

**TUESDAY
5 May 2015**

Venue: Coopers Inn
Cnr Exhibition & Little
Lonsdale Streets
Melbourne.

Time: 5:45pm–6:15pm
Socialising

Drinks at bar prices
Finger food provided

Presentation: 6:15pm–7:15 pm

Cost: No charge VADR &
VARJ members
\$20 Non-members

Membership \$85 p.a.
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RSVP: by Thursday, 30 April 2015
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Book early to ensure a place

**PETER LAURITSEN
CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF
VICTORIA**

***EARLY NEUTRAL
EVALUATION***

Following a pilot in 2010, the Early Neutral Evaluation programme was introduced into the Magistrates' Court Victoria with effect from 1 July 2012. In this process, the parties present their cases by way of submission on the facts and law to an evaluator who provides them with a non-binding, confidential evaluation of their dispute. Chief Magistrate, Peter Lauritsen, will discuss how the process operates, when it is most effective and the success of the programme generally.

Peter Lauritsen became the Chief Magistrate of Victoria on 29 November 2012 after being first being appointed as a magistrate in 1989, and Deputy Chief Magistrate in 2003. Between 1987 and 1989, he was a magistrate for the Northern Territory. During his career, Mr Lauritsen has taken on a range of responsibilities in relation to the management and operation of various Courts and Tribunals, and chaired committees such as the Civil Rules Committee and the Court's Dispute Resolution Committee. Externally, he has represented the Court on numerous committees, bodies, boards and advisory groups including the Council of Legal Education, the Courts' Library Committee, and the Judicial Officer's Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Committee.