

## **Introduction**

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Editor

These annual special editions of *The Journal Jurisprudence* are eagerly awaited by our readership. We have built on success after success, in no small part due to the eminent and skilful guest editors who have supported this annual project. Dr Richard Mullender, Professor Thomas Boudreau and Consul Trent Smyth have made a significant contribution to legal thought by guest editing an issue of *The Journal Jurisprudence*.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I introduce this edition and the guest editorship of a true hero of the Australian legal profession, Mr Stephen Keim, SC, of the Queensland Bar. Mr Keim is one of Australia's most distinguished barristers and a staunch defender of human rights. *The Journal Jurisprudence* is honoured that he could contribute so much time and effort over the last twelve months to his curation of this edition. Without his contribution, this edition would not have been possible.

Likewise, I am deeply honoured to welcome the foreword offered by The Hon. Michael Kirby, AC, CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia. His foreword offers many interesting insights, from a true practitioner of human rights, on the seven articles included in this edition. *The Journal Jurisprudence* is deeply thankful to Justice Kirby for writing such an extensive foreword, particularly as he has been busy travelling as the Chair of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Personally, he has been great inspiration to my legal career and it is a great privilege to have his contribution to this publication.

Finally, I shall like to convey my thanks to our many contributors to this special edition. I have greatly enjoyed assisting Mr Keim in the curation of these articles and working with our authors from around the world. I am certain that this edition will make a significant influence upon the discourse of human rights because of the quality of contributions from our authors.

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