

# Seminar Summary

The aim of today's seminar is to raise awareness, and learn, about Aboriginal law. Hopefully this seminar will allow you to gauge a better understanding on how you can get involved with Aboriginal law, potential career pathways in this sector, and the intersection between traditional Aboriginal law and the westernised Australian Legal System.



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# Aboriginal Law Opportunities

Careers x Social Justice and  
Equity

## Thank you for attending

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## How to Get Involved

### AURORA Internship Program

The program is available for law students to apply, providing the opportunity to gain professional work experience and improve career opportunities in Indigenous affairs. Students can be placed at Indigenous sector organisations involved in native title, land rights, justice, policy and community development, health, social welfare and research, Australia wide. See the AURORA Internship website for more information: <https://internships.aurorafoundation.com.au/internship-program>.

### OPPORTUNITIES WITH ALRM

The ALRM aims to protect Aboriginal people, to shield them by using the legal system to protect them and their interests from harm and to help them to assert their rights to establish their proud Aboriginal identity as citizens of the state of South Australia. Check at: <https://alrm.org.au/work-with-us>

## Our Panelists

### Andrew Collett AM

Andrew Collett AM has practised as a barrister since 1986, first at Johnston Withers and from 1999 at Murray Chambers. At Johnston Withers from 1979 to 1999 he developed significant expertise and a large practice in personal injury, industrial, Aboriginal, human rights and administrative law. Andrew's commitment to Aboriginal legal rights commenced in 1973 and involved him working as the Executive Secretary of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) from 1974 to 1976 and being the first ALRM solicitor at Port Augusta from 1977 to 1999. Andrew is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at Flinders University where he conducts a course in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and the Law. For his services to Aboriginal legal rights, Andrew was awarded membership of the Order of Australia in 2014.



### Khatija Thomas

Khatija Thomas has worked as an Outreach Solicitor with the Women's Legal Service of South Australia and for the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in the Native Title Unit. Further, she was the duty solicitor for the Civil Section of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM). In 2004-05, Khatija completed an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development placement as a legal advisor at the Community Legal Education Centre in Phnom Penh where her work was primarily in the Land and Natural Resources Team on indigenous land titling, land law and natural resources law issues. Khatija was a cadet with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission in the National Native Title and Land Rights Branch. She has also worked as a Research Associate for the Federal Court of Australia.



### Alan Lindsay SC

Alan Lindsay SC is currently a barrister as part of Jeffcott Chambers whose main practice areas focus on Contract, Disciplinary Tribunals, Inquests, Insurance, Mediations, Arbitrations, Personal Injury, Professional Negligence, Property, Conveyancing, Trade Practices and Consumer Protection. He is also a Chair at the Civil Litigation Committee of the Law Society, a member of the Indigenous Law Students Mentoring Programme and a member of the Community Issues Committee of the Law Society.



### Kate Bulling

Kate Bulling is a highly experienced criminal lawyer who has advocated for Aboriginal affairs greatly during her career. Her current position focuses on major indictable offences, as a junior counsel at the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement. She also has worked extensively as a criminal solicitor at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency.

