



**Guest Speaker: The Hon Virginia Bell AC, former Justice of the High Court of Australia and current Patron of the Women Lawyers Association of New South Wales**

**5.30pm for 6pm Friday 11 February 2022**

**Union, University & Schools Club of Sydney, 25 Bent Street, Sydney**

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**Justice Bell** was appointed to the High Court of Australia on 3 February 2009. She had previously been a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW since March 1999, first in the Common Law Division and then, from early 2008, in the Court of Appeal. She graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Laws in 1977. After seven years as a solicitor with the Redfern Legal Centre, she was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1984 and was appointed senior counsel in 1997. Justice Bell

practised as a public defender between 1986 and 1989 before returning to the private Bar. Between 1994 and 1997 she was a counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the New South Wales Police Service.

She served as president of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration from 2006 to 2008 and was Chair of the University of Wollongong Faculty of Law Advisory Committee from 2007 to 2008. From 1998 to 1999, she served as a part-time Commissioner of the NSW Law Reform Commission. On 26 January 2012, Justice Bell was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for "eminent service to the judiciary and to the law through leadership in criminal law reform and public policy development, to judicial administration, and as an advocate for the economically and socially disadvantaged."

***It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the achievements of women in law and the following appointments to the bench since our last event in February 2020. Please join us and distinguished guests in celebrating the achievements of these women in the judiciary.***

Justice Jacqueline Gleeson, High Court of Australia  
 Judge Elizabeth Cheeseman, Federal Court of Australia  
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 Judge Sophie Given, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia  
 Chief Justice Lucy McCallum, Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory  
 Justice Kate Williams, Supreme Court of New South Wales  
 Judge Jane Mottley AM, District Court of New South Wales and Senior Judge, NSW Drug Court  
 Judge Tanya Smith SC, District Court of New South Wales  
 Judge Karen Robinson, District Court of New South Wales  
 Judge Ellen Skinner, District Court of New South Wales & President of the Children's Court of New South Wales  
 Judge Penny Musgrave, District Court of New South Wales  
 Deputy Chief Magistrate Sharon Freund, Local Court of New South Wales  
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 Magistrate Melissa Humphreys, Local Court of New South Wales  
 Magistrate Kirralee Perry, Local Court of New South Wales  
 Magistrate Nicole Ford, Local Court of New South Wales  
 Magistrate Robyn Richardson, Local Court of New South Wales  
 Magistrate Kasey Pearce, Local Court of New South Wales  
 Magistrate Rebecca Hosking, Local Court of New South Wales  
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