

# Castan Centre for Human Rights Law



## NEWSLETTER

### World's Leading Economist, World Vision CEO Talk Poverty

#### NEWS FLASH

Dalai Lama  
to deliver  
public lecture  
at Castan  
Centre,  
8 June 2007.

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The Castan Centre was established by the Monash University Law School in 2000 as an independent, non-profit organisation committed to the protection and promotion of human rights.

Through research and public education, the Centre generates innovative theoretical and practical approaches to understanding and implementing international and domestic human rights law.

A large audience was on hand at the offices of Clayton Utz in February to hear Professor Jeffrey Sachs and Tim Costello discuss solutions to the world's poverty crisis.

Professor Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, has been labelled by the New York Times "the most important economist in the world" for his groundbreaking work on poverty in developing countries. He appeared via satellite from New York and was introduced by Tim Costello AO, head of World Vision Australia.

nal thinker promoting innovative but research based ways of alleviating the plight of extreme poverty".

Professor Sachs has worked as a consultant for many countries, including Bolivia, Poland, China and Tanzania and he discussed many of his experiences in those countries. In particular, he addressed the concept of the "ladder of opportunity", which the poorest countries must get one foot on in order to begin to develop.

In his introduction, Mr Costello stated



Tim Costello AO introduces Jeffrey Sachs on the big screen.

Because of time differences, the event was held prior to work and Clayton Utz provided a breakfast for the event, which was fully subscribed within hours of being announced in December. Clayton Utz partner, Brad Vann, said that his firm was very happy with the morning. "We were delighted to team with the Castan Centre to provide a forum for Professor Sachs given his outstanding reputation as an origi-

that, whereas Bono and Bob Geldof are the heart of the global poverty movement, "the heart would be nothing if there wasn't the head and I regard Jeffrey Sachs and his thinking, his commitment, his intellect as really the head of this whole movement." Those who were at the event would heartily agree.

*For a detailed report of Professor Sachs' lecture, please turn to page 7.*