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Leading judicial figures gather at Notre Dame to explore impact of faith

The University of Notre Dame Australia is bringing together some of Western Australia's most respected judicial voices to explore the role of faith in decision making and shaping public life.

At a time of growing global tension, *Faith in Public Life — Understanding its role and impact* will explore how faith can inform ethical leadership and contribute to a more just and cohesive society.

The discussion will feature three esteemed speakers — Western Australian Chief Justice the Honourable Peter Quinlan, the Honourable Justice Marcus Solomon and the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC CVO.

It is being held on Notre Dame's Fremantle Campus on Thursday 23 October, and will be moderated by prominent journalist Nadia Mitsopoulos.

Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences, Law and Business, Professor Martin Drum, said the event would provide a rare opportunity to learn about how faith influences the thinking and leadership of three respected figures.

"It is often presumed that faith and reason are exclusive concepts, but the experiences of many professionals is that faith can be helpful in guiding their values, principles and their engagement with others," he said.

"This unique event offers an insight into three high-profile professionals and how their faith shapes their decisions and the decisions of the people they work with.

"The event will explore the ways in which dialogue and conversation can help us better understand and appreciate how our perspectives shape what we agree and disagree on."

Through informed dialogue, Notre Dame hopes to help the audience better understand the constructive role faith plays in guiding our values, policy and civic engagement.

The event will be held in Foley Hall Lecture Theatre (ND1) from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It is open to students, staff, community leaders and the general public. [Registrations are now open.](#)

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About the panellists

Hon Peter Quinlan is Chief Justice of WA and Lieutenant-Governor of Western Australia. He was previously Solicitor General for Western Australia and has served on the Board of Governors for the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Hon Marcus Solomon is a Justice of the Supreme Court since 2021, and prior to that he had a distinguished career practicing commercial and civil law. He is also a senior Rabbi of the Dianella Shule.

Hon Kerry Sanderson AO was the 32nd Governor of Western Australia from 2014-2018 and has held a wide range of senior roles in business, government and the university sector. She currently serves on a number of Boards including as Chair of St John of God Health Care, Chair of the WA Parks Foundation.

Nadia Mitsopoulos, host of WA Mornings on ABC Perth, will facilitate the conversation.