

LAW 125 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

To Commemorate its 125th Anniversary the Law School of the University of Adelaide is pleased to announce a **PUBLIC LECTURE**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TIM STRETTON
ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, CANADA**

**CONTRACT, DEBT LITIGATION AND SHAKESPEARE'S
*THE MERCHANT OF VENICE***

DATE 3 April 2008

TIME 1.00 pm

VENUE Law School (Ligertwood Building), Moot Court Room

TOPIC In the latter half of the sixteenth century England experienced an explosion of litigation over debt and conditional bonds. This lecture examines the strains this litigation placed on litigants and on the common law and equity jurisdictions that heard their cases. It seeks to identify 'teething problems' in the development of the common law of contract that may have provided a context for the famous pound of flesh scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

SPEAKER Tim Stretton is Associate Professor and Chair of the History Department at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the author of *Women Waging Law in Elizabethan England* (Cambridge University Press, 1998). He is currently researching a history of married women's legal rights in England from 1536-1925.

Law 125

In 2008, the University of Adelaide Law School celebrates its 125th anniversary. To mark this important event, the Law School has planned a number of events, including the Law 125 Distinguished Speaker Series. Dr Stretton's lecture is the second in this series. For further information about Law 125 events, please contact Dr Paul Babie, paul.babie@adelaide.edu.au