



THE MEDICO-LEGAL
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Saturday May 6th 2017

Melbourne Club, 36 Collins St, Melbourne

Dress: Black tie preferred

Drinks served at 6.30 p.m.

Presentation at 7.00 p.m. followed by Dinner

**Silent Shock:
the men behind the thalidomide scandal and an Australian family's long road to justice**

will be presented by

Michael Magazanik

The baby started to come out. Head first, everything ok. But then I saw that there were no arms. And then no legs. The little girl had only a torso and a head.

'Silent Shock' exposes the fifty-year cover up of the most notorious drug ever – the thalidomide scandal killed or damaged up to 15,000 babies across the world. The story details the disaster, exposes the subsequent cover-up and records the heroism of the survivors. It features a German drug company, the inventor of thalidomide, which was so bizarre and brazen that in the aftermath of the disaster it appointed a man convicted of mass murderer at Auschwitz to serve as the chairman of its board.

Michael Magazanik was one of Lyn's lead lawyers and, as a former journalist, he turned to writing the book when the litigation ended.

Michael Magazanik studied law but then escaped, working as a journalist for 10 years at The Age, The Australian and ABC Television.

In 2004 he returned to the law and worked at Slater & Gordon for a decade, including running the asbestos practice in Western Australia which has the highest rate of mesothelioma in the world.

Last year Michael set up his own law firm, Rightside Legal, and works broadly across personal injuries, with a particular focus on representing asbestos victims and survivors of institutional sexual abuse.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Monday 1st May- No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside the Melbourne Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9650 4941) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

The Committee reminds Members that the Main Dining room is to be vacated by 11.30 p.m.

Host Members: Dr. Robert Nave and Mr. Darren Bracken

**Mr. Ian Rose, Hon. Legal Secretary
Tel: (03) 9645 1597 or 0419 551 362**

**Dr. Raphael Kuhn, Hon. Medical Secretary
Tel: 0419 399 719**



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M.L.S.V. General Meeting 6 May 2017 - Mr Michael Magazanik

ACCEPTANCES: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT AND LIST NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES

Post to: EVANS BROS (R&G) PO BOX 17 TEESDALE VIC 3328 or Fax to: 1300 66 26 85 with credit card details

Tax Invoice for GST: Please record amount paid \$_____ (inc. GST) and retain a copy for your records.

Tables of 8-10 people may be reserved provided full payment for all attendees is made when you return this notice.

MEMBERS: Drinks and Meeting Only ____ x \$50.00; Drinks, Meeting and Dinner ____ x \$140.00 per member (inc. GST)

GUESTS: Drinks and Meeting Only ____ x \$55.00; Drinks, Meeting and Dinner ____ x \$160.00 per guest (inc. GST)

Members (include dietary preferences): _____

Guests (include dietary preferences): _____

Please make cheques payable to: "The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria" TOTAL AMOUNT \$_____ (inc. GST)

OR payment via Credit Card: Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Diners Club ☐

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Signature: _____ PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY

The charge to Members for these meetings is set on a "cost recovery" basis.