

Appointments

The Association congratulates the following members on their appointments since the last report. (Styles and titles as at the date of appointment).

FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Judge: D.F. Jackson, Q.C.

FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Judge: M.J.M. Lawrie

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Judge: His Hon. Judge M.W. Campbell, Q.C.

J.P. Bryson, Q.C.

J.E.H. Brownie, Q.C.

Master C.R. Allen

Master: J.E. Monaghan

DISTRICT COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Judge: J. Lloyd-Jones, Q.C.

J.R. Dunford, Q.C.

N.A. Newton

D.J. Freeman

R.N. Madgwick, Q.C.

B.E. Mahoney, Q.C.

COMPENSATION COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Judge: B.E. Egan

P.R. Moran

AUSTRALIAN CONCILIATION & ARBITRATION COMMISSION

Judge: P.R. Munro

CROWN PROSECUTORS

C.K. Maxwell, H.J. Morgan,

P.L. Roberts

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

V.M. Bell

P.C. Heerey QC (Vic)

P. Mandie QC (Vic)

R.F. Redlich QC (Vic)

J. Strahan QC (Vic)

Beaumont QC (Vic)

P.F. Greenwood QC (Qld)

B.J. Salmon QC (ACT)

Overseas

D.ST.J. Keane (UK, HK)

N.T. Salts (UK)

Judicial Officers' Bill

Gyles, Q.C. received the following letter from the Chief Justice, The Hon. Sir Laurence Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J.:

My dear President,

I should like to thank you and your fellow Councillors in the Bar Association for both the fact and the quality of your support in the recent dispute with the Government over the Judicial Officers Bill. This proposed legislation is of great constitutional significance. The criticism of the Government's original proposals has already produced some significant changes. I only hope that the Attorney General's, and the Government's, confidence in the justification for what it is doing proves to be well founded. They are taking an appalling risk with our judicial system on what is generally felt in professional circles to be wholly inadequate consideration and virtually no consultation.

The balanced and responsible contribution made to the public debate by you personally and other members of your Council was of considerable public significance and I would like, on behalf of our judicial institutions, to place on record our appreciation of this.

Yours sincerely,
Laurence Street,
Chief Justice

21st October 1986

Transition

The following local Counsel have recently called upon the Attorney General in connection with the appointment of Queen's Counsel for 1986. The interstate and overseas Queen's Counsel will be invited to call upon him when they are in New South Wales.

New South Wales

C.E. Backhouse

W.W. Caldwell

J.A. Crumpton

W.M.C. Gummow

K.G. Horler

R.N. Howie

R.B.S. MacFarlan

B.C. Newport

E.O.G. Pain

G.A. Palmer

R.J. Peterson

J.W. Shaw

J.J. Spigelman

J.M. Stowe

P.D. Urquhart

A.P. Whitlam

Interstate

J.I. Fajgenbaum QC (Vic)

I.V. Gzell QC (Qld)

H.R. Hansen QC (Vic)

Central Criminal Court

The Bar Association complained to the Attorney General in August about the facilities available at Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst. The Attorney General has responded and agrees that the facilities do not adequately meet current needs. The government purchased the Mark Foys building in Castlereagh Street last June and the government architect is currently developing plans to provide additional jury facilities to accommodate all the Criminal Division of the Sydney District Court. The Attorney General expects tenders for the project to be called in early 1987, with a view towards work being completed by the end of 1989.

The opening of those Courts will reduce the pressures at Darlinghurst, which will then be refurbished and air conditioned with improved facilities being provided for both the profession and the public.

In the meantime, the Attorney General has asked his Department to take all necessary action to make conditions at Darlinghurst as comfortable as possible pending the refurbishment.