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MEDIA STATEMENT
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BETHESDA HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTS MEDICAL LEGAL EXPERT AS NEW DIRECTOR

The Bethesda Board Chairman Dr Neale Fong has announced the appointment of Dominic Bourke to the Bethesda Hospital Board.

Dominic has had a long and distinguished career of practising in the commercial litigation field, specialising in medical defence work and insurance law. He has acted for several major medical defence organisations (his clients being MDA National Insurance Pty Ltd, Dental Protection Ltd (UK), Medical Indemnity Protection Society Ltd and on occasions, United Medical Protection.)

Dominic became a partner at Clayton Utz in 1978. He is a member of the Australian Insurance Law Association. He is also Honorary Solicitor for several sporting organisations, including the Western Australian Olympic Council Inc., and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, Western Australian Division Inc.

Dominic has extensive experience in Coronial matters and has acted as Counsel in numerous inquests, appearing for medical and dental practitioners and also for clients in the mining and refining industries. Due to his comprehensive knowledge, he has significantly influenced developments shaping the Coroner's Act and Coronial system.

Dominic is an experienced and senior Advocate, having appeared in all West Australian Courts, Boards of Inquiry, the Coroners Court and a Royal Commission. He is also an accredited mediator with LEADR, an Australasian, not-for-profit membership organisation that promotes alternative dispute resolution including mediation.

Dr Fong said the Bethesda Board was most privileged to have someone of such high calibre become part of the Bethesda governance structure, stating that Directors and senior staff were very much looking forward to working with Dominic to progress the Mission of the hospital.



Above: Dominic Bourke is a new Director on the Bethesda Hospital Board

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