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Vale John Dorter

John Dorter passed away shortly before Christmas 2015.

He was an expert in construction contracts and construction dispute resolution. John worked at both ends of the contract, from negotiation and advice on contract establishment to claims and disputes.

John was the Law Council of Australia's representative on the OB-003 committee charged initially with updating the General Conditions of Contract. The committee shared that the structure and content of the resulting standard are largely due to his superb drafting efforts.

He was co-author of 'Building and Construction Contracts in Australia – Law and Practice' and 'Commercial Arbitration in Australia – Law and Practice'. He was also General Editor of the 'Building and Construction Law Journal'.

John was a Past President of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia and a Life Fellow of that body. He was also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. John was a Director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and a past Lecturer in Building Contracts and Evidence at the University of Sydney and in Arbitration Practice at the University of New South Wales. Additionally, he was a Senior Fellow of the University of Melbourne lecturing in the Master of Construction Law program.

He has been described by his fellow committee members "as a gentleman, a good sport, a person of enormous intellect and experience, and a good friend with a wicked sense of humour."

John contributed greatly to the legal profession and to standards development. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and co-workers.