

**SPECIAL EDITORS' INTRODUCTION****AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND LAWYERS: ETHICS AND REGULATION**

This edition is dedicated to examining regulation of the Australian and New Zealand legal professions and their ethics. Most of the contributions are drawn from papers presented at the Third International Legal Ethics conference hosted by The University of Queensland and Griffith University in 2008.

It is only five years since an edition of this Journal was dedicated to this topic (2004, v 23:2) but there are ongoing significant developments in Australian and New Zealand legal professions and the ethics of lawyers that demand updating and reconsideration. As the articles published in this edition demonstrate, there have been regulatory developments that, in Australia, are simultaneously bringing State and Territory legal professions together and innovating in the way that lawyers are allowed to practise. However, at the time this edition is being published, governments and professions across Australia are considering measures that are to introduce, for the first time, national regulation of lawyers. Lawyers will, yet again, confront profound changes to the way they practise and the ethics of their practice.

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