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# Drugs, Law and the Global Health Crisis

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Each year, nine million people die needlessly from infectious disease in developing countries. Among the causes of this annual Holocaust are that too few vaccines and drugs that would prevent or cure those diseases are being developed, and that the existing drugs are typically priced at levels that place them out of the reach of most developing-country residents. Those problems are, in turn, partly the result of poorly constructed laws. This lecture will examine the crisis and propose several ways in which the legal system could be modified to alleviate it.

Chaired by the Hon Justice Paul de Jersey, AC, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland

5.30 – 6.30 pm, Thursday 8 March @ Banco Court, Level 2, Supreme Court Building, Brisbane Court Complex, 304 George Street, Brisbane followed by a reception @ Rare Books Precinct (attached to Banco Ct) until 8:00pm

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