



The International Law Association (Australian Branch)  
is pleased to host a lunchtime presentation on

*The work of the Hague Conference on Private International Law  
and the Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship*

The presentation will be given by **Mr Philippe Lortie**, First Secretary of the Hague Conference, at the offices of the Attorney-General's Department, 4 National Circuit, Barton from **12:30pm on Monday, 16 November 2015**.

Please register your attendance by email to [secretary@ila.org.au](mailto:secretary@ila.org.au) by Thursday, 12 November 2015. Registration is essential.

Lunch will be provided.

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The **Hague Conference on Private International Law** is an intergovernmental organisation whose mission is the progressive unification of the rules of private international law. Headquartered in the Netherlands with regional offices in Latin America and the Asia Pacific, the Hague Conference has become the world organisation for cross-border cooperation in civil and commercial matters through the development of a suite of treaties (known as the 'Hague Conventions') and a variety of soft law instruments. The Hague Conventions cover a range of matters from intercountry adoption, child abduction and child protection, to international trade and finance. Australia has been a member of Hague Conference since 1973, and is party to several Hague Conventions.

The **Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship** was established in memory of the late Hon Dr Peter Nygh AM, and supports a postgraduate student or graduate of an Australian law school to undertake an internship with the Hague Conference.

**Philippe Lortie** has worked at the secretariat of the Hague Conference (Permanent Bureau) for almost 15 years. Mr Lortie has primary responsibility for the 2007 Child Support Convention, in whose development he played a key role. He also has primary responsibility for the International Hague Network of Judges and issues concerning direct judicial communications.

Prior to joining the Hague Conference, Mr Lortie was Legal Counsel at the Canadian Department of Justice, where he headed delegations to the Hague Conference, UNIDROIT and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

