

## Tim Falkiner (Information)

Tim Falkiner is a Barrister with chambers in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He was formerly the Commercial/Legal Officer with the Victorian Casino Control Authority (later the Casino Division, Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority) which was responsible for setting up the legislative framework for the Crown Casino in Melbourne.

Falkiner has studied the historical, mathematical, economic, political, psychological and social aspects of the commercial gambling industry and problem gambling.

Since 1996 he has been Chairman of Know the Odds Inc. (KTO), a charitable educational organization set up by a steering committee chaired by Dame Phyllis Frost. The Patron of KTO is Rev Tim Costello and it has as its goal: "through education, to prevent the harmful effects of problem gambling in the community." Falkiner took a leading role in the development of the Know the Odds educational kit: "Problem Gambling Today, You Figure It Out" which incorporates video, software and notes.

As well as being a lawyer, Falkiner is also a qualified town planner and he worked for many years in the Victorian land use planning department. Falkiner's particular interest is control systems theory.