

UN DAY LECTURE 2022



The making of a UNCITRAL convention: the example of the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships

In July 2022, UNCITRAL approved the drafted provisions for the new Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships. The text will be presented for adoption at the General Assembly meeting. This year, our two eminent speakers, both of whom attended and participated in the negotiation of the draft convention, will bring their experience and expertise to provide unique insights on the work of Working Group VI and how the convention was, negotiated, drafted and approved by UNCITRAL. They will also forecast the impact of the convention on domestic and international trade law on **Wednesday 26 October 2022**.

Speakers:

The Hon. Neil McKerracher KC

The Hon Neil McKerracher KC was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia in 2007 and retired in December 2021. He chaired several professional, educational, sporting and charitable bodies including the UNCITRAL Organizing Committee of Australia. From 2019 to 2022 he represented the International Judges' Association in UNCITRAL working groups in the UN, negotiating a draft international maritime treaty. He now provides mediation and arbitration services and is a member of Francis Burt Chambers Perth.

Margo Harris

Margo Harris is a commercial barrister at the Victorian Bar with expertise in international trade and maritime law. Margo attended each of the UNCITRAL Working Group VI sessions of the Beijing Draft for the observers, LawAsia and UNCCA. During that time, Margo became Chair of UNCCA's Working Group VI. Margo is currently finalising a chapter on the Convention for the International Effect of Judicial Sale for Elgar's Companion.

The speakers will present in person from the Federal Court in Brisbane, QLD. The lecture will be live streamed with attendees present in the Federal Court in SA, Vic and NSW.

Attendees in WA, ACT, Tas and NT will get access to the live stream. Please click below to register for the event in your jurisdiction. **Register online at uncca.org/events**