



Guest Speaker: The Honourable Justice Virginia Bell AC, High Court of Australia

5.30pm Friday 28 February 2020

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 2018. Please join us and distinguished guests in celebrating the achievements of these women in the judiciary.

The Hon Justice Wendy Abraham, Federal Court of Australia
 The Hon Justice Louise Henderson, Family Court of Australia
 Judge Monica Neville, Federal Circuit Court
 The Hon Justice Chrissa Loukas – Karlsson, Supreme Court of ACT
 The Hon Justice Lucy McCallum, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW
 The Hon Justice Kelly Rees, Supreme Court of NSW
 The Hon Justice Lea Armstrong, Supreme Court of NSW & President of NCAT
 The Hon Justice Trish Henry, Supreme Court of NSW
 The Hon Justice Sandra Duggan, Land & Environment Court
 Judge Wendy Strathdee, District Court of NSW & Dust Diseases Tribunal
 Judge Kara Shead SC, District Court of NSW
 Judge Nanette Williams, District Court of NSW
 Judge Sharon Harris, District Court of NSW
 Judge Susanne Cole, District Court of NSW & Deputy President of NCAT
 Judge Sophia Beckett, District Court of NSW
 Magistrate Teresa O'Sullivan, NSW State Coroner
 Magistrate Leanne Robinson, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Debra Maher, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Georgina Darcy, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Miranda Moody, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Fiona McCarron, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Holly Kemp, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Lisa Viney, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Sally McLaughlin, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Janine Lacy, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Allison Hawkins, Local Court of NSW
 Magistrate Jillian Kiely, Local Court of NSW

We also acknowledge the recent appointment of Her Excellency
 The Hon Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of NSW.

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