



# Magna Carta: Destiny or Accident?

## Public Lecture by the Right Hon the Lord Igor Judge

### Thursday 1 October 2015 5.45 for 6.00pm

UNSW Law, the Gilbert + Tobin  
Centre of Public Law and the  
Rule of Law Institute of Australia  
invite you to a Public Lecture by  
the Right Hon the Lord Igor Judge  
to be held on Level 21 of the Law  
Courts Building, 184 Phillip Street,  
Sydney

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King Edward (1272-1307) *Inspeximus*  
issue of Magna Carta, 1297. Parliament  
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# MAGNA CARTA: DESTINY OR ACCIDENT?

The Magna Carta was a political settlement between a mediaeval king (King John of England) and a group of powerful barons. Yet, 800 years after it was sealed, it continues to be of interest and importance throughout the common law world. In this address Lord Judge will examine Magna Carta in its contemporary context and discuss its surprising survival and how it has come to be regarded as one of the most famous and totemic documents in history.

## SPEAKER

### The Rt Hon the Lord Igor Judge

Igor Judge was Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and Head of the Judiciary of England and Wales from 2008 to 2013. He was awarded an Open Exhibition to Magdalene College Cambridge in 1959 where he read History and Law. While at Cambridge he entered the Hon Society of Middle Temple and was subsequently called to the Bar in 1963. In 1988 he was appointed a High Court Judge in the Queen's Bench Division and knighted. In 1996 he was appointed Lord Justice of Appeal and Sworn of the Privy Council. He was created a life peer in 2008. Lord Judge has served as President of the Selden Society since 2009.



**The Right Hon the Lord Judge**  
*President of the Selden Society*

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A drinks reception will follow Lord Judge's address

## VENUE

Ceremonial Court No 1, Federal of Court of Australia, Level 21,  
Law Courts Building, 184 Phillip St, Sydney

## REGISTRATION

The event is free but registration by Wednesday 23 September is essential.  
Registration can be completed online at:

<https://eventbrite.com.au/event/17686865892/>

Registration inquiries should be addressed to Belinda McDonald,  
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