

Special Issue: Adrian Evans Festschrift

**Introduction:**

(Graeme Hodge, Monash University)

What can we say about Adrian? We have heard many times this afternoon that Adrian is a person who has long been passionate about legal ethics, about virtues and about conflicts of interest; that he is an author and close colleague to many in the room; and that he is now retiring. I, for one, have valued his personal advice, his integrity and his wisdom. In fact when I think about it, he has spent much of this life advising others how to behave in difficult situations and how to live a better life. He has always handled other people with real care. I think we should turn the tables here and ask not what his advice is to us about a situation, but ask ourselves how each of us should behave towards Adrian as he enters a profoundly different period of life – retirement. Joshua Yuvaraj and I formed a group (last week) and called ourselves *The Travelling Strawberries* (with due acknowledgment to the slightly better known *The Travelling Wilburys*). This is our advice on how we should deal with Emeritus Professor Adrian Evans in the future.



**HANDLE WITH CARE**

**(Adrian Evans Style)**

He's been in Law and he's been around  
He's been sent up, and he's been shot down  
But he's the best thing that we ever found, So  
Handle him with care

Associate Deans they are changeable (their)  
tasks are barely tolerable  
Maria you are adorable (For)  
Hand'ling him with care (Now)

He's re-tired but he'll never be lonely (There's)  
so much life he's yet to live  
Won't you show him that you really care?

It was Cambridge Uni Press that they first tried on  
Now that text book 'Lawyers Ethics' is relied on

He's been fobbed off, and he's been fooled  
His sensitivity to conflicts has been ridiculed  
Been teaching decades in Monash Law School  
Handle him with care

(music break)

He's been stuck in airports, and been terrorized  
In Faculty meetings he's been hypnotized (and)  
Over-exposed, commercialized  
Handle him with care (Now)

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so much life he's yet to live  
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Now there's no more uptight and there's no more mess  
Ahead is bees and honey (and walking) I guess  
Oh, the sweet smell of success  
Handle him with care