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Achieving social justice: Community Legal Centres NSW 2010 state conference

From 4 to 6 May 2010, people from community legal centres (CLCs) across NSW will come together at the Community Legal Centres NSW state conference to celebrate the work of CLCs which provide vital legal services for the community. The state conference is an invaluable opportunity for all in the NSW CLC network, supporting knowledge sharing, skills training and professional development.

Helen Campbell, Chairperson of Community Legal Centres (CLCNSW), said: "The theme of this conference is 'Achieving Social Justice'. We are delighted that Justice Virginia Bell, Justice of the High Court of Australia, will deliver the keynote address at the conference. As a solicitor at Redfern Legal Centre from 1978-1984, Justice Bell has had a longstanding relationship with NSW community legal centres. We are also pleased to have the 2009 Justice Medal winner, Associate Professor Eileen Baldry, delivering a keynote presentation on the third day."

Alastair McEwin, Director of CLCNSW, said: "We are putting together an exciting and varied program of keynote speakers, panel discussions and workshops. We look forward to welcoming CLC and community workers, academics and public and private legal service providers.

Registrations are now open for the conference, 4-6 May 2010 at the Crowne Plaza hotel, Darling Harbour. Early bird registrations close on 30 March 2010.

About Community Legal Centres NSW Inc.

Community Legal Centres NSW Inc. (CLCNSW) is the peak body for community legal centres (CLCs) in NSW. It has 39 member organisations including generalist and specialist CLCs. The State Office plays a critical role in the law and justice sector in NSW. It supports and represents CLCs in a range of government and community forums to ensure that CLCs can effectively deliver legal services to economically and socially disadvantaged individuals and communities.

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For more information about the CLCNSW 2010 state conference, visit www.clcnsw.org.au/conference2010