



THE ALAANZ NSW Branch Invites you



EVENING FUNCTION WITH GUEST SPEAKER: MR TOM BRENNAN SC

**"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS – OR A TIRED OLD PLAYBOOK- IN
AUSTRALIAN LAW ON CARRIERS' LIABILITY"**

DATE: 24 September 2025

**TIME: 6pm Arrival & welcome drink for 6:30pm presentation
Followed by food & beverage service until 9pm**

**LOCATION: The Australian Museum Sydney
Harbour View Room 2, 1 William Street Sydney**

Duration: 6pm - 9pm

**COST FOR ALAANZ MEMBERS: \$80
COST FOR NON-MEMBERS: \$100**

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TO ARRANGE PAYMENT AS SPACES MAY BE LIMITED****

FINAL NUMBERS TO BE CONFIRMED BY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025



SPEAKER BIO



Tom Brennan SC is a barrister at the Sydney bar with experience in disputes concerning civil aviation including as counsel for the carrier in:

- *South West Helicopters ats Parkes Shire Council* – the exclusivity principle in the Warsaw Conventions precludes recovery, outside the Conventions, for nervous shock caused to family members of deceased passengers;
- *Outback Ballooning Pty Ltd ats Work Health Authority* – Commonwealth civil aviation safety regulation does not cover the field of the safety of air operations;
- *PT Garuda Indonesia Ltd ats ACCC* – market definition of inbound cargo markets; concurrent operation of competition law with international civil aviation law incorporated by Air Navigation Act;
- *Helicopter Resources Pty Ltd ats Commonwealth* – can a corporation rely upon the accusatory principle to restrain a compulsory examination of its chief pilot on the subject matter of a pending criminal prosecution?
- *Mackellar Mining Equipment Pty Ltd v Thornton* – anti-suit injunction; trans-national litigation arising out of Australian air crash;
- *Airlines of Tasmania ats Jones* – are damages for mental harm caused by the death of a passenger recoverable under the Civil Aviation (Carriers Liability) Acts?

Tom Brennan SC was also counsel for the Civil Aviation Authority in its successful claim to foreign state immunity in *DHI22 v Qatar Airways & Ors*.