represents a major overhaul of the civil regime of cartel prohibitions under the Trade Practices Act 1974. This seminar will explain the impetuses for these significant reforms, outline the new statutory regime, and touch on the key issues and controversies that have arisen in the course of development of the Bill.

Caron Beaton-Wells is an Associate Professor and the Director of Studies for Competition Law at the Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne. She has been at the forefront of debate about the cartel reforms, both as an individual commentator and as a member of the Law Council Trade Practices Committee. She has published articles on cartel criminalisation in leading national and international journals, and is currently undertaking an Australian Research Council funded project on the topic.

This Seminar is a component of the Victorian Bar CPD Program and will carry one (1) CPD point in the field of Substantive Law / Professional Skills