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Acting Executive Director
and Principal Registrar Rebel
Kenna at the bicentennial
sitting of the Supreme Court
on 17 May 2024 / photographed
by Murray Harris Photography.

Inside cover:

St James, [1930s-1940s] /
photographed by Max Dupain

FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the 2024 Annual Review of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Its purpose is to provide an overview of the Court's work over the previous year, both in qualitative and quantitative terms.

A bicentennial celebration

2024 was a year of great significance in the Court's history as the Court marked the bicentenary of the proclamation of the Third Charter of Justice and the first sitting of the Court under our first Chief Justice, Sir Francis Forbes, on 17 May 1824. On the same day, 200 years after its establishment, the Court hosted a ceremonial sitting in the Banco Court, attended by her Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales, Margaret Beazley AC KC, the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, together with the Chief Justices of Singapore, New Zealand, and the Chief Justices of all Australian superior courts.

They, together with former Chief Justices of New South Wales, current and former judges of the Court and other courts, distinguished guests and members of the profession, heard an historic and deeply moving acknowledgement of country by Andrew Smith, barrister and Wiradjuri man, and a superb musical performance by renowned Australian musician and composer, William Barton. The Attorney General, the Hon. Michael Daley MP, Dr Ruth Higgins SC, President of the NSW Bar Association and Mr Brett McGrath, President of the Law Society of NSW, each addressed the Court prior to my formal address in reply. A selection of images captured on that day are reproduced in this Annual Review and some now hang permanently outside the Banco Court opposite the History Wall which was commissioned for the bicentenary and is a brilliant installation which captures the chronological history of the Court. The Court's bicentennial ceremonial sitting was filmed, and the footage may be accessed via the Supreme Court's website.

The ceremonial sitting was only one of many events and initiatives arranged to mark the Court's bicentenary, many of which had, as their unifying and informing theme, the rule of law and the importance of

an independent judiciary. These events and initiatives included speeches delivered to eight regional branches of the Law Society of New South Wales in addition to the annual Opening of Law Term dinner, an inter-faith service of thanksgiving at St James' Church (also celebrating its bicentenary) and a gala reception at Government House for judges, senior members of the profession and representatives of a variety of legally related bodies.

In April, a month before the actual bicentenary, *Constant Guardian, Changing Times – the Supreme Court of New South Wales, 1824-2024* edited by the Hon Keith Mason AC KC and Larissa Reid was officially launched by the Hon JJ Spigelman AC KC. On the same occasion, her Excellency the Governor opened the Supreme Court Gallery adjacent to the Banco Court which contains a wonderfully eclectic 'salon-hang' of more than 50 pictures, portraits and photographs of the Court, judges, practitioners and litigants throughout its history. This, in combination with the History Wall and the Banco Court itself, provides a starting point for organised school visits to Queens Square and the King Street complex, led by the historical walking tour specialists, Journey Walks. Since the first tour in April by Ashfield Boys High School, 17 schools and 488 students from across Greater Metropolitan Sydney and as far afield as the Hunter Valley have visited the Supreme Court. This initiative, part of the Court's enhanced outreach program, will continue into the future. Another book, *Enduring Courts in Changing Times: celebrating the 2024 Bicentenaries of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and Tasmania* was launched by the Hon. T F Bathurst AC KC in the Banco Court in July 2024.

The Banco Court was also the venue of a two-night sold out performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Trial by Jury*, translated to the 21st century and contemporary Sydney under the baton of the Hon Peter Hidden AM KC with barrister Vicky Hartstein 'updating' the libretto. It was a wonderful musical celebration of the Court's bicentenary as was the Bicentennial Concert later in the year at the Conservatorium of Music by the Sydney Lawyers' Orchestra and the Bar Choir including a piece specially commissioned for the occasion by the Hon George Palmer AM KC.

Another bicentennial initiative, the Indigenous Internship Program, enabled ten Indigenous recent law graduates or students to spend two weeks at the Court, one with an Equity judge and one with a Common Law judge as well as at least a day in each of the Court of Appeal and Court of Criminal Appeal. This program was the initiative of Justices Slattery and Yehia. After the program, the interns collectively wrote to me, saying:

The historical relationship between the NSW Supreme Court and First Nations people has not always been unblemished. However, this Program has demonstrated that the [Court] is genuinely committed to reducing actual or perceived barriers to First Nations people entering and succeeding in the legal profession. It has subsequently encouraged us all to make new and ambitious career goals, to both challenge ourselves and best serve the interests of our communities.

One of the interns, Corey Blyth, was subsequently awarded an Australia-at-large Rhodes Scholarship, and, as at the time of publication of this review, is working at the Court as a researcher before going to Oxford.

I acknowledge the Court's media and public affairs officer, Christopher Winslow, and bicentenary officer, Sophie Howard for their great assistance and work in making the celebration of the Court's first 200 years so memorable.

Caseload

Amongst the bicentennial celebrations, the day-to-day work of the Court of course continued apace. While the number of criminal matters filed with the Common Law Division was down by 13 percent in 2024, the number of bail applications surpassed 3,100 – an increase of approximately 24 percent. Both the Equity and Common Law divisions experienced an increase in the total number of filings, reflecting a very large number of common law claims for historical institutional abuse and in part discernible impacts of rising interest rates and the cost-of-living pressures. In this latter regard, filings in the Possession List, for example, increased for

the fourth consecutive year, and totalled 1632 matters. Both the Court of Appeal and the Court of Criminal Appeal matched or exceeded national timeliness benchmarks. It is noteworthy that the age profile of the pending caseload in the Court of Criminal Appeal improved from an already impressive base, with 98 percent of cases finalised within 12 months.

Practice Notes and artificial intelligence

Periodically the Court reviews and reissues Practice Notes, in accordance with changes in legislation, trends in litigation, or the need to improve efficiency and access to justice. In 2024 practice notes in respect of Bail, the Probate and Family Provision List, Representative Proceedings and the Corporations List were amended and reissued. In April, a new practice note, Pronunciation of Names and Forms of Address, was issued in recognition that the correct pronunciation and forms of address is an important aspect of the mutual respect to which all participants in judicial proceedings are entitled.

On 2 December 2024, towards the end of Law Term, members of the legal profession gathered in the Banco Court for a briefing on the newly issued Practice Note, SC Gen 23 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence. Its purpose is to identify the circumstances in which use of Gen AI is acceptable in proceedings in the Supreme Court. The Practice Note was the culmination of extensive consultation with the legal profession but was also the capstone of the Supreme Court's response to the challenges posed by Gen AI to the work of the courts. This is a complex and rapidly developing topic. A collection of material about Gen AI, including policies and guidance notes from other jurisdictions, is available on the Supreme Court website.

Gen AI and the topic of 'truth decay' more generally was a topic I explored in a number of speeches delivered in the course of 2024. These and other speeches including those given by other members of the Court are catalogued in Appendix II of this Review and published on the Court's website.

Retirements and appointments

As with any enduring institution, the Supreme Court is animated by the expertise of the men and women who are appointed to it. An infusion of judicial talent balances the experience and capacity that is lost through retirements from the Bench and provides new energy and vitality to the Court's work. In 2024 the Court farewelled the Hon Justices Sackar, Meagher, Button, White, and Wilson. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the significant contribution that each made to the Supreme Court during their judicial careers. 2024 also saw the retirement of Hon. Carolyn Simpson AO KC as an acting judge of appeal. Taking this acting service into account, Justice Simpson, only the second female to be appointed to the Supreme Court, retired as the third longest serving judge in the Court's history. She was and is greatly admired.

Joining the Court in 2024 were Justices Pike, Hmelnitsky, Faulkner, Rigg, and McHugh. Justice Derek Price, former Chief Judge of the District Court, also took up an appointment as an acting judge of appeal.

Vale

2024 saw the passing of the Hon. Andrew Rogers AO KC, the Hon. Moreton Rolfe KC and the Hon. Paul Stein AM KC. Each made an invaluable contribution to the administration of justice and the reputation of the Court as did Ernie Schmatt AM PSM, the long-term Chief Executive of the Judicial Commission of New South Wales.

Thank you

A cursory view of the daily court list will show the number and variety of directions and interlocutory hearings, bail applications, trials, appeals, judgments given, and sentences delivered by the Supreme Court each sitting day. It would be impossible for the judges to manage such a large and diverse caseload without a corps of dedicated registrars and highly skilled court officers and support staff. The listing officers ensure that cases are brought on as efficiently and expeditiously as possible, while the Office of the Sheriff, the Reporting Services Branch and court officers ensure that prisoners, witnesses, practitioners and parties each perform their designated role in the administration of justice and proceedings are recorded or transmitted by audiovisual links. Recognition is

due to Justices Garling and McNaughton who, along with Registrar Leonie Walton, have progressed the Digital Case File – a project that will greatly increase the efficiency with which judges and registrars can manage the cases brought before them.

I particularly acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Ms Rebel Kenna, the acting Executive Director, and Principal Registrar throughout 2024. An enormous debt is owed to Rebel and the staff whom she leads. A similar debt is owed to the Judicial Commission of New South Wales led so ably by Ms Una Doyle. The Commission's assistance to and support of the Court is essential and invaluable.

I also offer my thanks to the Office of the Sheriff, under the leadership of Ms Tracey Hall PSM, which also celebrated its bicentenary in 2024.

Finally, I thank the judges, their associates and tipstaves for their continuing commitment to public service. I especially acknowledge the support of the President of the Court of Appeal and the Chief Judges of the Equity and Common Law Divisions. As I observed during the Court's bicentennial ceremonial sitting:

'My role and responsibility, and that of my colleagues, is to continue to earn and maintain [the] respect of and from the community. In that context, no Chief Justice could hope to have, and no court or community which it serves could have, a finer cohort of judges as we have here in New South Wales in 2024. Their work is typically solitary, unrelenting and carries huge personal responsibility which they daily discharge with equanimity and great skill.'

I commend this report.

The Honourable Andrew Bell
Chief Justice of New South Wales

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COURT PROFILE



Jurisdiction and Division

The court system in New South Wales is structured on a hierarchical basis. The Supreme Court is a superior court of record and, as such, has an inherent jurisdiction in addition to its specific statutory jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court of New South Wales: Our place in the court system

The Supreme Court has appellate and trial jurisdictions. The appellate courts are the:

- Court of Appeal; and
- Court of Criminal Appeal.

The Court has two trial Divisions:

- Common Law Division; and
- Equity Division.

This structure facilitates the convenient dispatch of business in accordance with the provisions under section 38 of the *Supreme Court Act 1970*. All criminal work is undertaken in the Common Law Division.

Section 23 of the *Supreme Court Act 1970* provides the Court with all jurisdiction necessary for the administration of justice in New South Wales. The Supreme Court has supervisory jurisdiction over other courts and tribunals in the State, which is generally exercised by the Court of Appeal.

The Land and Environment Court of New South Wales and the Industrial Relations Commission sitting in Court Session are specialist courts of statutory jurisdiction. The Judges of these courts have the status of Supreme Court Judges.

Appeals from the Land and Environment Court are heard by the Court of Appeal. Decisions of the Industrial Relations Commission may be subject to judicial review in the Court of Appeal for jurisdictional error.

The District Court of New South Wales sits between the Supreme Court and the Local Court. Both the District Court and the Local Court are subject to statutory jurisdictional limits.

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) was established by the *Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013*. The NCAT is the single point of access for specialist tribunal services in NSW, consolidating the work of 22 former tribunals. There are four divisions of the NCAT: the Administrative and Equal Opportunity Division, the Consumer and Commercial Division, the Guardianship Division and the Occupational Division.

Appeals may be brought from NCAT to the Supreme Court. Appeals may also be brought from the Personal Injury Commission to the Supreme Court.

Judges

The judicial officers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales are its Judges and one Associate Judge. The Registrars of the Court have limited decision-making powers.

The Governor of New South Wales formally appoints the Judges of the Court following a decision by Cabinet. Judicial appointments are made based on a legal practitioner's integrity, high level of legal skills and the depth of his or her practical experience.

Appointment is pursuant to section 25 of the *Supreme Court Act 1970*. Section 25 specifies that the Court will include: a Chief Justice, a President of the Court of Appeal and such other Judges of Appeal, Judges and Associate Judges as the Governor may appoint from time to time. The Governor is also empowered to appoint qualified persons as Acting Judges of Appeal or Acting Judges when the need arises.

The Chief Justice is, by virtue of the office, a Judge of Appeal, and the senior member of the Court of Appeal. The other members of the Court of Appeal are the President and the Judges of Appeal. The Judges of the Court are assigned to specific Divisions and ordinarily confine their activities to the business of those Divisions. The Chief Justice may certify that a particular Judge should act as an additional Judge of Appeal in a particular matter before the Court of Appeal.

The *Supreme Court Act 1970* also provides that the Chief Justice may appoint Judges to administer a specific list within the Common Law or Equity Divisions.

Set out below are the Judges of the Court, in order of seniority, as at 31 December 2024.

Chief Justice of NSW

The Hon. Andrew Bell

President of the Court of Appeal

The Hon. Justice Julie Ward

Judges of Appeal

The Hon. Justice Fabian Gleeson
 The Hon. Justice Mark Leeming
 The Hon. Justice Anthony Payne
 The Hon. Justice David Hammerschlag
 The Hon. Justice Anna Mitchelmore
 The Hon. Justice Jeremy Kirk
 The Hon. Justice Christine Adamson
 The Hon. Justice Kristina Stern
 The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison
 The Hon. Justice Richard McHugh
 The Hon. Justice Michael Ball

Chief Judge at Common Law

The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison

Chief Judge in Equity

The Hon. Justice David Hammerschlag

Acting Judges of Appeal

The Hon. Acting Justice John Basten
 The Hon. Acting Justice John Griffiths
 The Hon. Acting Justice Derek Price AO

Judges (In order of seniority)

The Hon. Justice Michael Walton
 The Hon. Justice Stephen Rothman AM
 The Hon. Justice Michael Slattery AM AM (Mil) RAN
 The Hon. Justice David Davies
 The Hon. Justice Peter Garling RFD
 The Hon. Justice Ashley Black
 The Hon. Justice James Stevenson
 The Hon. Justice Stephen Campbell
 The Hon. Justice Geoff Lindsay AM
 The Hon. Justice Francois Kunc
 The Hon. Justice Robertson Wright
 The Hon. Justice Peter Hamill
 The Hon. Justice Helen Wilson
 The Hon. Justice Des Fagan
 The Hon. Justice Natalie Adams
 The Hon. Justice Julia Lonergan
 The Hon. Justice Guy Parker
 The Hon. Justice Kelly Rees
 The Hon. Justice Lea Armstrong
 The Hon. Justice Mark Ierace

The Hon. Justice Richard Cavanagh
 The Hon. Justice Kate Williams
 The Hon. Justice Hament Dhanji
 The Hon. Justice Elisabeth Peden
 The Hon. Justice Mark Richmond
 The Hon. Justice Michael Meek
 The Hon. Justice Dina Yehia
 The Hon. Justice Nicholas Chen
 The Hon. Justice Sarah McNaughton
 The Hon. Justice Richard Weinstein
 The Hon. Justice Deborah Sweeney
 The Hon. Justice Scott Nixon
 The Hon. Justice Anthony McGrath
 The Hon. Justice Sarah Huggett
 The Hon. Justice Ian Pike
 The Hon. Justice James Hmelnitsky
 The Hon. Justice Timothy Faulkner
 The Hon. Justice Belinda Rigg
 The Hon. Justice Andrew Coleman

Acting Judges

The Hon. Acting Justice Michael Elkaim
 The Hon. Acting Justice RA Hulme

The Hon. Acting Justice Monika Schmidt AM

Associate Judges

The work of an Associate Judge involves hearing applications that arise before trial, certain types of trial work and work on proceedings that the Court of Appeal or a Judge may refer to the Associate Judge.

Applications that arise before trial include:

- applications for summary judgment
- applications for dismissal of proceedings
- applications for extensions of time to commence proceedings under various Acts
- applications for the review of decisions of Registrars.

As at 31 December 2024, the Court's only Associate Judge was the Honourable Joanne Ruth Harrison (Common Law Division).

In the Common Law Division, an Associate Judge conducts hearings of actions for personal injury and possession of property. Associate Judges also hear other cases (without a jury) that are referred by the Court of Appeal or a Judge, in addition to appeals from the Local Court and various tribunals.

Appointments

The Hon. Justice Ian Pike was sworn in as a Judge on 30 January 2024.

The Hon. Justice James Hmelnitsky was sworn in as a Judge on 1 February 2024.

The Hon. Justice Tim Faulkner was sworn in as a Judge on 23 May 2024.

The Hon. Justice Belinda Rigg was sworn in as a Judge on 24 July 2024.

The Hon. Justice Richard McHugh was sworn in as a Judge of Appeal on 20 August 2024.

The Hon. Justice Andrew Coleman was sworn in as a Judge on 1 October 2024.

The Hon. Justice Michael Ball was sworn in as a Judge of Appeal on 04 November 2024.

Retirements

The Hon. Justice Richard White, Judge of Appeal, retired on 19 December 2024.

The Hon. Justice Richard Button, Judge, retired on 24 August 2024.

The Hon. Justice Anthony Meagher, Judge of Appeal, retired on 1 August 2024.

The Hon. Justice Trish Henry, Judge, retired on 16 February 2024.

The Hon. Justice John Sackar, Judge, retired on 16 February 2024.

The Hon. Justice Stephen Robb, Judge, retired on 02 February 2024.

Judicial Education

It is nationally and internationally recognised that judges should continue their education for the duration of their judicial career. The Australian national standard endorses at least five days each calendar year of judicial education and training relating to the judicial officer's responsibilities.

Our Supreme Court judges fulfill this in various ways including after appointment attending the National Judicial Orientation Program (NJOP), conducted by the National Judicial College of Australia, with input from the Judicial Commission of New South Wales. Held in various locations around Australia, this five-day orientation program assists newly appointed judicial officers with their transition to judicial office by facilitating the development and refinement of the skills and knowledge necessary for effective judging.

National Judicial Orientation Program

- 17-22 March 2024: Justices Nixon and McGrath attended the Brisbane NJCA
- 10-15 November 2024: Justices McHugh, Pike, Faulkner and Hmelnitsky attended the Perth NJCA

The Judicial Commission of New South Wales – ongoing education

The Judicial Commission offers an extensive education program for judicial officers (including the Supreme Court), ranging from annual conferences, as well as seminars, webinars and workshops on specific aspects of law, procedure, judicial skills and social context issues. The programs are designed to keep judicial officers up to date with current developments and emerging trends. The Commission aims to continuously renew judicial skills and provide information about changes to the law, court procedure and community values.

The Court's annual conference, attended by most judicial officers, was held again in Newcastle in August 2024 at two locations one of which was the University of Newcastle's inner city teaching facility. The program encompassed a diverse range of topics providing the opportunity to improve the skills and knowledge of judicial officers as well as provoke discussion about the role of the judiciary in the legal profession, trends in AI and global issues impacting national interests. Speakers included:

- Panel with Dr Aditya Joshi, Dr Fleur Johns and Dr Andrew Lynch – *Generative AI and its implications for legal education*
- Justice Sarah McNaughton – *Suppression Orders*
Panel with Dr Arlie Loughnan and Dr Hayley Bennett on *Hyper-knowledge and the future of law*
- Major General (Ret'd) Paul Symon AO – *National security, framework and current global issues*
- Professor David Rolph – *Refinements in the law on contempt*
- Justice Ian Harrison and Justice Natalie Adams – *Developments in Criminal Law*
- Dr Jessica Hudson – *The proper purpose rule-preventing law's international abuse*
- Justice James Stevenson – *The Adoption Jurisdiction*

An additional international perspective was provided by the court's guest, Lord Hamblen, Justice, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, who spent time in conversation with the court on issues of relevance to both jurisdictions. Author and journalist Mr Nick Bryant ended the conference with a perspective on American authoritarianism and Donald Trump.

Cross-jurisdictional programs

Cross-jurisdictional programs aim to facilitate discussion about current issues and provide opportunities for exchanging ideas between members of different courts. The Banco Court is the venue for many of these sessions and was extremely well attended for Professor Michele Pathe's presentation on 'A psychological perspective on sovereign citizens' on 20 February 2024.

Other cross-jurisdictional programs included:

- 14 March 2024: *Bias in the jury room: understanding stereotypes about domestic violence and what to do about it*
- 27 March 2024: *Lessons Learned from Incarcerated Domestic Violence Survivors*

The Ngara Yura Committee

The Judicial Commission's Ngara Yura Program was initially established in 1992 in response to the final recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody that judicial officers should receive instruction and education on matters relating to Aboriginal customs, culture, traditions and society.

Judicial officers have an important responsibility to 'listen, learn and lead' when dealing with Indigenous Australians who come before them. The Ngara Yura Program also provides Aboriginal people with an opportunity to learn about the judicial process.

Justice Dina Yehia is Chair of the Committee and Justice Natalie Adams also serves on the Committee.

The following Ngara Yura programs were attended by one or more judicial officers:

Ngara Yura Program seminars and webinars in 2024

- 12 March 2024: 'Unconscious bias in the Australian Public Service'
- 8 May 2024: 'The Australian jury in black and white'
- 5 November: 'History and personalities of the Walama List' (with Frances Forbes Society)
- Ngara Yura Program site visit
- 26 October 2024: Site visit to Holsworthy Military Area

Education Committee

The Supreme Court Education Committee, in partnership with the Judicial Commission of New South Wales, plans and organises continuing judicial education for judges of the Court.

Members

The Hon. Justice Anna Mitchelmore (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Tony Payne

The Hon. Justice Peter Hamill

The Hon. Justice Mark Ierace

The Hon. Justice Elisabeth Peden

The Hon. Justice Scott Nixon

Ms Rebel Kenna, Acting Executive Director and Principal Registrar

Ms Catherine Kenny, Director, Education and Research, Judicial Commission of NSW (Convenor)

Ms Anne-Elise Smith, Manager, Programs, Judicial Commission of New South Wales (Convenor from March 2023-March 2024)

Judicial Information Research System (JIRS)

In addition, there are online resources permanently available on the JIRS database to judges of the Supreme Court. Bench books and other research tools are available and are updated regularly. Several judicial officers serve on Bench book committees which oversee the updating and maintenance of these essential resources.

Where possible, Supreme Court judges are also able to view and participate in programs remotely either via the live streaming of certain programs or viewing programs that have been recorded and stored on JIRS.

International Education

In 2024, Justice Kristina Stern was appointed to the editorial board of the Bulletin, the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) newsletter, an on-going communication tool supporting the work of the IOJT as a virtual community.

The Registrars

Registrars of the Court are appointed under section 120 of the *Supreme Court Act 1970* pursuant to the provisions of the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*. The Chief Justice may also certify officers of the Supreme Court or Local Court to act as Deputy Registrars of the Court from time to time.

Registrars are allocated to work within the Court of Appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeal or to one of the Court's Divisions. They are permitted to work outside particular Divisions, if required.

Registrars are delegated power of the Court by the Chief Justice under the s 13 of the *Civil Procedure Act 2005* to undertake some of the functions formerly performed by Judges and Associate Judges under the *Supreme Court Rules 1970*, *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005*, and other legislation.

A significant amount of work completed by Registrars is the assessment and determination of uncontested probate applications. In addition, the work of the Registrars commonly includes:

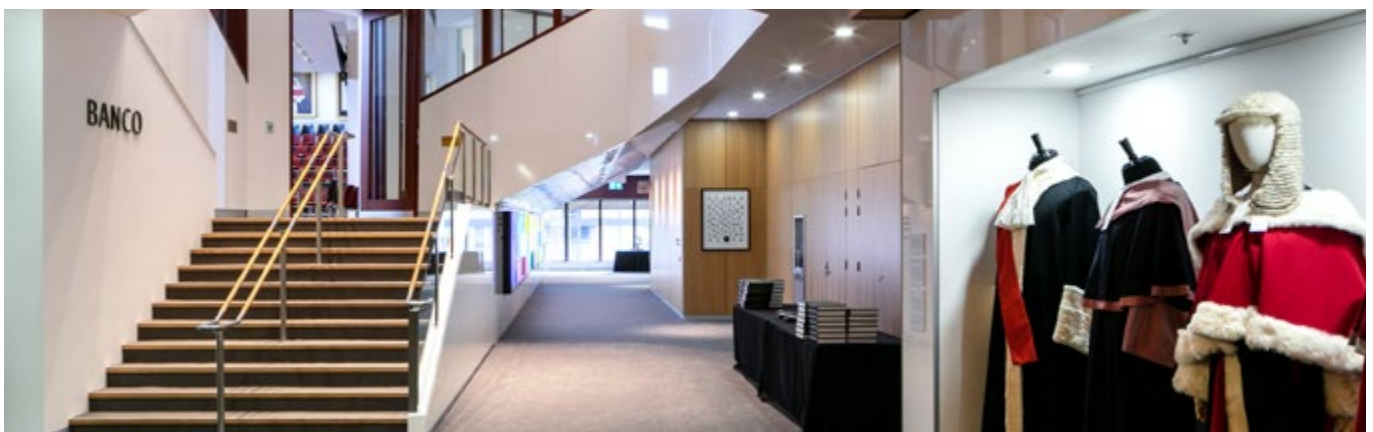
- case managing defended matters up to final hearing;
- hearing and determining interlocutory applications including but not limited to security for costs, discovery, interrogatories, provision of particulars, and subpoenas;
- hearing costs disputes if the amount in question is unlikely to exceed \$20,000;
- determining unopposed applications for the transfer of cases to or from the District Court;
- conducting examinations under various Acts, including the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987* (Cth), the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth), and the *Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990* (NSW);

- dealing with applications for orders under many of the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), such as the winding up of companies;
- hearing applications as referred to them by a Judge or Associate Judge;
- issuing court orders and writs of execution; and
- entering default judgments.

The *Supreme Court Rules 1970* and delegations under the *Civil Procedure Act 2005* permit Registrars to directly assist the Judges in case flow management. For instance, in the Court of Appeal, the Registrar deals with most interlocutory applications, excluding applications to stay judgment pending an appeal. In the Common Law Division, a Registrar conducts directions hearings in the General List and also assists the Possession List and Professional Negligence List Judges.

The Registrars may also be called upon to mediate cases. During 2024, ten of the Court's Registrars were qualified mediators and available to conduct mediations throughout the year on a rostered basis.

Deputy Registrars are rostered to act as Duty Registrar and to provide procedural assistance each day to court users in person, or by email or telephone. They also attend to the issue of court orders, writs of execution and other miscellaneous matters.



Set out below are the Registrars of the Court, as at 31 December 2024:

Acting Executive Director and Principal Registrar

Rebel Kenna

Acting Director, Assistant Principal Registrar and Prothonotary

Brett Thomson

Registrar, Court of Appeal

Peter Onisforou

Registrar, Court of Criminal Appeal

George Galanis

Registrar, Common Law Case Management

Jennifer Hedge

Registrar in Equity

Leonie Walton

Registrar, Corporations List

Leonie Walton

Registrar in Probate

Lynda Gerritsen

Senior Deputy Registrars

Brendan Bellach

Suzin Yoo

Sivashna Chetty

Peter Clayton

Claudia Czerwinski

Elizabeth Orr

Deputy Registrars

Shashi Palagummi

Tara Aftanas

Kateryna Shulha

Monique Welch

Marija Araci

The work of the Registry

The Registry provides administrative and clerical support to the Court.

In civil matters, the Registry is responsible for:

- accepting documents filed at the Court;
- securing the custody of court documents including exhibits and documents produced under subpoena;
- listing matters for hearing;
- issuing court process;
- attending to the information needs of the Court's users by providing procedural guidance;
- maintaining the Court's physical files and computer records; and
- ensuring that all the necessary facilities are available for hearings.

In criminal matters, the Registry provides support in processing committals, bail applications, applications under Part 7 of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001*, and Common Law Division criminal summary jurisdiction proceedings.

In respect of the Court of Appeal, the Registry provides specialised administrative and clerical support to the Court of Appeal Judges and offers procedural guidance to litigants and their representatives. Similarly, for the Court of Criminal Appeal, the Registry provides support to the Judges hearing criminal appeals and also issues orders concerning the custody of prisoners.

Management of the Registry

The Chief Justice directs the priorities to be pursued by the Registry. In general, the priorities reflect the central aim of meeting the expectations of Court users competently, efficiently and professionally.

Operational management of the Registry is handled by the Executive Director and Principal Registrar of the Court. The Executive Director is responsible for securing and managing the resources provided to the Court by the New South Wales Department of Communities and Justice. The Executive Director also provides executive support to the Court's judicial officers and develops strategies to improve the delivery of Registry services. These duties are undertaken in close consultation with the Chief Justice, other judicial officers, the Department, key professional bodies and Court users.

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COURT OPERATIONS



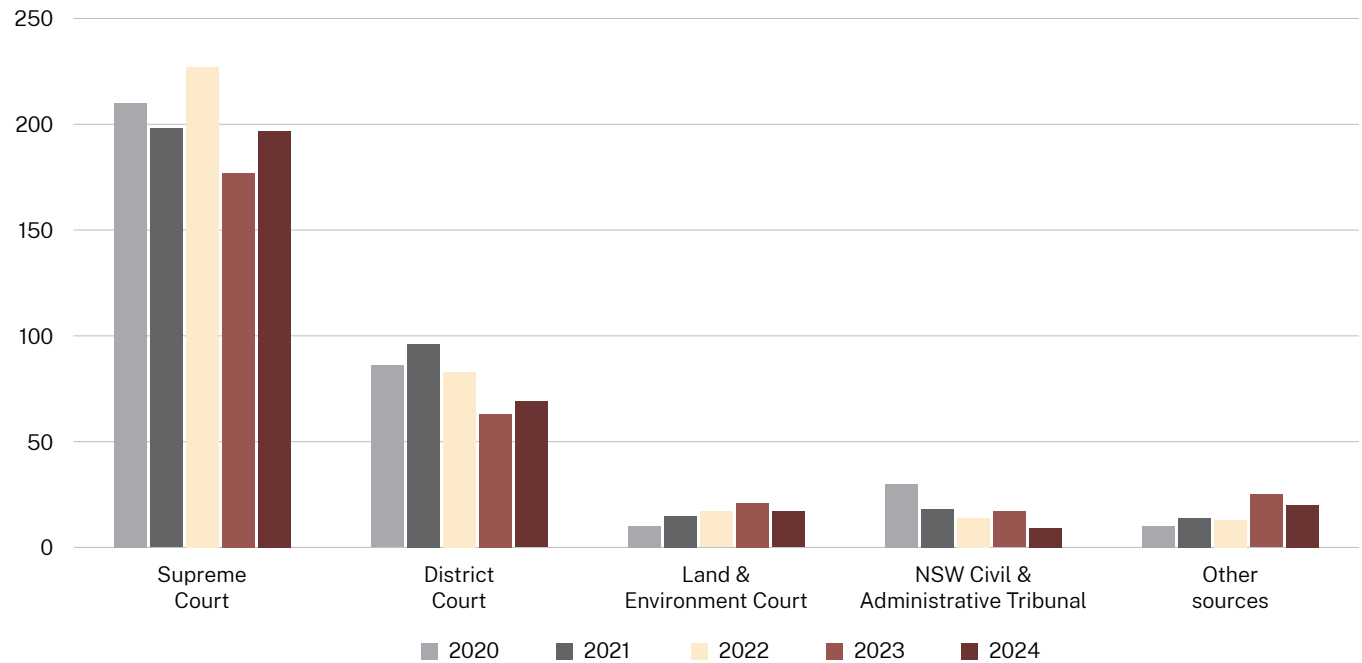
Court of Appeal

Statistics

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	303	312	3%
Disposals	363	320	-12%
Pending	148	140	-5%

Figure 1 illustrates the sources of filings between 2020 and 2024.

FIGURE 1: Court of Appeal Referral Sources



Of the 312 new cases, the majority were commenced by a notice of appeal, totalling 158 cases. In addition, 116 cases were initiated by a summons seeking leave to appeal while 42 cases were brought forth by a summons for the Court of Appeal to exercise its original jurisdiction.

There were 320 final disposals in 2024, which occurred by the following methods:

- **judgment** following hearing of either an appeal, an original jurisdiction summons or a concurrent hearing¹ – 74 percent
- **refusal** of the appeal, original jurisdiction summons or leave application – 16 percent
- **settlement** of the appeal, original jurisdiction summons or leave application – one percent
- **discontinuance or other final disposal** of the appeal, original jurisdiction summons or leave application – nine percent

1 A concurrent hearing enables the application for leave to appeal and, where leave is granted, the consequent appeal to be determined in a single hearing.

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the Court of Appeal's achievements against national benchmarks for age of cases at finalisation. In 2024, 90 percent of cases were finalised within 12 months, achieving the national benchmark of 90 percent. 99.7 percent of cases were finalised within 24 months, falling a fraction short of the national benchmark of 100 percent.²

FIGURE 2: Court of Appeal – cases finalised in less than 12 months

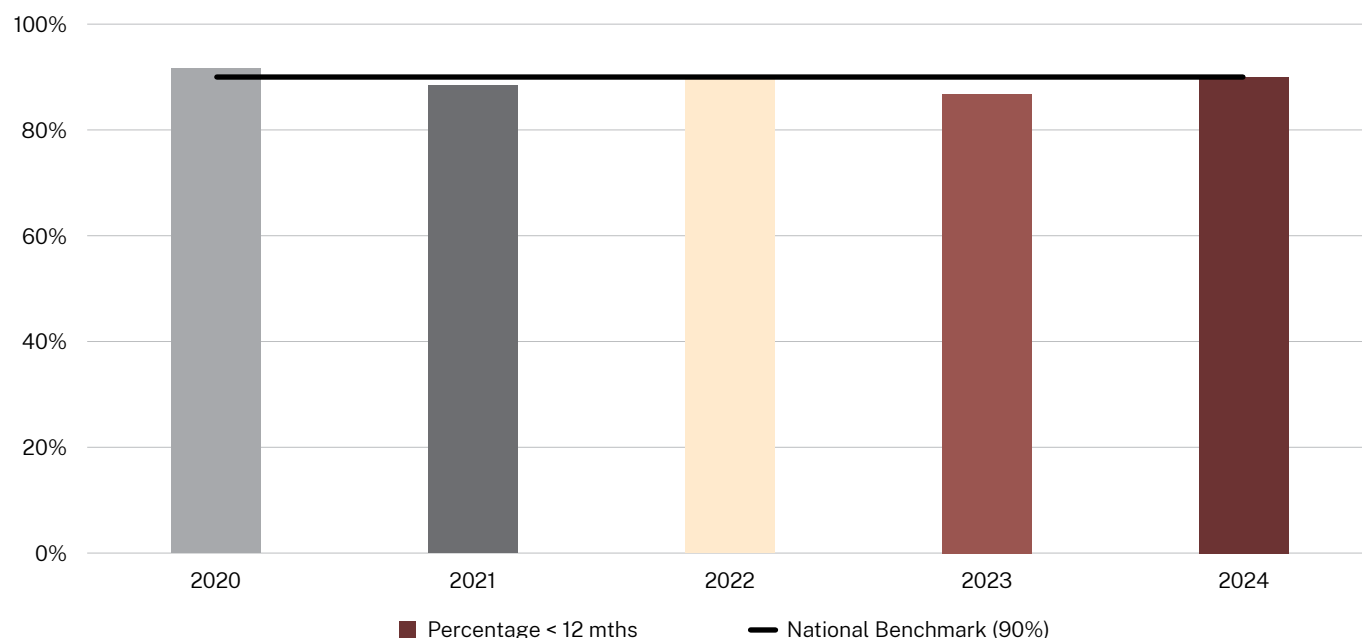
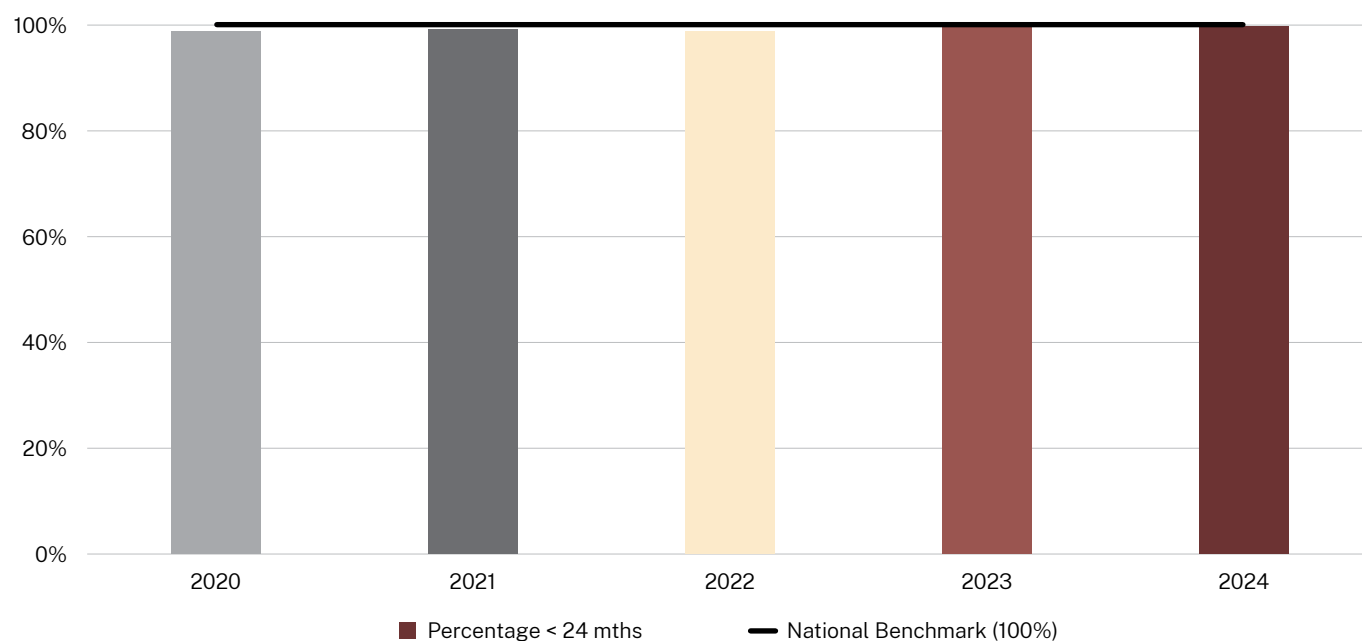


FIGURE 3: Court of Appeal – cases finalised in less than 24 months



² National standards are derived from the 'backlog' performance indicator within the Report on Government Services (published annually by the Productivity Commission). Note that the national standards apply to district/county courts as well as to supreme courts; consequently, the national standards apply to a large range of indictments, criminality and civil case types. For civil non-appeal cases, all supreme courts in Australia continue to have difficulty achieving the national standards.

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COURT OF APPEAL³						
Filings (net new cases)		346	341	354	303	312
Filings of appeals / applications for relief		214	223	236	202	196
Filings of applications for leave to appeal ⁴		132	118	118	101	116
Disposals (final disposals)		381	346	311	363	320
Disposals of appeals / applications for relief		232	231	207	247	227
Disposals of applications for leave to appeal		149	115	104	116	93
Pending cases at 31 December		170	165	208	148	140
Appeals / applications for relief		124	124	157	114	85
Applications for leave to appeal		46	41	51	34	55
Number pending (% of total)	National standard⁵	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
TIMELINESS – AGE OF PENDING CASES AT 31 DECEMBER⁶						
Cases within 12 months of age	90%	157 (92%)	152 (92%)	199 (96%)	136 (92%)	134 (96%)
Cases within 24 months of age	100%	168 (99%)	163 (99%)	207 (99%)	148 (100%)	138 (99%)

3 These statistics exclude notices of intention to appeal, as notices do not commence a substantive appeal or application. Statistics cover Court of Appeal cases only, which are not comparable with 'civil appeal' statistics reported within the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services (which count all civil cases of an appellate nature, including appeals and reviews dealt with in the Common Law and Equity Divisions).

4 This includes leave applications and applications where parties have elected to have a concurrent hearing of both the leave application and the appeal (if leave is granted).

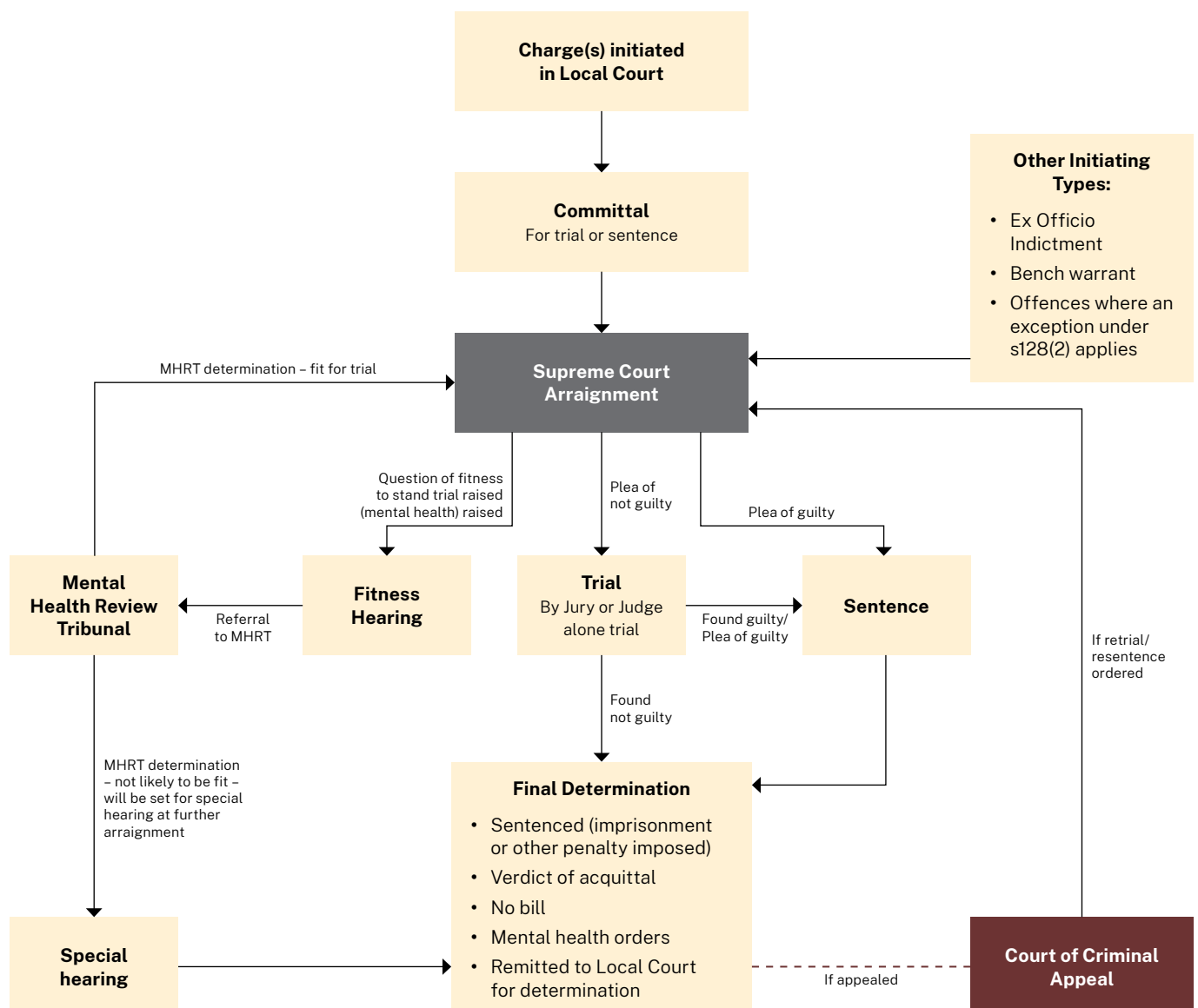
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6 Age of cases includes time taken to deal with any associated application for leave to appeal. The age of cases is impacted by factors outside of the Court's control, such as the time taken to complete relevant cases in other courts/tribunals or interlocutory appeals, time taken by external agencies/individuals to prepare essential reports, and time occupied by trials that result in a hung jury.

How criminal matters are dealt with at the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of NSW deals with the following offences on Indictment:

- Murder
- Terrorism
- Treason / Treachery
- Any offence for which the maximum penalty is life imprisonment, and the Director has formed the opinion that the imposition of a life sentence may be appropriate.
- Offences where an exception under s 128(2) of the *Criminal Procedure Act 1986* is approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court



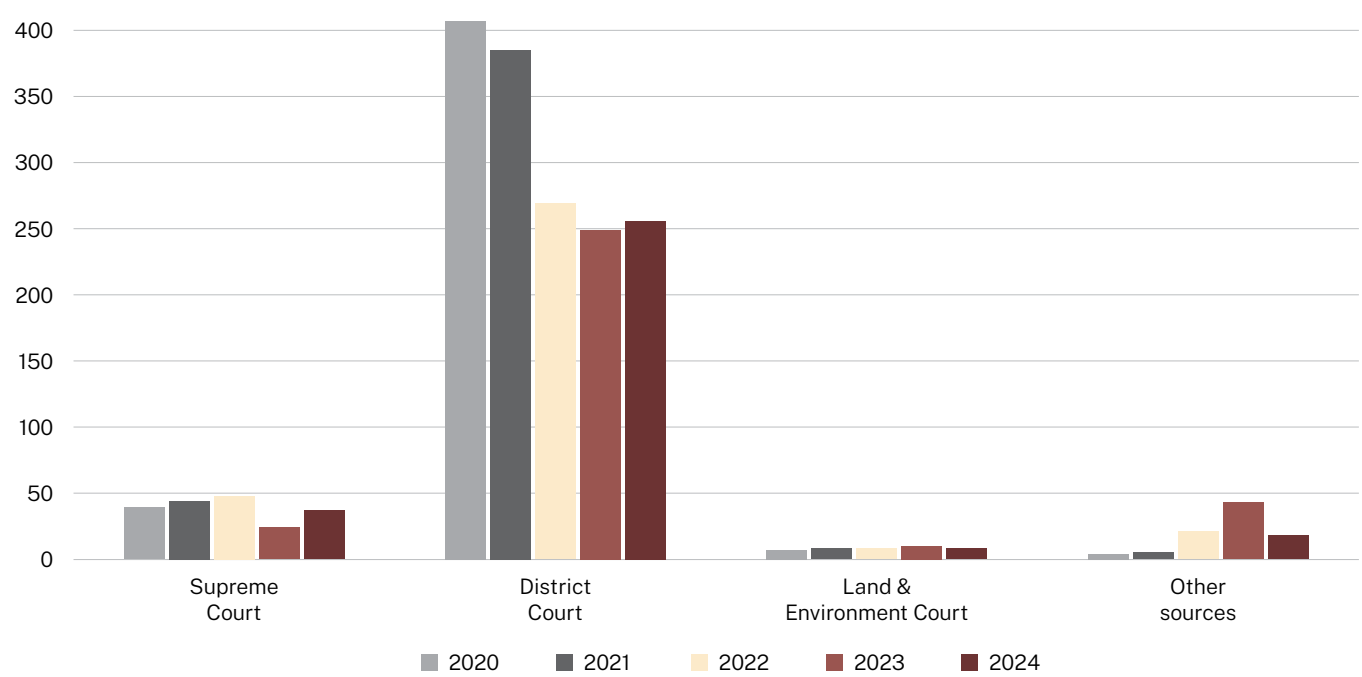
Court of Criminal Appeal

Statistics

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	326	319	-2%
Disposals	416	329	-21%
Pending	101	91	-10%

Figure 4 illustrates the sources of new filings between 2020 and 2024.

FIGURE 4: Court of Criminal Appeal referral sources



Out of the 319 new cases, the majority were appeals against severity of sentence, totalling 162 cases (19 of which were filed by the Crown), 97 were appeals against conviction, 26 were appeals against interlocutory judgments, 9 were bail reviews and 25 were cases of other types.

In 2024, the percentage of conviction appeals increased to 30 percent, up from 26 percent in 2023. Conviction appeals are generally more intricate and require lengthier hearings compared to appeals against severity of sentence alone.

There were 329 final disposals in 2024, which occurred by the following methods:

- **Judgment** following a substantive hearing – 85 percent
- **Abandonment or Withdrawal** of an appeal prior to hearing – 12 percent
- **Dismissal or other** disposal methods – three percent

Figures 5 and 6 demonstrate the Court of Criminal Appeal's performance relative to national benchmarks for case finalisation timelines. The Court of Criminal Appeal consistently excels in swiftly finalising cases, maintaining a reputation as one of the most efficient appeal courts nationally. By the end of 2024, 98 percent of cases were concluded within 12 months, surpassing the national benchmark of 90 percent. Additionally, 99.7 percent of cases were finalised within 24 months, just shy of the national benchmark of 100 percent.

FIGURE 5: Court of Criminal Appeal – cases finalised in less than 12 months

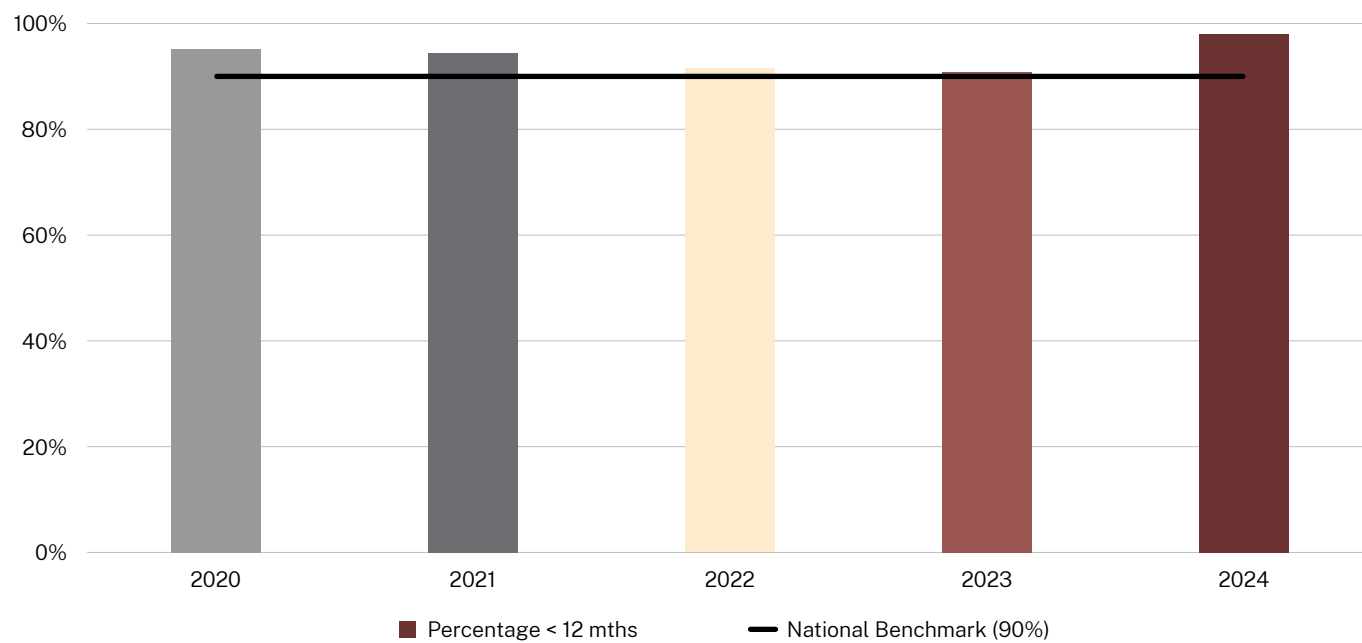
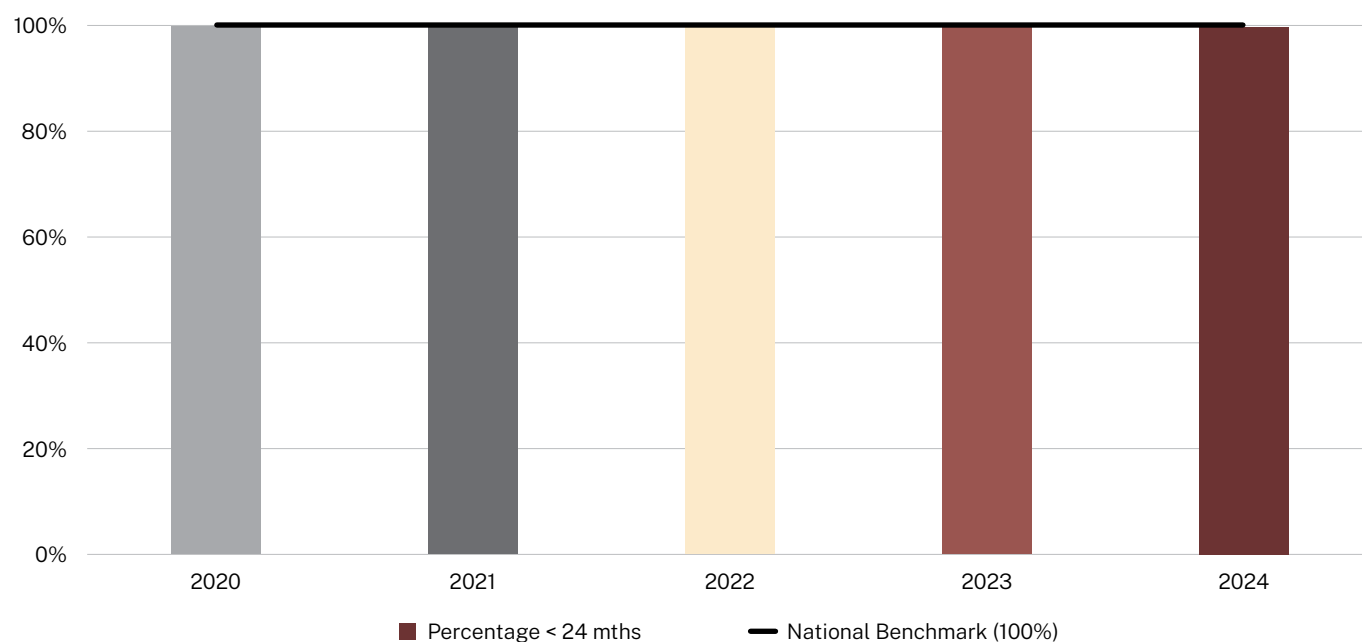


FIGURE 6: Court of Criminal Appeal – cases finalised in less than 24 months



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL⁷					
Filings (net new cases)	457	442	346	326	319
Appeals against conviction	126	114	116	86	97
Appeals against sentence ⁸	289	253	157	146	162
Appeals against interlocutory judgments	24	35	33	31	26
Bail reviews	9	19	12	11	9
Other Appeals	9	21	28	52	25
Disposals (final disposals)	417	416	376	416	329
Appeals against conviction	109	118	105	138	100
Appeals against sentence	266	232	197	191	159
Appeals against interlocutory judgments	28	29	38	22	34
Bail reviews	12	20	18	11	10
Other Appeals	2	17	18	54	26
Pending cases at 31 December	195	221	191	101	91
Appeals against conviction	78	75	87	35	32
Appeals against sentence	108	129	86	46	50
Appeals against interlocutory judgments	4	10	7	14	6
Bail reviews	2	2	3	0	0
Other Appeals	3	5	8	6	3

Number pending (% of total)	National standard ⁹	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
TIMELINESS – AGE OF PENDING CASES AT 31 DECEMBER¹⁰						
Cases within 12 months of age	90%	189 (97%)	215 (97%)	182 (95%)	98 (97%)	91 (100%)
Cases within 24 months of age	100%	194 (99%)	221 (100%)	191 (100%)	101 (100%)	91 (100%)

⁷ These statistics exclude appeals from decisions of the NSW State Parole Authority.

⁸ Includes Crown Appeals.

⁹ National standards are derived from the 'backlog' performance indicator within the Report on Government Services (published annually by the Productivity Commission). Note that the national standards apply to district/county courts as well as to supreme courts; consequently, the national standards apply to a large range of indictments, criminality and civil case types. For civil non-appeal cases, all supreme courts in Australia continue to have difficulty achieving the national standards.

¹⁰ Age of cases includes time taken to deal with any associated application for leave to appeal. The age of cases is impacted by factors outside of the Court's control, such as the time taken to complete relevant cases in other courts/tribunals or interlocutory appeals, time taken by external agencies/individuals to prepare essential reports, and time occupied by trials that result in a hung jury.

Common Law: Criminal Division

Statistics

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	70	61	-13%
Disposals	97	95	-2%
Pending	97	63	-35%

The majority of filings in 2024 were initiated by the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (60), with 57 of these cases relating to homicide offences. Of these filings:

- 36 matters were scheduled for trial, with 4 additional matters awaiting the allocation of trial dates.
- Six matters were listed for fitness or special hearings with 1 additional matter awaiting listing (to deal with the question of the defendant’s capacity to stand trial).¹¹
- 11 defendants entered a guilty plea at arraignment, and one defendant pleaded guilty during trial. These defendants have either been sentenced or are awaiting sentencing.
- One matter resulted in a ‘No Bill’ and was discontinued.

In 2024, 40 trials took place, a slight decrease from the 41 trials held in 2023. These trials involved a total of 59 defendants, an increase from the 52 defendants in 2023. Additionally, four Fitness Hearings, four Section 31 Hearings, and two Special Hearings were held in 2024.

The longest trial to commence in 2024 ran for 26 weeks. The average trial length during 2024 was 4 weeks, on par with the average trial times in 2023. It is important to note that these statistics pertain to the duration of the trial alone and do not include other stages of the criminal process, such as arraignment, pre-trial hearings and sentencing.

The Court prepared and handed down 63 sentences during 2024, a decrease of 14 percent from 2023, where 72 sentences were handed down.

There were 95 final disposals in 2024, which occurred by the following methods:

- **Judgment** following hearing (sentence/acquittal) – 98 percent
- **Referral/transfer** to other court/tribunal – 1 percent
- **Other** disposal methods – 1 percent

¹¹ Includes Section 31 Hearings.

Figures 7 and 8 illustrate the Criminal Division's performance against national benchmarks for age of cases at finalisation. In 2024, 29 percent of cases were finalised within 12 months, falling below the national benchmark of 90 percent. 80 percent of cases were finalised within 24 months, falling short of the national benchmark of 100 percent.

FIGURE 7: Criminal Division – cases finalised in less than 12 months

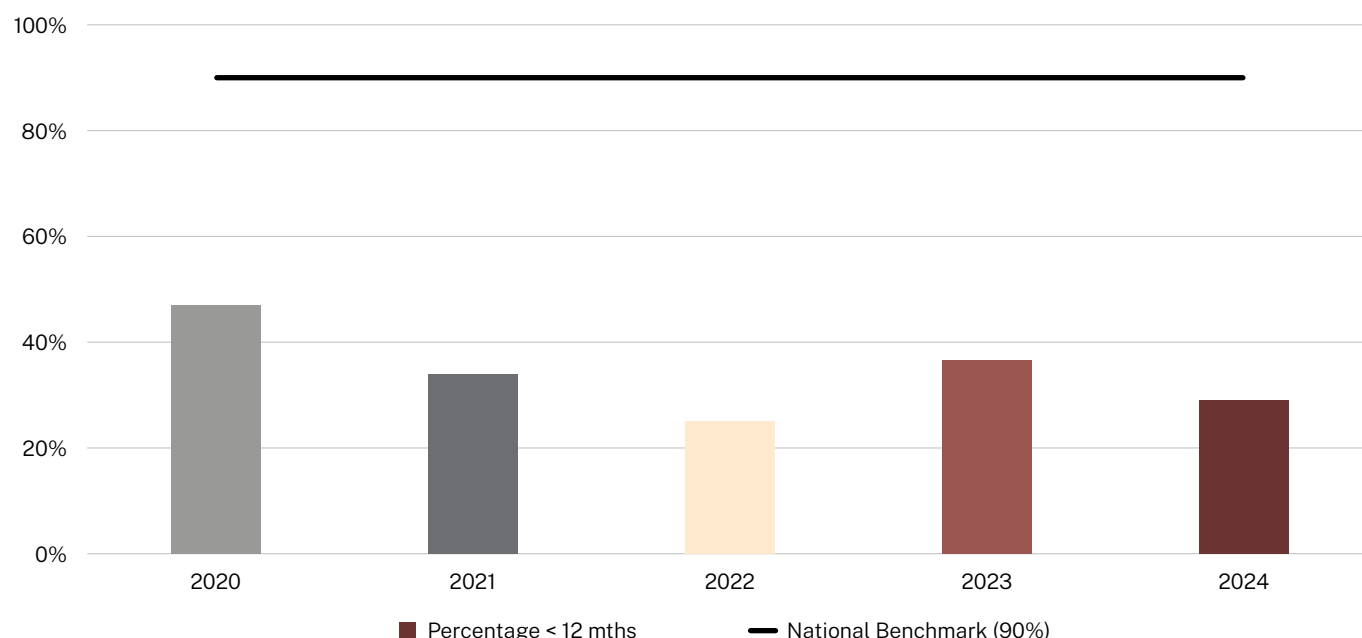
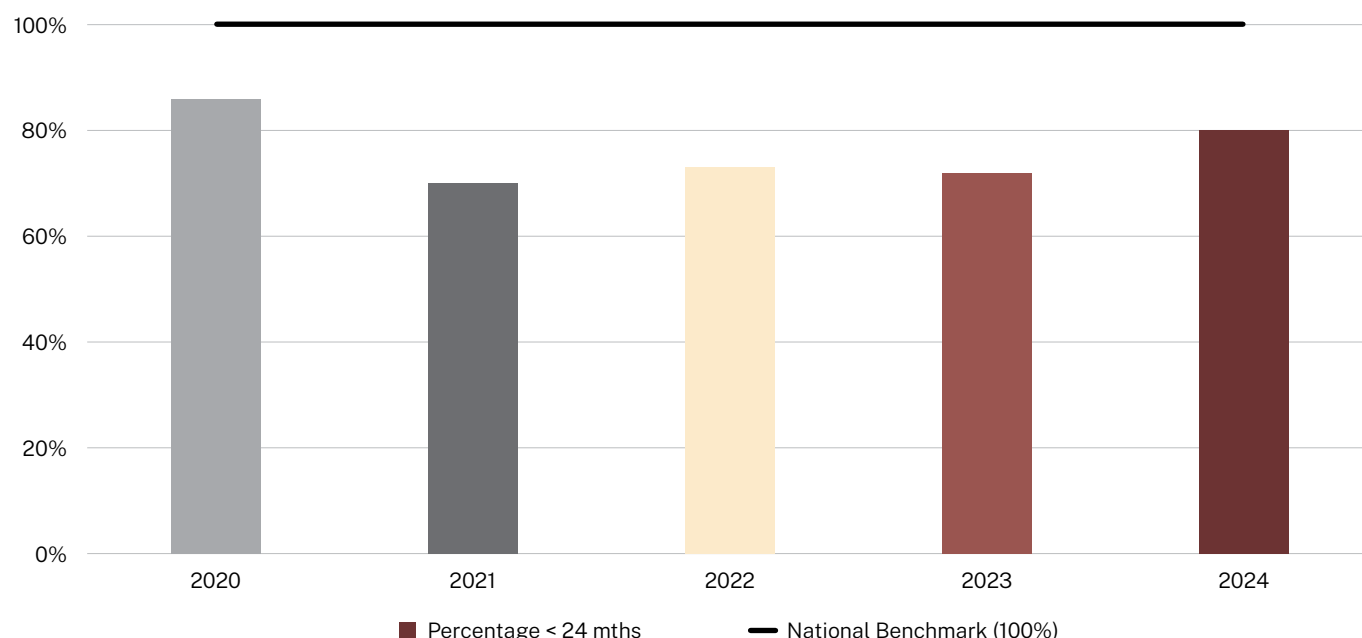


FIGURE 8: Criminal Division – cases finalised in less than 24 months



When considering the Court's performance against the national benchmarks it is important to note that almost all matters presented to this Court are for the most serious category of indictable offences, whereby a life sentence may be imposed. In contrast, the criminal lists of other Australian supreme courts routinely deal with a broader range of offences that include shorter maximum sentences. Consequently, the national timeliness benchmark of 12 months from committal to sentencing is a challenging target for this Court.

Bails

Under the *Bail Act 2013*, the Supreme Court may hear release, variation and detention applications if a bail decision has been made by the lower courts. Once an application is received, it is scheduled for a call-over or, if deemed appropriate by the Court, listed by the Registrar in chambers.

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	2,536	3,124	23%
Disposals	2,521	2,948	17%
Pending	188	361	92%

Release applications made up 73 percent of bail applications lodged in 2023, as compared to 92 percent in 2022. The remaining applications were for variation of bail and detention applications, including those lodged by the Crown.

In 2024, 26 percent of disposals resulted from applicants withdrawing their applications before or at the scheduled hearing, a slight increase from 25 percent in 2023. For cases finalised through a determinative outcome (bail granted, refused, or varied) during 2024, the following trends were observed:

- 24 percent of cases were finalised within 20 days of application lodgment, showing a small decrease compared to 2023 (25 percent).
- 27 percent were finalised within 25 days, down from 32 percent in 2023.
- 34 percent were finalised within 32 days, a decline from 49 percent in 2023.

These delays can be attributed in part to the significant increase in filings, leading to higher case volumes and longer processing times. As a result, the Court has experienced extended finalisation timeframes despite its ongoing efforts to manage cases efficiently.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
COMMON LAW – CRIMINAL DIVISION ¹²						
Filings (net new cases) ¹³	103	112	82	85	70	
Disposals (final disposals) ¹⁴	106	88	88	90	97	
Pending cases at 31 December	110	134	128	124	97	
BAILS LIST ¹⁵						
Filings (net new cases)	2,643	2,034	2,173	2,235	2,536	
Disposals (final disposals)	3,418	1,999	2,126	2,276	2,521	
Pending cases at 31 December	144	179	226	163	188	
Number pending (% of total)	National standard ¹⁶	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TIMELINESS – AGE OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AT 31 DECEMBER ¹⁷						
Cases within 12 months of age	90%	74 (67%)	82 (61%)	69 (54%)	70 (56%)	52 (54%)
Cases within 24 months of age	100%	97 (88%)	119 (89%)	115 (90%)	104 (84%)	83 (86%)

¹² Figures exclude matters under Part 7 of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001*, applications for re-determination of a life sentence, and summary jurisdiction cases. Summary jurisdiction cases are included within Common Law General List Contested statistics. The Court uses counting rules that align with national counting rules, except concerning referrals from and to the Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT). When the Court determines that an accused person is unfit to plead, it refers that person to the MHRT – the Court records that event as a case disposal. If the MHRT subsequently determines that the person is fit to stand trial, the Court records that event as a new case commencement.

¹³ The figures include committals for trial/sentence, *ex officio* indictments, re-trials ordered by the Court of Criminal Appeal or High Court, matters referred from the Mental Health Review Tribunal, transfers from the District Court, and re-activated matters (for example, where a bench warrant is executed).

¹⁴ Disposals are counted at sentence, acquittal or other final disposal. Other final disposal includes referral to the Mental Health Tribunal, no bill, death of the accused, order for issue of a bench warrant and transfer to another court.

¹⁵ The figures for Bails List cases count the number of applicants, not the number of applications. At a Bails List hearing, the Court may deal concurrently with multiple applications for the same applicant.

¹⁶ National standards are derived from the 'backlog' performance indicator within the *Report on Government Services* (published annually by the Productivity Commission). Note that the national standards apply to district/county courts as well as to supreme courts; consequently, the national standards apply to a large range of indictments, criminality and civil case types. For civil non-appeal cases, all supreme courts in Australia continue to have difficulty achieving the national standards.

¹⁷ Statistics exclude bail applications.

Common Law: Civil Division

Statistics

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	4,295	4,316	0.5%
Disposals	3,783	3,860	2%
Pending	4,314	4,766	10%

Overall filings in the Common Law Division experienced minor growth in 2024, with the most considerable increases noted in the Possession list (15 percent) and the Common Law General Default List (20 percent). There was an 11 percent decrease in contested case filings from 2023, with the most significant decreases in the Common Law General Contested List (12 percent) and Proceeds of Crime List (41 percent). As shown in the statistics below, the Common Law General Division has seen significant growth in filings over the past few years, with a 55 percent increase since 2020.

Disposals in the Division included 1,955 contested cases, a minor increase from 2023 (1,944). Mirroring filing numbers, disposals in the Possession list significantly increased by 30 percent.

Excluding Miscellaneous applications, uncontested cases in the Common Law division were disposed of by the following methods:

- **Administrative Dismissal** due to inactivity – 46 percent
- **Dismissal** by Registrar – 4 percent
- **Default judgment** – 39 percent
- **Discontinuance** and other disposal methods – 11 percent

At the end of December 2024, there were 3,175 contested pending cases, reflecting a slight decrease from the 3,191 cases reported in December 2023. Since 2020, the number of contested pending cases has risen by 32 percent, driving an increase in demand for case management directions and hearings throughout 2024. The volume of pending uncontested cases has also continued to grow, with an 11 percent rise from 1,133 cases in 2023 to 1,257 cases in 2024, largely due to the expanding numbers within the Possession List.

Figures 9 and 10 illustrate the Common Law Civil Division's performance against national benchmarks for age of cases at finalisation. In 2024, 67 percent of cases were finalised within 12 months, falling below the national benchmark of 90 percent. Additionally, 88 percent of cases were finalised within 24 months, falling short of the national benchmark of 100 percent.

FIGURE 9: Common Law Civil Division – cases finalised in less than 12 months

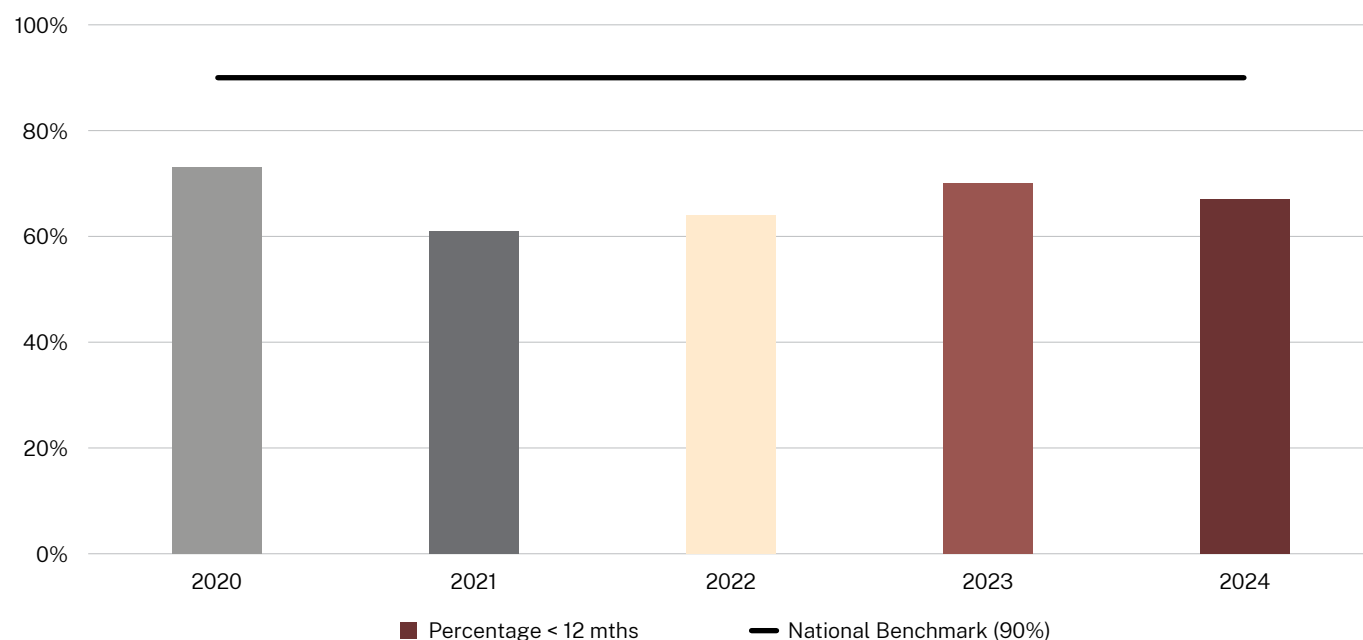
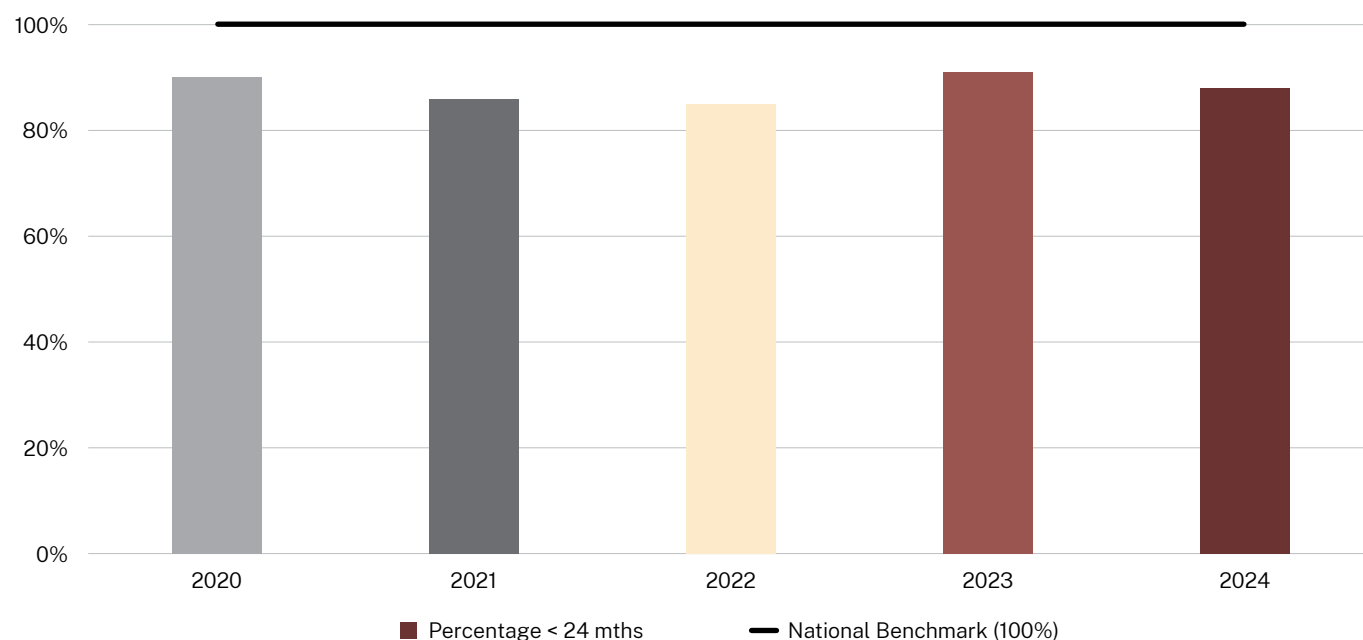
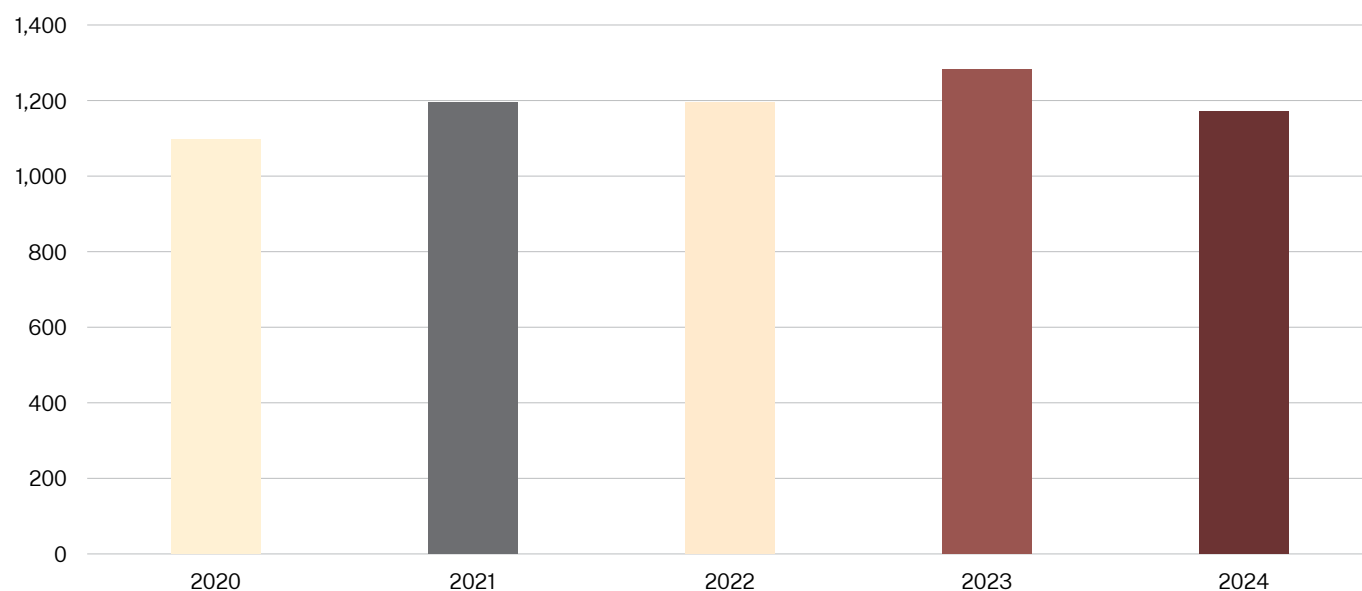


FIGURE 10: Common Law Civil Division – cases finalised in less than 24 months



There were 1,170 matters listed during 2024 for a hearing of either the substantive issues or lengthy interlocutory issues (see **Figure 11**). Of the matters listed, 746 proceeded to hearing, 301 settled after being listed for hearing and 123 matters were vacated.¹⁸

FIGURE 11: Common Law Civil Division – cases listed for hearing



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COMMON LAW CIVIL DIVISION					
Administrative Law List					
Filings	97	142	99	108	110
Disposals	129	102	121	119	103
Pending cases at 31 December	46	90	68	63	78
Common Law General List (Contested)					
Filings	1,061	1,229	1,532	1,609	1,409
Disposals	975	1,017	1,214	1,362	1,426
Pending cases at 31 December	1,370	1,617	1,914	2,152	2,123
Common Law General List (Default)					
Filings	131	93	147	173	207
Disposals	121	164	60	121	133
Pending cases at 31 December	40	31	68	79	111

¹⁸ This information is collected manually, independent from the JusticeLink system.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Defamation List					
Filings	14	11	7	6	6
Disposals	24	13	11	7	4
Pending cases at 31 December	14	11	8	10	12
High Risk Offender List					
Filings	47	52	50	41	45
Disposals	37	51	55	55	33
Pending cases at 31 December	32	33	28	15	27
Possession List¹⁹					
Filings	616	710	1,059	1,413	1,632
Disposals	1,088	664	859	1,169	1,524
Contested	70	82	54	61	83
Uncontested	1,018	582	805	1,108	1,441
Pending cases at 31 December	574	627	827	1,071	1,216
Contested	78	45	52	62	70
Uncontested	496	582	775	1,009	1,146
COMMON LAW CIVIL DIVISION					
Proceeds of Crime List					
Filings	124	117	123	94	55
Disposals	112	95	81	71	74
Pending cases at 31 December	267	289	330	354	328
Professional Negligence List					
Filings	263	266	232	232	247
Disposals	244	217	249	264	232
Pending cases at 31 December	465	516	551	529	537

19 All Possession List cases are assumed to be uncontested at the time of filing. If a subsequent defence or cross-claim is filed, the case is listed for case management and counted as a contested case.

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Miscellaneous List						
Filings		445	360	335	619	605
Disposals		401	404	371	615	331
Pending cases at 31 December		92	39	19	41	334
COMMON LAW CIVIL DIVISION TOTALS						
Filings		2,780	2,980	3,585	4,295	4,316
Disposals		3,131	2,627	3,018	3,783	3,860
Pending cases at 31 December		2,900	3,253	3,813	4,314	4,766
Number pending (% of total)	National standard²⁰	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
TIMELINESS – AGE OF PENDING CASES AT 31 DECEMBER						
Cases within 12 months of age	90%	1,638 (56%)	1,917 (59%)	2,435 (64%)	2,760 (64%)	3,018 (63%)
Cases within 24 months of age	100%	2,374 (82%)	2,643 (81%)	3,196 (84%)	3,607 (84%)	3,959 (83%)

²⁰ National standards are derived from the 'backlog' performance indicator within the *Report on Government Services* (published annually by the Productivity Commission). Note that the national standards apply to district/county courts as well as to supreme courts; consequently, the national standards apply to a large range of indictments, criminality and civil case types. For civil non-appeal cases, all supreme courts in Australia continue to have difficulty achieving the national standards.

Equity Division

Statistics²¹

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	4,061	4,334	7%
Disposals	3,855	4,010	4%
Pending	3,253	3,569	10%

The number of filings in the Equity Division rose by 7 percent in 2024. While most lists experienced filing numbers similar to 2023, there were significant increases in the Succession and Probate List (Probate) (9 percent), Real Property List (15 percent), and Corporations List (37 percent). However, filings in the Equity General List and Succession and Probate List (Family Provision) saw decreases of 12 percent and 6 percent, respectively.

In line with the rise in filings, there were notable increases in disposals, particularly in the Corporations List (23 percent) and Real Property List (13 percent). Conversely, disposals in the Succession and Probate List (Family Provision) decreased by 11 percent. Of the 4,010 disposals in 2024, 576 had at least one listing for hearing.

In line with the increases in filings and disposals, the pending caseload grew by 10 percent in 2024, with significant rises in the Succession and Probate List. Family Provision matters grew by 24 percent, while Contentious Probate matters saw a 42 percent increase. Since 2020, pending numbers in the Succession and Probate List have surged by 62 percent.

21 These statistics exclude uncontested Probate matters, which are discussed further below.

Figures 12 and 13 illustrate the Equity Division's performance against national benchmarks for age of cases at finalisation. In 2024, 76 percent of cases were finalised within 12 months, falling below the national benchmark of 90 percent. 90 percent of cases were finalised within 24 months, falling below the national benchmark of 100 percent. Timeliness of finalisation has remained consistent with 2023, where 76 percent of cases were finalised under 12 months and 90 percent of cases were finalised under 24 months.

FIGURE 12: Equity Division – cases finalised in less than 12 months

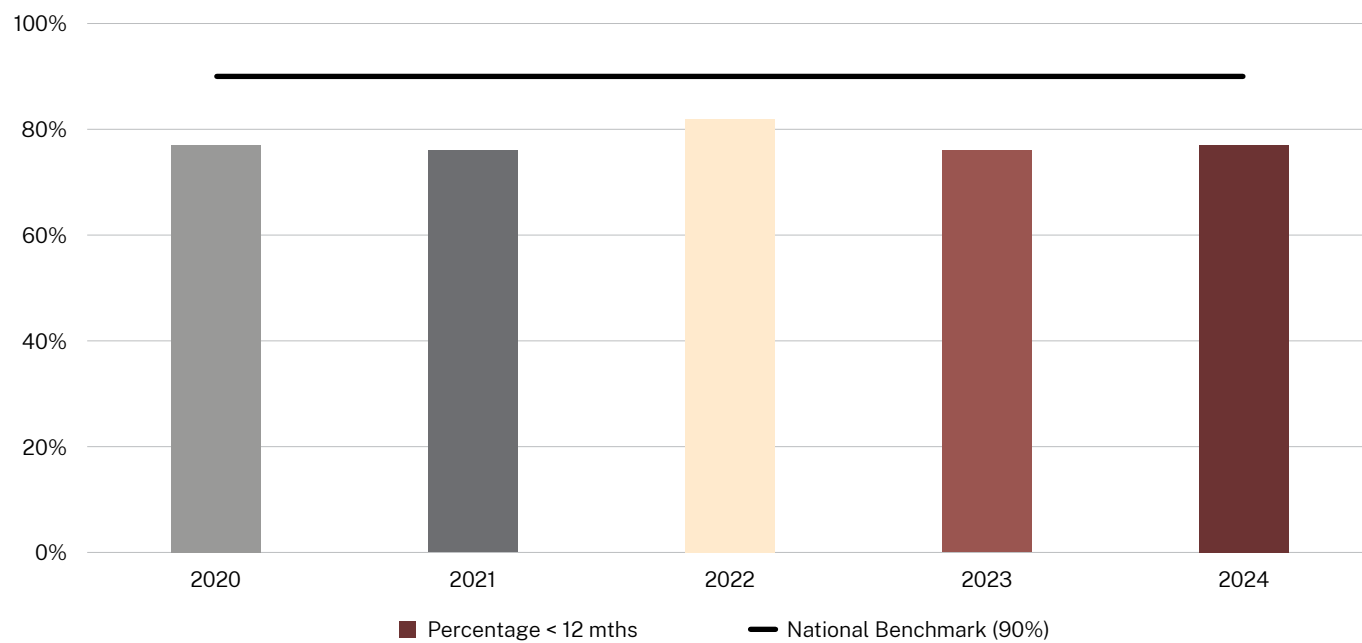
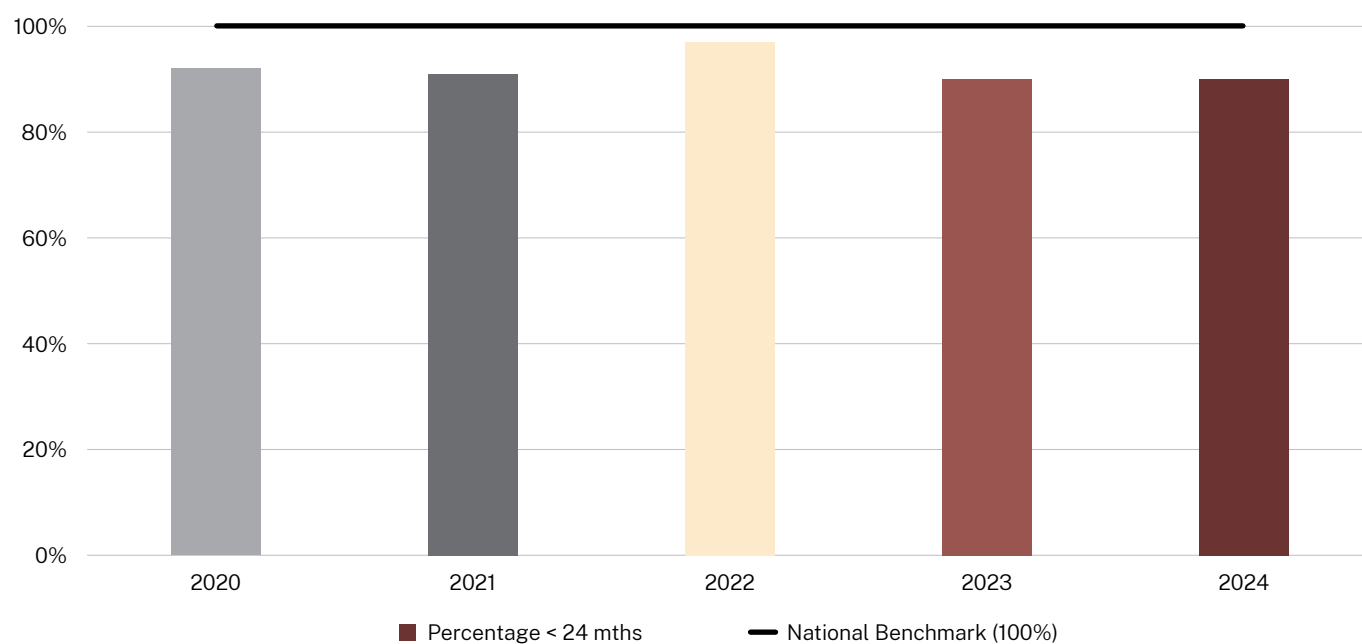


FIGURE 13: Equity Division – cases finalised in less than 24 months



Uncontested Probate

Uncontested probate applications are handled by the Court's registrars. These include applications for grants of probate, letters of administration and reseal of probate grants made outside NSW.

	2023	2024	Variance
Filings	30,691	30,801	0.5%
Disposals	31,767	29,936	-6%
Pending	10,290	11,162	8%

Filings of uncontested probate applications were at the highest rate in over 10 years. Of the 30,801 filings in 2023:

- 27,349 were for grants of probate
- 3,037 were for grants of administration
- 415 were for reseals of probate granted elsewhere

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
EQUITY DIVISION²²					
Admiralty List					
Filings	3	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	1	1	2	0
Pending cases at 31 December	5	3	1	0	1
Adoptions List²³					
Filings	185	178	159	168	156
Disposals	178	175	161	175	169
Pending cases at 31 December	67	70	68	61	49
Commercial List					
Filings	213	168	147	179	188
Disposals	189	166	171	160	172
Pending cases at 31 December	248	247	230	259	280
Commercial Arbitration List					
Filings	2	2	7	7	4
Disposals	1	3	4	8	8
Pending cases at 31 December	1	0	3	5	1

²² Statistics for the Equity Division have been extracted from the JusticeLink system, excluding the figures for the Adoptions List, Contentious Probate List and Protective List, which are obtained from manually collated data.

²³ All application types are counted in the Adoptions List, including information applications.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Corporations List					
Filings	651	769	699	855	1,174
Judges' list	232	215	185	185	218
Registrar's list	419	554	514	670	956
Disposals	759	762	641	913	1,121
Judges' list	231	262	211	252	228
Registrar's list	528	500	430	661	893
Pending cases at 31 December	260	272	346	298	368
Judges' list	171	157	165	129	159
Registrar's list	89	115	181	169	209
Equity General List					
Filings	829	736	741	720	636
Disposals	831	785	717	674	634
Pending cases at 31 December	923	883	862	801	739
Protective List					
Filings	91	88	102	103	105
Disposals	98	74	113	92	93
Pending cases at 31 December	48	62	47	62	74
EQUITY DIVISION					
Real Property List					
Filings	404	403	314	334	384
Disposals	356	382	325	371	421
Pending cases at 31 December	369	385	397	386	379
Revenue List					
Filings	10	9	11	13	18
Disposals	16	13	8	6	13
Pending cases at 31 December	14	10	13	22	28
Technology and Construction List					
Filings	249	221	195	200	209
Disposals	134	155	161	192	194
Pending cases at 31 December	388	459	504	521	541

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Succession and Probate List					
Filings	1,171	1,168	1,245	1,485	1,460
Family Provision	880	872	897	1,064	996
Contentious Probate	291	296	348	348	464
Disposals	1,260	1,202	1,203	1,262	1,182
Family Provision	886	895	866	914	814
Contentious Probate	374	307	337	348	371
Pending cases at 31 December	587	545	595	838	1,112
Family Provision	412	381	419	592	763
Contentious Probate	175	164	176	246	346
EQUITY DIVISION TOTALS					
Filings	3,808	3,742	3,620	4,061	4,334
Disposals	3,822	3,718	3,505	3,855	4,010
Pending cases at 31 December	2,910	2,936	3,066	3,253	3,569

Number pending (% of total)	National standard ²⁴	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
TIMELINESS – AGE OF PENDING CASES AT 31 DECEMBER²⁵						
Total number of cases pending		2,910	2,936	3,066	3,253	3,569
Cases within 12 months of age	90%	1,859 (64%)	1,742 (59%)	1,848 (60%)	2,024 (71%)	2,242 (63%)
Cases within 24 months of age	100%	2,444 (84%)	2,415 (82%)	2,493 (81%)	2,649 (84%)	2,934 (82%)

UNCONTESTED PROBATE²⁶						
Probate (Grant Applications)						
Filings		26,661	26,663	30,305	30,692	30,801
Disposals		27,845	25,250	25,945	31,767	29,936
Pending cases at 31 December		2,401	3,180	9,108	10,290	11,165

²⁴ National standards are derived from the 'backlog' performance indicator within the *Report on Government Services* (published annually by the Productivity Commission). Note that the national standards apply to district/county courts as well as to supreme courts; consequently, the national standards apply to a large range of indictments, criminality and civil case types. For civil non-appeal cases, all supreme courts in Australia continue to have difficulty achieving the national standards.

²⁵ Statistics exclude uncontested probate matters.

²⁶ These statistics include all probate applications that are lodged as uncontested applications for a grant of probate or letters of administration, or for reseal of a probate grant. Registrars deal with uncontested applications. Only a small proportion of these applications become contested. Contested applications are transferred to the Probate (Contentious Matters) List and are counted additionally as filings there. The figures here do not include other probate-related matters handled by the registry, such as probate accounts matters, caveats, deposited wills, and elections to administer estates.

Listing Delays

Delays are measured by the time between the establishment of readiness for hearing and the first group of available hearing dates that the Court offers for criminal and civil trial cases, criminal and civil appeals and bail applications. These delays do not apply if the Court orders an expedited hearing.

Allocation of work to acting judges assists the Court to manage and balance listing delays across all areas of work. Without the availability of acting judges, it is likely that there would be an increase in listing delays.

The table of listing delays below outlines the delays that applied at the start of the new law term following the close of the reporting year. At the start of the 2025

law term, delays improved in the Court of Appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeal, the Common Law Division, and the Equity Division. However, there was a notable increase in delays for mediation listings. These delays are largely attributable to the surge in referrals to court-annexed mediations, reflecting the growing demand for mediation services as more cases are being directed toward alternative dispute resolution.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COURT OF APPEAL²⁷	2.0 months	1.9 months	2.2 months	1.0 month	0.9 months
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL²⁸	5.4 months	6.3 months	4.0 months	1.6 months	1.1 months
COMMON LAW DIVISION					
Criminal List²⁹	4.2 months	4.6 months	4.0 months	4.2 months	3.8 months
Civil lists³⁰	10.3 months	6.9 months	4.0 months	8.1 months	4.5 months
Bails List³¹	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks
EQUITY DIVISION³²	6.3 months	3.0 months	1.3 months	4.5 months	2.2 months
MEDIATIONS	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	14.3 weeks

²⁷ Delay for substantive appeals (including those heard concurrently with a leave application). The listing delay is usually shorter for a hearing of a leave application alone.

²⁸ Delay for appeals against conviction. The listing delay is usually shorter for interlocutory appeals and appeals against sentence only.

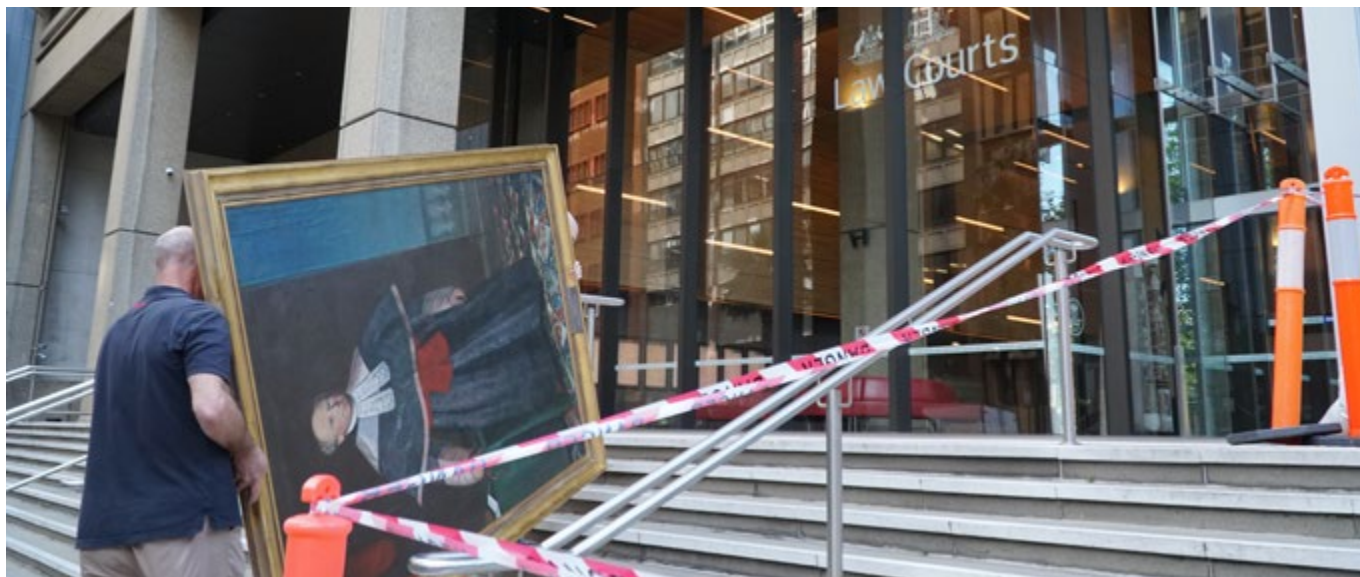
²⁹ Delay for matters requiring at least 4 weeks of trial time.

³⁰ Delay for matters requiring up to 5 days of hearing time.

³¹ The delay refers to the time between lodgment of an application and the first group of available hearing dates.

³² This refers only to Equity General matters requiring 2 or more days of hearing time before a judge.

Alternative Dispute Resolution



In 2024, there was an estimated 4,584 civil cases finalised for which mediation would be considered generally applicable. This is a slight decrease from the estimated 4,641 cases finalised during 2023.

The 'mediation referral index' represents the total number of cases referred for mediation in a given year, expressed as a percentage of the total number of finalisations for cases where mediation is considered generally applicable.³³ The mediation referral index in 2024 was 63.7 percent, an increase from 59.2 percent in 2023. The mediation referral index achieved its highest rate on record in 2024 and an overall increase of 28.8 percent since 2020 when the referral index was 34.9 percent.

The number of court-annexed mediation listings saw a remarkable increase of 90 percent, rising from 414 in 2023 to 788 in 2024, the highest number of mediation sessions ever listed by the Court. Overall, the registry recorded a total of 2,922 referrals to mediation (both court-annexed and private), reflecting a 6 percent increase from the 2,748 referrals in 2023. In line with the growth in mediation listings, referral rates have risen by 48 percent since 2020. However, it is important to note that this total may represent an undercount, as these statistics do not accurately capture the use of private mediation, as it is not essential for litigants to obtain a formal referral for

private mediation, nor to disclose to the Court that private mediation has occurred.³⁴

Court-annexed mediations are conducted by Supreme Court registrars who are also qualified mediators. Of the 788 cases listed for court-annexed mediation in 2024, 81 cases did not proceed to their scheduled mediation session. Cases that do not proceed to mediation typically result from the case settling prior to the session or the proceedings being discontinued. Of the 707 cases that proceeded to court-annexed mediation, the settlement rate was 47 percent, which is comparable to the 48 percent settlement rate in 2023. The Court has a stringent convention for recording cases as 'settled at mediation': the parties must have agreed to finalising orders or have drafted heads of agreement by the close of the mediation procedure. In addition to the settled cases, a further 13 percent were recorded as 'still negotiating' at the end of the mediation session, and it is not unusual for some of these matters to subsequently settle.³⁵ There are no statistics on settlement rates for cases referred to private mediation.

³³ Prior to 2023, the mediation referral index was based on the number of new filings rather than case finalisations.

³⁴ In cases where a referral order has not been made.

³⁵ Statistics for the court-annexed mediations are collated independently of the JusticeLink system.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Court-annexed mediations listed³⁶					
Total	352	285	235	414	788
Common Law Division	29	31	33	39	24
Equity Division	156	149	121	127	216
Succession & Probate	167	104	79	248	548
Court of Appeal	0	1	2	0	0
Percentage settled at mediation	42%	39%	37%	48%	47%
Referrals to mediation					
Total referrals recorded ³⁷	1,520	1,543	1,751	2,748	2,922
Mediation referral index	34.9%	37.1%	40.6%	59.2%	63.7%

³⁶ This excludes settlement conferences conducted by judges and mediations conducted externally to the court. The statistics refers to court-annexed mediation listings for the year – note that *referrals* to court-annexed mediation that are made late in one year may result in *listings* early in the following year.

³⁷ Referrals include all cases in which a referral to mediation was made or directions were given that involved mediation, regardless of whether the mediation would be through the court-annexed mediation program or conducted by a private mediator. Extensive audits in 2023 has led to a remediation of mediation statistics, retrospectively recording referrals that were previously overlooked.

Administration of the Costs Assessment Scheme

The Costs Assessment Scheme is the mechanism through which clients and practitioners can resolve disputes about costs and quantify costs orders made by New South Wales courts and tribunals.

The Chief Justice of New South Wales appoints independent costs assessors to determine applications for costs assessment and review. All costs assessors are legally qualified and must have been a practising Australian lawyer for at least five years to be considered eligible for appointment. A review panel, comprising two senior assessors, considers the material before the assessor and can affirm or vary the original assessment. The Costs Assessment section of the Supreme Court Registry undertakes the day-to-day administration of the Scheme under the guidance of the Manager, Costs Assessment.

The *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014* (the Application Act) provides for appeals by leave to the Supreme Court where the amount in dispute is less than \$100,000, or by leave to the District Court where it is less than \$25,000. If a costs order was obtained in a matter which commenced, or where a client first gave instructions before the Application Act commenced on 1 July 2015, then the *Legal Profession Act 2004*

(LPA) still applies to assessments. If that is the case, a costs assessment determination can be appealed to the District Court as of right on questions of law and otherwise by leave. The Chief Justice also appoints the Costs Assessment Rules Committee (CARC).

Since 1 July 2015, with the commencement of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*, the CARC was reconstituted in the legislation to include a Supreme Court Judge, a District Court Judge, and representatives from the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner, the Law Society of NSW and the NSW Bar Association as well as representatives from the panel of costs assessors. In 2024 Justice Chen was the chair of the CARC.

During 2024, 1055 costs assessment applications were lodged. Of these, 445 (42 percent) related to costs between parties to costs orders; 139 (13 percent) were brought by clients against practitioners, and 376 (36 percent) were brought by practitioners to recover against clients. There were 95 reviews (9 percent).

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Parties to costs orders	550	457	423	458	445
Clients against practitioners	190	130	115	111	139
Practitioners against clients	429	258	268	332	376
Reviews	178	129	103	119	95
Applications lodged	1347	974	809	1020	1055

Admission to the legal profession



Since the twelfth century, it has been customary for advocates to swear an oath of allegiance upon admission to practice. The Third Charter of Justice provided for the formation of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the appointment of court officers and the admission of solicitors and barristers.

Among the first cohort of lawyers to be admitted in 1824 were barristers Saxe Bannister, Dr Wardell and William Charles Wentworth. Two centuries later, the Supreme Court continues to be involved in the admission of legal practitioners, both directly and indirectly, through its ceremonies and its representation on the Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) and its various committees.

Between February and December 2024, the Supreme Court held 53 admission ceremonies in the Banco Court, all of which were livestreamed on the Court's YouTube channel. In February 2024, the Court held an admission ceremony in Newcastle with the gracious assistance of the University of Newcastle providing its Hall for the ceremony. A total of 3,013 Australian lawyers were admitted (including 100 admitted under the Trans-Tasman provisions). As part of the Court's bicentennial celebrations, each newly admitted lawyer received a commemorative copy of *Constant Guardian – Changing Times: The Supreme Court of New South Wales, 1824-2024*. The Court acknowledges the assistance of LPAB in making that possible.

Legal Profession Admission Board

The Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) is constituted by the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*. It is a self-funding statutory corporation responsible for:

- determining the eligibility and suitability of people seeking to be admitted as a lawyer in NSW;
- accrediting academic law courses and practical legal training courses in NSW;
- registering, enrolling and examining students in the Board's Diploma in Law Course;
- appointing public notaries in NSW; and
- maintaining the Roll of Lawyers and the Roll of Public Notaries in NSW.

Membership of the Board comprises:

- the Chief Justice of NSW;
- three judges or former judges of the Supreme Court nominated by the Chief Justice;
- a nominee of the Attorney General; and
- nominees of the Council of Australian Deans, the Bar Council, and the Law Society Council.

In 2024 the Court’s nominees were the Hon A R Emmett AO KC (Presiding Member; to 30 June 2024), the Honourable Justice Anthony Payne (Deputy Presiding Member to 30 June 2024; Presiding Member from 1 July 2024), the Honourable Justice Kunc (to 30 June 2024), the Honourable Justice Kirk (Deputy Presiding Member from 1 July 2024) and the Honourable Justice Peden (from 1 July 2024).

**Legal Profession Admission Board
Examinations Committee**

Supreme Court members during 2024
The Hon. Justice Peden (Chair)
The Hon. Justice Chen (Deputy Chair)

**Legal Profession Admission Board
Legal Qualifications Committee**

Supreme Court members during 2024
The Hon. Justice Kirk (Chair)
The Hon. Justice Lonergan (Deputy Chair)

**Legal Services Council
Admissions Committee**

Supreme Court members during 2024
The Hon. A R Emmett AO KC (Chair until 30 June 2024)
The Hon. Justice Kunc (Chair from 1 July 2024)

A detailed account of the Board’s activities and achievements can be found in its Annual Report, which is available for download from www.lpab.nsw.gov.au

Trans-Tasman admissions

Trans-Tasman admissions are lodged in the Supreme Court Registry instead of the Legal Profession Admission Board. Applications from legal practitioners from New Zealand are determined under the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (the Act).

In 2024, 100 New Zealand practitioners were enrolled under the Act.

2019	71
2020	35
2021	49
2022	61
2023	88
2024	100

Law Courts Library



The Law Courts Library is one of the premier law libraries in Australia; elements of its collection predate the formation of the Supreme Court in 1824. The library is a legal resource and information centre for all judicial officers, court staff and registrars of the various courts in the Law Courts Building.

Legal authorities and accurate information are provided to support the timely and effective decision-making of the courts. In 2024, librarians answered over 896 requests from the Supreme Court, and 2,427 legal resources were borrowed. Law Courts Library reader services librarians continued to provide support for court use of online resources and e-publications on iPads and other mobile devices.

In addition, 2,221 Supreme Court (including Court of Appeal and Court of Criminal Appeal) decisions were published during 2024 on the NSW Caselaw website, which is managed and supported by the Library. A total of 555 support requests were received, and 86 training sessions were provided for 222 Supreme Court staff.

Law Courts Library staff made an invaluable contribution to the Supreme Court's bicentennial celebrations in May 2024. Most notably, the Honourable Keith Mason AC KC and Larissa Reid, the Library's Reader Services Manager researched and co-authored *Constant Guardian: Changing Times: The Supreme Court of New South Wales 1824-2024*, which was officially launched by the Honourable James Spigelman AC KC and Chief Justice Andrew Bell before a packed Banco Court on 3 April 2024. In keeping with the year's historical theme, several of the more precious items in the Library's rare book collection, which includes *Nominate Reports*, *Year Books* (published 1679) and *Le Grande Abridgment - Fitzherbert* (1565 edition) were photographed for posterity and for promotional purposes.



Media management

Overview

The Supreme Court's long-standing commitment to open justice is reflected in the support given to journalists covering its proceedings.

In 2024 the Court's media unit responded to approximately 8,500 enquiries, including more than 1000 file access requests, from 210 individual journalists, producers and podcasters. Typically, media attention is concentrated on particular outcomes in criminal proceedings, and journalists often request access at very short notice to CCTV footage tendered as evidence, victim impact statements, or fact-checking of charges, verdicts, sentences and non-publication orders.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the Supreme Court Media Unit include:

- Facilitating fair and accurate reporting of proceedings
- Mitigating risks to the administration of justice
- Raising public awareness of the role, history and importance of the Supreme Court to the rule of law in New South Wales
- Providing media advice to the Chief Justice
- Developing new channels for the Court to share its digital content
- Aligning information handling practices with best practice guidelines
- Improving the working environment of journalists based in the Law Courts Building
- Supporting the Media Liaison Committee

Fair and accurate reporting

The paramount objective of the Media Unit is to facilitate fair and accurate reporting of proceedings before the Court, and the rationale for this lies in the principle of open justice. In 2022 a NSW Law Reform Commission report found that open justice is fundamental to public confidence in the accessibility and impartiality of the justice system.³⁸ That is why the Court has by default a preference for public hearings and timely publication of judgments online via Caselaw (caselaw.nsw.gov.au).

However, courts have long recognised that members of the public cannot observe trials in person. Notionally, it falls to journalists to represent the public during a trial, but with this privileged position comes a responsibility to provide balanced observations of proceedings, and to clearly explain judicial reasoning.

While the interests of judges and journalists intersect in this way, they do not overlap. To journalists, courts are a forum for disputation and a source of stories that are perceived to be in the public interest. Historically, in-court attendance by journalists was the norm, but increasingly access to documents on the court file is crucial for fair and accurate reporting. The pleadings, affidavits and submissions lodged by the parties are sought after by journalists, in many cases long before they are read in court. File access requests require a careful balance between the principle of open justice, the interests of the parties, and the commercial imperatives of the media - a process which is managed by General Practice Note No.2.

³⁸ New South Wales. Law Reform Commission (2022). *Open Justice. Court and Tribunal Information: access, disclosure and publication*. Sydney: New South Wales Law Reform Commission.

Mitigate risks

Risk is defined as the effect of uncertainty on the Court's objectives. When a criminal trial is held in open court, there is often the risk that media coverage could interfere with the proceedings, or in some cases may cause a jury to be discharged or a trial aborted. To mitigate the risk of sub judice contempt, judges may use suppression, non-publication and take-down orders, and the Media Unit plays an important role in keeping journalists informed of what they can and cannot publish. In 2024 the Media Unit received more than 670 enquiries from journalists regarding non-publication orders.

Raising public awareness of the role, history and importance of the Supreme Court

In 2024 the Media Unit supported the Supreme Court's program of events celebrating the bicentenary of the proclamation of the Third Charter of Justice and the Court's inaugural sitting on 17 May 1824. The Chief Justice published an Op-ed article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and gave an interview with Radio National's Law Report and ABC Stateline, as well as the Law Society's podcast series, Just Chat.

New channels for digital content

While professional journalists will remain as intermediaries between the judiciary and the public for the foreseeable future, social media provides the Court with the capability to engage with the public directly.

To this end, the Supreme Court's social media presence was revitalised in 2024 with a view to emulating the success of comparable institutions, such as the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Australia and the New South Wales Parliament. The Court suspended its use of X (formerly Twitter) in early 2024, making LinkedIn the primary platform for posting announcements about appointments, retirements, ceremonial sittings, lectures and notable appellate decisions. Since mid-2024, the LinkedIn account has gained 3,600 followers, and its posts have been viewed 279,000 times, with an average engagement rate of 8.5 percent. The Supreme Court's YouTube channel has a respectable 35,000 subscribers and livestreams ceremonies, lectures and occasional cases of considerable public interest, such as *Commissioner of Police v Amal Naser*, *Commissioner of Police v Briohny Coglin*, and *Alexa Stuart on behalf of Rising Tide v The Minister for Transport*.



Pro Bono Scheme

The Supreme Court established the Pro Bono Scheme in 2001 with support from the New South Wales Bar Association and Law Society of New South Wales.

The Scheme operates in accordance with Part 7 Division 9 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005* and enables unrepresented litigants to be referred to a barrister and/or solicitor once the Court determines that it is in the interests of the administration of justice for a referral to be made. The Court in making this assessment may consider the means of a litigant, the capacity of the litigant to obtain legal assistance

outside of the Scheme, the nature and complexity of the proceedings, and any other matter the Court considers appropriate.

During 2024, the Court made 48 referrals under the Scheme: two referrals were made in the Court of Appeal and 46 were made in cases from either the Common Law or Equity Division.

	Court of Appeal	Common Law / Equity Division	Total
2019	9	18	27
2020	2	20	22
2021	3	26	29
2022	1	24	25
2023	1	31	32
2024	2	46	48

The Pro Bono Scheme’s success depends upon the continued goodwill of barristers and solicitors who have indicated a willingness to participate in the Scheme. The Court gratefully acknowledges and extends its sincere thanks to those who support the Scheme by volunteering their services.



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APPENDICES



Appendix 1

Supreme Court Committees

Chief Justice's Executive Committee

The Chief Justice's Executive Committee was established in August 2011 to facilitate contemporaneous consideration and resolution of significant operational strategic issues. The Committee met weekly throughout 2024, except during periods when the Chief Justice was not available to hold a meeting.

Members

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice (Chair)
 The Hon. Justice Julie Ward, President of the Court of Appeal
 The Hon. Justice David Hammerschlag, Chief Judge in Equity
 The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison, Chief Judge at Common Law
 Ms. Rebel Kenna, A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar

Alternative Dispute Resolution Steering Committee

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Steering Committee, which was established in 1993, meets to discuss the Court's ADR processes and consider ways in which they might be improved.

The Committee works to encourage the use of ADR (particularly mediation) in resolving disputes, and to ensure the Court has adequate resources to provide this service. The Committee makes recommendations to the Chief Justice in pursuit of these objectives, consulting with other courts and external organisations where appropriate.

Members

The Hon. Justice Julie Ward (Chair)
 The Hon. Justice Natalie Adams
 The Hon. Justice Nicholas Chen
 The Hon. Justice Anthony McGrath
 Ms. Rebel Kenna A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar
 Ms. Leonie Walton, Equity Registrar
 Ms. Jennifer Hedge, Registrar, Common Law Case Management
 Mr. John Fernon SC (Bar Association representative)
 Ms. Caroline Hutchinson (Law Society representative)

Education Committee

The Supreme Court Education Committee, in partnership with the Judicial Commission of New South Wales, plans and organises continuing judicial education for judges of the Court.

Members

The Hon. Justice Anna Mitchelmore (Chair)
 The Hon. Justice Anthony Payne
 The Hon. Justice Peter Hamill
 The Hon. Justice Mark Ierace
 The Hon. Justice Elisabeth Peden
 The Hon. Justice Scott Nixon
 Ms. Rebel Kenna, A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar
 Ms. Catherine Kenny, Director Research and Education, Judicial Commission of NSW (Convenor)

Information Technology Committee

The Information Technology Committee meets to assess the information technology needs of judicial officers and their staff, the technology facilities in courtrooms throughout the State used by the Court and to review the implementation of IT services.

Members

The Hon. Justice Peter Garling RFD (Chair)
 The Hon. Justice Fabian Gleeson
 The Hon. Justice Sarah McNaughton
 Ms. Rebel Kenna, A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar
 Nick Sanderson-Gough, Manager, Court Operations & Communications
 Nathan Gray, Assistant Manager, Court Operations & Communications
 Ms. Jane Mathison, Information & Digital Services
 Mr. Jay Huntley, Information & Digital Services
 Mr. Peter Xenos, Information & Digital Services
 Mr. Paul Falconer, Information & Digital Services

Judicial Remuneration Committee

Members

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice
 The Hon. Justice Stephen Rothman AM
 The Hon. Acting Justice Monika Schmidt AM

Media Liaison Committee

Members

The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison (Chair)
 The Hon. Justice James Stevenson
 Mr. Chris Winslow, Media Manager
 Ms. Juliette Brodsky, Media Liaison Officer

Rules Committee

The Rules Committee meets as required to consider proposed changes to the *Supreme Court Rules 1970* with a view to increasing the efficiency of the Court's operations and reducing cost and delay in accordance with the requirements of access to justice. The Committee is a statutory body that has the power to alter, add to, or rescind any of the Rules contained in, or created under, the *Supreme Court Act 1970*. The Committee's membership is defined in Section 123 of the Act and includes representatives from each Division of the Court and key organisations within the legal profession. Many of the rules that govern civil proceedings are now incorporated in the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules. In these circumstances, fewer meetings of the Rules Committee have been required.

Members

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice (Chair)
 The Hon. Justice Christine Adamson
 The Hon. Justice Robertson Wright
 The Hon. Justice Natalie Adams
 Ms. Rebel Kenna, A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar (Secretary)

Supreme Court User and Liaison Groups

Adoption Working Party

Judicial member

The Hon. Justice Anthony McGrath

Bails User Group

Members

The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Dina Yehia

Mr. George Galanis, Registrar, Court of Criminal Appeal

Class Actions User Group

Members

The Hon. Andrew Bell (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison

The Hon. Justice Peter Garling

The Hon. Justice Michael Ball

Common Law Civil Users Group

The Group provides a forum for discussing and addressing matters of concern or interest in the administration of the Common Law Division's civil trial workload.

Members

The Hon. Justice Nicholas Chen

The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison, Chief Judge at Common Law

The Hon. Justice Peter Garling RFD

Ms. Jennifer Hedge, Common Law Case Management Registrar

Court of Criminal Appeal/Crime Users Group

The joint Court of Criminal Appeal/Crime Users Group meets as required to promote effective communication between the Court and key users. The Group focuses on ensuring that Court of Criminal Appeal procedures work effectively and efficiently within the required timeframes.

Members

The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison (Chair)

The Hon. Acting Justice R A Hulme

Ms. Rebel Kenna, Acting Executive Director and Principal Registrar

Mr. George Galanis, Registrar, Court of Criminal Appeal

Equity Division Consultation Group

This Group was established in 2001 to promote discourse between the legal profession and representatives of the Equity Division about matters of interest and importance to the operation of the Division. The Group is informal, and the meetings facilitate candid discussions about the operations of the Division. Typically, these discussions encourage cooperation between the judges and the legal profession in developing suggested improvements to the Division's operations.

Members

The Hon. Justice David Hammerschlag (Chair)

Possession List Users Group

The Possession List Users Group was established in 2006. The Possession List is, numerically, the largest list in the Common Law Division and involves claims for possession of land following mortgage default. The Group comprises representatives from a range of law firms who regularly appear for plaintiffs in the List and organisations (Legal Aid New South Wales, the Consumer Credit Legal Centre, and Redfern Legal Centre) who provide legal assistance to those experiencing problems with debt. The Group does not have appointed members. Rather, representatives from those firms and organisations attend and provide a range of views on relevant issues. The Group's primary objectives are to encourage frank discussion concerning issues affecting the running of the List, to identify how any problems might be overcome and to improve court processes to assist parties in this class of proceedings.

Members

The Hon. Justice Tim Faulkner

Ms. Rebel Kenna, A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar

Mr. Brett Thomson, Acting Director and Prothonotary

Ms. Jennifer Hedge, Common Law Case Management Registrar

Ms. Sivashna Chetty, Senior Deputy Registrar

Ms. Naomi Ubrihien, Manager Client Services

Mr. Milio Cesta-Incani, Manager Listings

Mr. Scott Graham, Counter Manager, Client Services

Mr. Nabil Abdi, Senior Client Service Clerk & Chief Clerk

Supreme Court representatives on other bodies

Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA)

Judicial Liaison Committee

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Kelly Rees

Australian Judicial Officers Association

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Michael Walton (President)

The Hon. Justice Richard Weinstein

Australasian Joint Judges' Committee

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice James Stevenson (Chair)

Board of State Records Authority of New South Wales

The State Records Authority of New South Wales is the New South Wales Government's archives and records management authority. Its purposes are to preserve the State's archives and promote their use, and to set standards and provide guidance and services to improve records management in the New South Wales Public Sector. Pursuant to its governing legislation, its Board is required to include a New South Wales judge nominated by the Chief Justice of New South Wales.

Supreme Court representative

The Hon. Justice Mark Leeming

Costs Assessment Rules Committee

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Nicholas Chen (Chair)

Mr. Brendan Bellach, Senior Deputy Registrar

Council of Chief Justices

Harmonisation of Rules Committee

The Hon. Justice Ashley Black

Law Admissions Consultative Committee

The Law Admissions Consultative Committee consists of representatives of the law admitting authority in each Australia jurisdiction, the Committee of Australian Law Deans, the Australasian Professional Legal Education Council, and the Law Council of Australia. It is generally responsible to the Council of Chief Justices, which appoints the chairperson of LACC. LACC's main role is to forge consensus between the bodies represented by its members on matters relating to the academic and practical legal training requirements for admission to the Australian legal profession. The functions of LACC are to develop, consider and make recommendations about policies, procedures and other matters directly or indirectly related to admission to the legal profession.

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Anthony Payne

The Hon. Justice Francois Kunc (Chair)

Judicial Commission of New South Wales bodies

The Judicial Commission of New South Wales provides a continuing education and information program for the judicial officers of New South Wales and examines complaints about judicial officers' ability or behaviour. Ten Commission members guide the Commission's strategic direction and examine all complaints.

Supreme Court representative

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice
(President and Chair)

The Hon. Justice Julie Ward, President of the Court of Appeal

Civil Bench Book

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Kristina Stern

The Hon. Justice Peter Garling RFD (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Richard Weinstein

The Hon. Justice Coleman

Criminal Trial Bench Book

The Honourable Justice Adamson chairs the Criminal Trials Bench Book Committee. The judicial members of the Committee are listed below. Its function is to continually revise and update the Criminal Trials Bench Book with suggested jury directions and information on procedural aspects concerning the myriad issues that arise in the course of criminal trials in the District Court and the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Christine Adamson (Chair)

The Hon. Acting Justice R A Hulme

Sentencing Bench Book

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Natalie Adams (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Dina Yehia

The Hon. Justice Deborah Sweeney

Indigenous Justice Program

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Michael Slattery AM AM (Mil) RFD
(Co-Chair)

The Hon. Justice Dina Yehia (Co-Chair)

Ngara Yura (Judicial Commission Aboriginal Liaison Committee)

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Dina Yehia (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Natalie Adams

Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Dhanji

National Judicial College of Australia

National Judicial Orientation Program

The Hon. Justice Julie Ward (Chair)

Programs Advisory Committee

Supreme Court representative

The Hon. Justice James Stevenson

Writing Better Judgments Planning Committee

The Planning Committee for Judgment Writing has been developed for the Australian judiciary. The program is designed to enhance participants' judgment writing skills through analysis, discussions and rewriting of judgments in small groups, assisted by professional writers and senior judges.

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice James Stevenson

The Hon. Acting Justice Monika Schmidt AM

Law Extension Committee (Sydney University)

Supreme Court representative

The Hon. Justice Ian Pike (Chair)

Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB)

The Board has responsibility for three broad functions, being the oversight of the approval and admission of lawyers in New South Wales, the accreditation of law schools in New South Wales and the examination of students-at-law for the Diploma of Law course taught in conjunction with the Law Extension Committee of the University of Sydney.

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice

The Hon. Justice Anthony Payne (Presiding Member)

The Hon. Justice Jeremy Kirk (Deputy Presiding Member)

The Hon. Justice Elisabeth Peden

Examinations Committee

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Elisabeth Peden (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Nicholas Chen

Legal Qualifications Committee

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Jeremy Kirk (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Julia Lonergan

Legal Services Council Admissions Committee

Supreme Court representative

The Hon. Justice Francois Kunc (Chair)

Law Courts Library Advisory Committee

The Committee was established in 2024 relating to the operations of the Law Courts Library situated in the Law Courts Building at Queen's Square Sydney. The Committee gives advice in relation to the management of the library and its collections and is constituted by two representatives from the Supreme Court and one each from the Land and Environment Court, Industrial Relations Court, District Court and Local Court.

Members

The Hon. Justice Mark Leeming

The Hon. Justice Scott Nixon

New South Wales Law Reform Commission

The Hon. Justice Anna Mitchelmore (Deputy Chair and Commissioner)

NSW Law Reporting Liaison Committee

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice John Basten

The Hon. Justice Mark Leeming

Parliamentary Counsel's Consultative Group

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Mark Leeming

The Hon. Justice John Basten

Standing International Forum on Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) – Working Group

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice

Uniform Rules Committee

The *Civil Procedure Act 2005* (NSW) and the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005 (NSW) commenced in 2005, consolidating provisions in relation to civil procedure under a single Act. It provides a common set of rules for civil proceedings in the Supreme, District and Local Courts of New South Wales, and, to a limited extent, in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales and the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales. The Uniform Rules Committee was established under Section 8 and Schedule 2 of the Act. The Chief Justice chairs the Committee, with representatives from the Supreme Court and other courts, as well as from the New South Wales Bar Association and the Law Society of New South Wales.

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Andrew Bell, Chief Justice (Chair)

The Hon. Justice Ward

The Hon. Justice Christine Adamson

The Hon. Justice Lindsay

The Hon. Justice Chen

Ms. Rebel Kenna, A/Executive Director and Principal Registrar (Secretary)

Government Reference Group for Coercive Control

Supreme Court representatives

The Hon. Justice Natalie Adams

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The Honourable Andrew Bell, *Chief Justice of NSW*

CONFERENCES

29 January	Attendance at Opening of Law Term Service - Red Mass (St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney)
29 January	Attendance at Opening of Law Term Service (St James' King Street, Sydney)
6 February	Attendance at Opening of Law Term Service (St Matthew's Church, Albury)
6 February	Attendance at Opening of Law Term Service (Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Redfern)
7 February	Attendance at Opening of Law Term Service (The Great Synagogue, Sydney)
15 February	Attendance at the farewell sitting for Justice John Sackar (Supreme Court, Sydney)
20 February	Attendance at the Judicial Commission of NSW Cross-jurisdictional seminar 'Sovereign Citizens' (Banco Court, Sydney)
27 February	Attendance at the unveiling of the portrait of the Hon. James Allsop AC (Federal Court, Sydney)
7 March	Attendance at the funeral for former Judicial Commission of NSW Chief Executive, Mr Ernest Schmatt AM PSM (St Aloysius Catholic Church, Cronulla)
8 March	Attendance at the Law Society of NSW's International Women's Day Breakfast (Law Society of NSW)
11 March	Attendance at the official opening of The Michael Kirby Building (Macquarie University)
12 March	Attendance at the farewell sitting for Acting Justice Carolyn Simpson AO (Supreme Court, Sydney)
14-15 March	Attendance at the Eighth Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation (Hong Kong)
4 April	Official guest and wreath laying at the RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration (Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney)
6-7 April	Attendance at the National Judicial College of Australia Conference, 'AI and the Courts' and the inaugural John Doyle Oration delivered by the Hon. Stephen Gageler AC, Chief Justice of Australia (National Portrait Gallery, Canberra)
10 April	Attendance at the NSW Bar Association event 'Remembering the Hon. Andrew Rogers AO KC' (Banco Court, Sydney)
11 April	Attendance at the Brian Johns Lecture, 'Donald Trump, American authoritarianism and how journalists should cover it' (State Library, Sydney)
15 April	Attendance at St John's College dinner – guest speaker, the Hon. P A Bergin AO SC

CONFERENCES

20-21 April	Attendance at the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) 5th Full Meeting (Doha, Qatar)
23-26 April	Attendance at the Durham University 4th Commercial Roundtable (Durham University, UK)
30 April	Attendance at welcome ceremony for Justice Sarah Huggett as Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales (Banco Court, Sydney)
1 May	Attendance at Lowy Institute for Address by the Hon. Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer, 'Economic security and the Australian opportunity in a world of churn and change'
16 May	Official guest at the Interfaith Evensong to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Supreme Court (St James Church, King Street)
17 May	Bicentennial Sitting of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (Banco Court)
30 & 31 May	Attendance at Gilbert & Sullivan's <i>Trial by Jury</i> (Banco Court, Sydney)
4 June	Attendance at swearing-in ceremony for Justice Mark Leeming as Administrator of the Government of the State (Government House, Sydney)
7 June	61st Meeting of the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand (High Court, Canberra)
12 June	Attendance at farewell event for Professor Simon Bronitt as Dean of Sydney Law School (University of Sydney)
14 June	Attendance at NSW Bar Association's First Nations Committee and The Indigenous Barristers' Trust The Mum Shirl Fund Event, 'First Nations Pathway to the Bar' (NSW Bar Association Common Room)
14 June	Attendance at NSW Bar Association's event 'Gay Bar drinks' (Avenue on Chifley)
18 June	Attendance at the Spigelman Oration, 'The myth and the history of the continuity in the common law' delivered by Justice Jayne Jagot (Banco Court, Sydney)
5 July	Attendance at the Farewell Ceremony for Judge Peter Johnstone as Chief Magistrate of NSW (Downing Centre, Sydney)
16 July	Attendance at the Australian Academy of Law book launch of <i>Enduring Courts in Changing Times: celebrating the 2024 Bicentenaries of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and Tasmania</i> , launched by the Hon. T F Bathurst AC KC (Supreme Court, Sydney)
18 July	Attendance at the Welcome Ceremony for Justice Jane Paingakulam (Industrial Relations Court, Sydney)
19 July	Attendance at the Legislative Council Bicentenary Seminar Series, <i>Pride & Precedent: Law, Representation, Reform</i> (Parliament House, Sydney)

CONFERENCES

24 July	Attendance at the retirement event for Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM as President of the Australian Human Rights Commission (Wentworth Galleries, Sydney)
25 July	Attendance at the Sir James Martin Oration, delivered by Mr Bret Walker AO SC (Gilbert + Tobin, Sydney)
5 August	Attendance at the swearing-in ceremony for Mr John Catsanos SC (District Court, Sydney)
15 August	Attendance at the farewell sitting for Justice Richard Button (Supreme Court, Sydney)
15 August	Attendance at a special address given by the Rt Hon. Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand (Lowy Institute)
18 August	Official guest and wreath laying at the Vietnam Veterans Day (The Cenotaph, Martin Place)
19 August	Attendance at the St John's College Formal Dinner, guest speaker the Hon. Judge Amul Thapar, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
25 August	Official guest at the NSW Legislative Council Bicentenary Interfaith Service (St James' King Street Church)
30-31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
3 September	Attendance at the John Lehane Memorial Lecture, 'Contractual interpretation: An Anglo/Australian journey', delivered by the Rt. Hon. Lord Hamblen of Kersey, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (Banco Court, Sydney)
4 September	Official guest and wreath laying at the Battle for Australia commemoration (The Cenotaph, Sydney)
9 September	Official guest, St Paul's College Law Dinner in honour of Professor Fleur Johns (St Paul's College, University of Sydney)
10 September	Attendance at the 2024 Plunkett Lecture, 'Liberty not Licence: The law's response to the challenges of ethno-religious sectarianism in nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Australia', delivered by Dr Jeff Kildea (Banco Court, Sydney)
12 September	Attendance at the Bathurst Lecture, 'Modern centrality of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 in the regulation of commercial conduct', delivered by ACCC Commissioner Liza Carver (Banco Court, Sydney)
11-14 October	Attendance at the 19th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific Conference (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
20 October	Official guest at the official exhibition launch for Legacy & Evolution (Art Gallery of NSW)
23 October	Attendance at the Maurice Byers Lecture, 'Judicial Review of Statutes', delivered by Justice Nye Perram (NSW Bar Association Common Room)
24 October	Attendance at the Women Barristers Forum Event 20 year anniversary, guest speaker the Hon. Virginia Bell AC (Portrait Gallery, Supreme Court, Sydney)
24 October	Attendance at the Bench & Bar Drinks event hosted by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

CONFERENCES

30 October	Official guest at the reception on the occasion of the 101st Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (Dover Heights, Sydney)
5 November	Attendance at the Joint Francis Forbes Society and Ngara Yura Committee – Walama List Panel Discussion (Banco Court, Sydney)
7 November	Attendance at the funeral service for the Hon. JMN (Moreton) Rolfe KC (St James' King Street Church)
8 November	Attendance at the swearing-in ceremony for Mr Guy Newton SC (District Court, Sydney)
11 November	Attendance at the swearing-in ceremonies for Mr David Scully SC and Mr Thomas Jones (District Court, Sydney)
11 November	Official guest and laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service (Cenotaph Martin Place)
13 November	Attendance at the Women Barristers Forum - Women Silks event (Verandah Bar, Sydney)
26 November	Attendance at farewell ceremony for Justice David Yates (Federal Court, Sydney)
2 December	Official guest at the dinner in honour of General the Honourable David Hurley AC CVO DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs Linda Hurley hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales (Government House, Sydney)
17 December	Attendance at the funeral service for the Hon. TEF Hughes AO KC (St Mary Magdalene Church, Rose Bay)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2024 (monthly)	Speech for Admission Ceremonies of new lawyers
30 January	Swearing-in ceremony for Justice Ian Pike (Banco Court, Sydney)
31 January	Opening of Law Term Address, 'The Bicentenary of the Supreme Court and its significance', Law Society of New South Wales Opening of Law Term Dinner (Sofitel Hotel, Darling Harbour)
1 February	Swearing-in ceremony for Justice James Hmelnitsky (Banco Court, Sydney)
5 February	Address to the Albury Law Society's Opening of Law Term Dinner 'A Degustation of Chief Justices' (Albury Club)
6 February	Remarks at the reception following the Opening of Law Term Service (Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Redfern)
7 February	Address following the Opening of Law Term Service (The Great Synagogue, Sydney)
8 February	Remarks at the official opening of Omnia Chambers (Establishment Bar, Sydney)
9 February	Speech at the Admission Ceremony and also at the post admission function (Harold Lobb Hall, University of Newcastle)
9 February	Dinner Address to the Law Society of Newcastle members, Newcastle City Hall

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

13 February	Francis Forbes Society 2024 Plunkett Lecture, 'Unheralded nation-builder: another dimension of John Hubert Plunkett' and prizegiving for best essays following (Banco Court, Sydney)
15 February	Eulogy at the funeral service for the Hon. Andrew Rogers AO KC (St Stephen's Uniting Church, Sydney)
15 February	Remarks given at Supreme Court Opening of Law Term Judicial Dinner (State Library, Sydney)
22 February	Welcome and closing remarks at the 6th ADR Address 'Cross-fertilisation of international commercial arbitration, investor-state arbitration and mediation: The good, the bad and the ugly', delivered by Professor Luke Nottage, Professor of Comparative and Transnational Business Law, Sydney Law School, (Banco Court, Sydney)
23 February	Remarks at the Awards ceremony for the Experienced Barristers' Programme (NSW Bar Association Common Room)
9 March	Keynote speaker, Public Defenders Criminal Law Conference 'The Public Defenders of NSW – An Essential Arm of the Administration of Justice' (UTS, Sydney)
14-15 March	Keynote speaker at the Eighth Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation, 'Res judicata and issue estoppel in transnational litigation and arbitration' (Hong Kong)
20 March	Welcome remarks on the occasion of the launch of the NSW Chapter of Pride in Law (Banco Court, Sydney)
22 March	Official host of the reception for the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and presentation of the 2024 Rural Achievers and Young Women Badges (Government House, Sydney)
27 March	After dinner speaker to members of the University Union and Schools Club in an in conversation style Q & A on the topics of the forthcoming bicentenary of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the modern day work of the Court and the role of the Chief Justice (UUSC Sydney)
2 April	Interview on ABC Radio National Law Report hosted by Damien Carrick 'Two Hundred Years of the NSW Supreme Court'
2 April	Remarks at the farewell dinner in honour of Justice Derek Price as Chief Judge of the District Court (Customs House, Sydney)
3 April	<p>Welcome remarks at the book launch of 'Constant Guardian - Changing Times: the Supreme Court of New South Wales 1824-2024', officially launched by the Hon. JJ Spigelman AC KC</p> <p>Official opening of the new Portrait Gallery on Level 13 of the Law Courts Building by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales</p>
4 April	Swearing-in ceremony for Mr Bola Oyetunji as Auditor-General of NSW (Chief Justice's chambers)
4 April	Official host and remarks at the 2024 RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Art Exhibition and presentation of finalist medals (Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

20-21 April	Chair of the Judicial Roundtable, 'AI in the world; AI in the handling and resolution of disputes' at the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) 5th Full Meeting (Doha, Qatar)
23-26 April	Keynote speaker, 'Truth Decay and its implications for the judiciary: An Australian perspective' at the Durham University 4th Commercial Roundtable (Durham University, UK)
1 May	NSW Bar Association CPD, 'Highlights from the History', Panel discussion on <i>Constant Guardian: Changing Times</i> with the Hon. Keith Mason AC KC and Ms Larissa Reid - chaired by Dr Ruth Higgins SC
6 May	Interview for 'Just Chat' at the Law Society of NSW on the occasion of the Bicentenary of the Supreme Court
9 May	Interview for Stateline entitled 'Court Milestone' by ABC journalist Mr Jamie McKinnell on the occasion of the Bicentenary of the Supreme Court (Portrait Gallery, Supreme Court)
17 May	Ceremonial address on the occasion of the Bicentennial Sitting of the Supreme Court (Banco Court, Sydney)
17 May	Welcome remarks at the official dinner hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales in honour of the visiting Chief Justices of all states and territories of Australia, New Zealand and Singapore on the occasion of the Bicentennial Sitting of the Court (Government House, Sydney)
18 May	Remarks at the Garden Party for the Legal Profession to mark the Bicentenary of the Supreme Court (Government House, Sydney)
22 May	Dinner speaker at the Australia Club's History Committee Annual Dinner to mark the Bicentenary of the Supreme Court (Australia Club)
23 May	Swearing-in ceremony for Justice Tim Faulkner (Banco Court, Sydney)
24 May	Dinner speaker, 'Celebrating the Office of the Sheriff of New South Wales' at the Gala Ball to mark the bicentenary of the Officer of the Sheriff (Sydney Town Hall)
30 May	Closing Address, New South Wales Bar Association Bar Practice Course, (NSW Bar Association Common Room)
13 June	Dinner Speaker, 'Dealing with Change' at the Law Society of Northern Rivers Kingscliff Practitioners' Dinner (Mantra on Salt Kingscliff)
1 July	Swearing-in ceremony for Acting Justice R A Hulme (Chief Justice's chambers)
1 July	Swearing-in ceremony for the new Industrial Court judges, Justice Ingmar Taylor, Justice David Chin and Justice Jane Paingakulam (Chief Justice's Chambers)
1 July	Remarks at the launch of the Supreme Court's First Nations Interns Program co-hosted with Justice Michael Slattery AM RFD and Justice Dina Yehia (Portrait Gallery, Supreme Court)
18 July	Interview for the Australian Law Student Podcast, 'The role of Chief Justice, Lieutenant-Governor of NSW and your former career as a barrister' (Chief Justice's Chambers)
24 July	Swearing-in ceremony for Justice Belinda Rigg (Banco Court, Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1 August	Remarks on the occasion of the farewell ceremony for Justice Anthony Meagher
6 August	Address to Law Council of Australia's International Law Section Practice Course, 'An overview of private international law and its importance' (Hall & Wilcox, Sydney)
8 August	Swearing-in of Deputy Auditor-General, Ms Claudia Migotto (Chief Justice's chambers)
13 August	Keynote speaker at the Australian Litigation Funders of Australia (ALFA) Commercial Disputes Conference, 'The Judge's Perspective', (Herbert Smith Freehills, Sydney)
20 August	Swearing-in ceremony for Justice Richard McHugh (Banco Court, Sydney)
21 August	Dinner speaker at the St George/Sutherland Regional Law Society Judiciary Night, 'My Predecessors: A Degustation of Chief Justices' (Kareela Golf Club)
22 August	Dinner Speaker at the Parramatta and District Regional Law Society Dinner, 'My Predecessors: A Degustation of Chief Justices' (Camden Inn)
23 August	Keynote speaker to the Young Justice Program, 'A Career in the Law' (Western Sydney University)
24 August	Official guest and dinner speaker, 'Celebrating the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council of New South Wales at the Gala Dinner to commemorate the bicentenary of the Legislative Council (Strangers Dining Room, Parliament House)
30 August	Remarks at the opening and closing of the Annual Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle University)
30 August	Question and Answer Dialogue with The Rt. Hon. Lord Hamblen of Kersey (Supreme Court Conference, Newcastle)
2 September	Official guest, wreath laying and speech for the Legacy Week Launch (The Cenotaph, Martin Place)
2 September	Official host and remarks at the luncheon in honour of The Rt. Hon. Lord Hamblen of Kersey (Government House, Sydney)
7 September	Keynote speaker at the Blue Mountains Law Society Succession Law Conference, 'Succession and the Conflict of Laws' (Hydro Majestic Hotel, Medlow Bath)
11 September	Remarks at the First Nations Clerkship end of clerkship function and presentation of certificates (Judicial Commission of NSW)
26 September	Closing address to the Bar Practice Course (NSW Bar Association Common Room)
26 September	21st Annual Acton Lecture, 'Truth, the Courts and Truth Decay' (The Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1 October	Swearing-in ceremony for Justice Andrew Coleman (Banco Court, Sydney)
9 October	Remarks on the occasion of Silks Bows (Banco Court, Sydney)
9 October	Dinner speaker, Parramatta & District Regional Law Society Dinner, 'A Degustation of Chief Justices', (CommBank Stadium Parramatta)
11-14 October	Co-host with the Chief Justice of Malaysia and sessional speaker, 'The Courts and the Media including Social Media' at the 19th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific Conference (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
16-17 October	Keynote speaker at the National Judicial College of Australia Leadership Program Conference, 'Managing the Complexities of the relationship with Government' (Mount Lofty House, Adelaide)
23 October	Introductory Remarks to the National Judicial College of Australia's Writing Better Judgments Course (HC Coombs Centre, Kirribilli)
26 October	Official Opening of the Adoptions Conference: 'Partnerships and Principles in Adoptions Practice: the permanency pathway from out-of-home care to adoption' (Banco Court, Sydney)
30 October	Remarks on the arrival of the children participating in the Sir James Martin Children's Walk from Parramatta to Martin Place statue as organised by The Lysicrates Foundation and presentation of certificates to participants
31 October	Presentation of the Scrolls to the new Silks (NSW Bar Association Common Room)
1 November	Remarks at the Bicentennial Concert performed by the Sydney Lawyers Orchestra, conducted by Thomas Jones with guest soprano Ellen McNeil and the NSW Bar Choir (Conservatorium of Music, Sydney)
6 November	Remarks at the NSW Bar Association's Readers Event (Chief Justice's Garden, Queen's Square)
18 November	Moderator of NSW Bar Association Climate Change Committee CPD – 'Legal and Scientific aspects of causation and climate change' with guest speaker the Hon. J L B Allsop AC and commentator the Hon. R French AC (Banco Court, Sydney)
20 November	Guest Speaker at the City of Sydney Law Society Annual Dinner (Sheraton on the Park Hotel, Sydney)
2 December	Briefing to the legal profession in relation to the new Gen AI Practice Note and Guidelines which commence on 3 February 2025 (Banco Court, Sydney)
5 December	Launch of the Australasian Association of Private International Law (Corrs Chambers Westgarth)
19 December	Remarks on the occasion of the farewell ceremony for Justice Richard White (Banco Court, Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

Andrew Bell, 'Foreword' and ch 5 in Keith Mason and Larissa Reid (eds), *Constant Guardian Changing Times: The Supreme Court of New South Wales 1824-2024* (Judicial Commission of NSW, 2024) & other contributions to multiple chapters

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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales

President of the Judicial Commission of NSW

Chair of the Supreme Court Executive Committee

Chair of the Supreme Court Rules Committee

Chair of the Uniform Rules Committee

Chair of the Supreme Court Bicentenary Planning Committee

Chair of the Judicial Section of LAWASIA, convening the Biennial Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific

Chair of the Legal Profession Admission Board

Member of the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand

Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Sydney Law School

Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, London

Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law

DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

6 March	Official visit - Her Excellency Mrs Ardi Stoios-Braken, Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Australia and Mr Hugo Klijn, Consul-General of the Netherlands in Sydney
17 April	Official visit – His Excellency Mr Ernesto Cespedes Oropeza, Ambassador of Mexico to the Commonwealth of Australia and Dr. Rafael Martínez-Blanco
14 May	Meeting with Minister Mike Freer, British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of state for Courts and Legal Services with the Hon. Michael Daley MP, Attorney General (NSW) and Mr Michael Tidball, Secretary of the Department of Communities and Justice
4 July	Official visit - His Excellency Mr Pham Hung Tam, Ambassador of Vietnam to Australia with Dr Nguyen Dang Thang, Consul-General of Vietnam in Sydney and Mr Pham Duy Thuc, First Secretary, Vietnam Embassy in Australia
25 July	Official visit – Mr Shuichi Tokuda, Consul-General of Japan in Sydney and President Julie Ward
31 July	Official visit - His Excellency Dr Fahad Obaid Mohamed Al Taffag, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Commonwealth of Australia; Miss Adhra Almansoori, Head of the Economic Section; Mr Hamad Alkabi, Head of the Political Section; and Mr Conor Sherriff, Political Researcher at the UAE Embassy
21 August	Official visit – His Excellency Mr Andrew Needs, High Commissioner of New Zealand to Australia and Mr Bill Dobbie, Consul-General of New Zealand in Sydney
7 November	Official visit – Her Excellency Ms Arajaree Sriratanaban, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand with Mrs Hattaya Khusakul, Consul-General of Thailand, Ms Namrin Anukul, Consul of Thailand and Mr Pawornwat Simaskul, First Secretary at the Royal Thai Embassy in Canberra
14 November	Meeting with new Japanese Consul-General of Japan in Sydney, Mr Osamu Yamanaka and Vice-Consul, Mr Katsumi Shimmura
20 November	Official visit – The Hon. Justice Katsuya Uga of the Supreme Court of Japan, His Honour Judge Yotaro Oda of the Civil Division of the Sendai High Court, His Honour Judge Hirofumi Higashi of Sendai District Court of Japan and Prof. Luke Nottage, Co-Director, Australian Network for Japanese Law, University of Sydney
2 December	Official visit – delegation of Senior Judges from the Supreme and District Courts of Indonesia as part of the Department of Home Affairs ‘Australia Visit Program’: Deputy Chief Justice Suharto (Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court for Non-Judicial Matters), Dr Prim Haryadi (Chair for Criminal Chambers), Yohanes Priyana (Justice at the Criminal Chambers), Dwi Sugiarto (Justice at the Criminal Chamber), Sugeng Sutrisno (Justice at the Military Chambers), Syofia Tambunan (Judge at North Jakarta District Court), Riyono (Judge at the East Jakarta District Court) and Astriyani (Coordinator for Judicial Reform Office). Meeting with Justice Julie Ward, Justice Ian Harrison, Justice Christine Adamson, Justice Sarah McNaughton, the Hon. Peter Johnson SC, Chief Commissioner of LECC, Ms Una Doyle, CEO of the Judicial Commission of New South Wales and Ms Catherine Kenny, Director Research and Education, Judicial Commission of New South Wales (Supreme Court, Sydney)

The Honourable Justice Julie Ward, *President of the Court of Appeal*

CONFERENCES

20–25 January	Supreme and Federal Court Judges' Conference (Melbourne)
13–15 March	8th Judicial Commercial Seminar (Hong Kong)
2–4 August	AIJA Conference on Nature and Impacts of Sexual Assault (Sydney)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
10–14 October	19th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific (Kuala Lumpur)
12–14 November	National Judicial Orientation Program (Perth)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

26 January	Remarks on presentation of certificates – Australian Bar Association Advanced Trial Advocacy Intensive Course (Sydney)
28 February	Speaker, Law Society of NSW – Continuing Professional Development – 'Practice, Procedure – Life After the Pandemic' (Sydney)
13–15 March	Presenter, 8th Judicial Commercial Seminar 'Common Law Illegality – The Australian Approach' (Hong Kong)
19–20 March	Chairperson, National Judicial Orientation Program (Brisbane)
21 March	Keynote Speaker, Property and Family Law Conference (Newcastle)
23 March	Opening Speaker, NSW Bar Association – Bar Associations 2024 Sydney CPD Conference, 'The Role of Barristers in Ensuring Access to Justice: Advocacy, Ethics and Professionalism' (Sydney)
3 April	Presenter, 2024 District Court of NSW Annual Conference – 'Some Key Decisions of the Court of Appeal' (Sydney)
10 April	Annual Guest Lecture – Western Sydney University – Equity and Trusts, 'Topical Issues in the Fiduciary Context' (Sydney)
18–19 April	Chair, 11th Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)
21 May	Judge, UNSW Private Law Moot Grand Final
23 May	Address – Veterans' Review Board Biennial Conference 'The role of the decision-maker when dealing with matters of conflict of interest and bias' (Sydney)
12 June	Guest Lecturer, Whitmore Lecture 2024 'Jurisdictional Error & Materiality' (Sydney)
13 June	Introductory Address, National Judicial College of Australia – Better Judgment Writing 'Words, words, words ...' (Sydney)
31 July	Guest presenter, Book Launch: <i>Equity & Trusts: 5th Ed</i> (Sydney)
15 August	Keynote Speaker, The Law Society of NSW – Specialist Accreditation Conference: 'Accredited Specialists' Role in Building Trust in the Law' (Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

10–14 October	Moderator, Session 5, 19th, Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific; ‘Regulation of the legal profession and the education of lawyers in an era of AI – what is or should the role of the Courts be?’ (Kuala Lumpur)
6 November	Guest lecture at the Queensland Foundation – Queensland Gives 2024 WA Lee Lecture (Brisbane)
7–8 November	Presenter, Environment and Planning Law Association (NSW) ‘Court of Appeal significant cases of interest in the last 12 months’ (Milton, NSW)
19 November	Keynote speaker – KWM History: Sydney launch (Sydney)
26 November	Presenter at the NSW Bar Association Dispute Centre – ‘Where ADR is at in Supreme Court’ (Sydney)
11 December	Keynote address, UNSW Law Journal, launch of Issue 47(4), University of New South Wales Law Journal (Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

Foreword for *Equity & Trusts*, 5th Edition (Evans, Power & Power)

Foreword to Issue 47(4) of the *University of New South Wales Law Journal*

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Advisory Committee Member, Australian Law Reform Commission

Member, Legal Qualifications Committee

Chair, Supreme Court ADR Steering Committee

Member and Fellow of The Australian Academy of Law

Member and Deputy President of the AIJA Council

Member, Australian Association of Women’s Judges

Member, Judicial Commission

Member, Supreme Court Executive Committee

Member, Uniform Rules Committee

DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

22 August Hosting Official Secretaries Conference Dinner at Government House

18 October Chambers meeting with the Korean delegation from the Supreme Court of Korea

2 December Chambers meeting with the Indonesian delegation from the Supreme Court of Korea

The Honourable Justice Fabian Gleeson

CONFERENCES

9–11 June	International Insolvency Institute 24th Annual Conference (Singapore)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Judges' Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

9 February	Chair of CLA – Contracts Master Class, Dixon Rm, NSW State Library
14–15 March	'The Legal Issues Raised by Cryptocurrencies' – 8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation (Hong Kong)
13 September	ABA Appellate Advocacy Workshop

The Honourable Justice Mark Leeming

CONFERENCES

29 February	Roundtable (Prof Mitchell) re: <i>Byers v Saudi National Bank</i> [2023] UKSC 51 (Sydney)
5–6 April	Intersections in Private Law (University of Sydney)
10 May	Public Law Seminar 'The Principle of Legality' (Sydney)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Annual Conference (Newcastle)
30 October	Roundtable (Prof McDonald) re: <i>Mallonland v Advanta Seeds</i> [2024] HCA 25, (Sydney)
30 November – 1 December	Third Zines Colloquium (Australian National University, Canberra)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

5 April	Response to comments on 'Common Law, Equity and Statute'; Intersections in Private Law Conference (University of Sydney)
6 April	'Company law and trusts law: the use and misuse of principle'; Intersections in Private Law Conference (University of Sydney)
8 April	'Statutory Construction': Guest lecture, Foundations of Law (University of Sydney)
10 May	'The Principle of Legality', Public Law Seminar, (Sydney)
29 August	'The relationship between common law and statute – the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW)': Guest lecture, Statutory Interpretation (University of Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

3 September	Introductory Remarks on the occasion of the 11th John Lehane Memorial Lecture by Lord Hamblen (Sydney)
18 October	Admission of Practitioners (Sydney)
30 October	Presentation on <i>Mallonland v Advanta Seeds</i> [2024] HCA 25 (Level 13 Consultation Room) (Sydney)
20 November	Harold Ford Memorial Lecture (University of Melbourne)
1 December	Commentary on Finn's 'Forgotten Trust', Third Zines Colloquium (Australian National University, Canberra)

PUBLICATIONS

'Colonial Innovation in the Australian Law of Torts' in J Eldridge et al, *Australian Tort Law in the 21st Century* (Federation Press, 2024)

Chapters 2 'The Second Century' and 7 'Civil jurisdiction' (both co-authored with Keith Mason) in K Mason and L Reid, *Constant Guardian, Changing Times: The Supreme Court of New South Wales 1825-2024* (Judicial Commission, 2024)

Commentary on A Robertson, 'Review of Non-Statutory Action' in J Griffiths and J Stellios, *Issues in Australian Constitutional Law: Tributes to Professor Leslie Zines* (Federation Press, 2024), Vol 2, p 132

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Challis Lecturer in Equity, University of Sydney

Board Member, State Records Authority of NSW

Advisory Committee, Francis Forbes Society

Director, The Federation Press Pty Ltd

Editorial Board member: *Australian Bar Review*, *Journal of Equity*, *Contract and Commercial Law Review*

Member of Panel of Referees, *Journal of the Malaysian Judiciary*

Honorary Bencher, Lincoln's Inn

The Honourable Justice Anthony Payne

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

7 June	'How Do Companies Think?' Commercial Law Association (Sydney)
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PUBLICATIONS

'How do companies think?' <i>Aust Bar Rev</i> (2024) Vol. 55
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Presiding Member, Legal Profession Admission Board
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Member, Law Admissions Consultative Committee

Member, NSW Supreme Court Education Committee

Judge, Grand Final of the Diverse Women in Law – Civil Law Moot on 6 August 2024
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The Honourable Justice David Hammerschlag, *Chief Judge in Equity*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

10 April	Evening Tribute to Andrew Rogers AO KC (Sydney)
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15 May and 11 September	Address to Readers of the Bar Practice Course (Sydney)
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1 November	New Zealand Senior Courts Update (Auckland – Remote)
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The Honourable Justice Anna Mitchelmore

CONFERENCES

18–19 April	Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)
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3–4 August	AIJA National Justice Forum on Sexual Assault (Sydney)
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30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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30 November – 1 December	Symposium to honour Professor Leslie Zines AO (Australian National University, Canberra)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

9 February	Chair, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law Constitutional Law Conference. 'Finance, Judicial Bias and Immunity' (Sydney)
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29 May and 25 September	'Duties to the Court regarding self-represented litigants', NSW Bar Association Bar Practice Course (Sydney)
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8 August	Panellist, UNSW Law Society, Evening with Justices (Sydney)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1 October	Judge and Function Speaker, Baker + McKenzie National Women's Moot Grand Final (Sydney)
3 December	'The exercise of functions by delegates and agents: recent issues', AGS Administrative Law Conference, (Canberra)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Commissioner and Deputy Chair, New South Wales Law Reform Commission
Advisory Committee Member, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

The Honourable Justice Jeremy Kirk**CONFERENCES**

19–20 April	Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)
18–19 July	Australian Institute of Administrative Law National Administrative Law Conference (Canberra)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

7 February	Chair, Australian Association of Constitutional Law seminar, 'The Year in Review: A Panel Discussion of 2023's Most Significant Cases in Constitutional Law' (Sydney)
20 March	Pride in Law official launch of NSW chapter (Sydney)
10 May	Principle of Legality seminar, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law partnered with Supreme Court of NSW (Sydney)
18 July	'Judicial Review of Integrity Bodies', opening address, Australian Institute of Administrative Law National Administrative Law Conference (Canberra)
29 October	'Judicial Review of Integrity Bodies', Australian Institute of Administrative Law National (Sydney branch)
30 November	'Revisiting Proportionality', Leslie Zines Symposium (Australian National University, Canberra)

PUBLICATIONS

Judicial Review of Integrity Bodies' (2024) 111 <i>AIAL Forum</i> 22
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Chair, Legal Qualifications Committee of the Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW
Deputy Presiding Member, Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW

The Honourable Justice Christine Adamson

CONFERENCES

18–19 April	The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration Inc, 11th Appellate Judges' Conference – 'Prosecution appeals before trial or after sentence: Rarely rare and exceptional?' (Adelaide)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

20 March	'The Trial from Hell': National Judicial College of Australia, National Judicial Orientation Program – Court Craft (Brisbane)
18–19 April	'Prosecution appeals before trial or after sentence: Rarely rare and exceptional?', The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration Inc, 11th Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)
13 November	'The Trial from Hell': National Judicial College of Australia, National Judicial Orientation Program – Court Craft (Perth)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Supreme Court Rules Committee

Member, Uniform Rules Committee

Chair, Criminal Trials Bench Book Committee

The Honourable Justice Kristina Stern

CONFERENCES

18–21 April	Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide): presented paper
2–4 August	'Enhancing Safe Practice: A National Justice Forum on Sexual Assault', Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration Conference, (Sydney)
9–13 August	Human Rights Law Trans-Tasman Conference (Queenstown)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
7–8 September	Blue Mountains Law Society Succession Conference (Blue Mountains)
11 October	Council of Australasian Tribunals Conference (Sydney)
3–7 November	Chair of one session, 11th International Organisation for Judicial Training Conference (South Korea)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

18 October	Panel member, New South Wales Bar Association's Open Day for Women and Gender Diverse Students 2024
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PUBLICATIONS

'The Courts and Arbitration', presented at the Appellate Judges' Conference 2024

'Judicial analysis and outcomes in cases where bodily integrity is in issue, do human rights instruments make a difference?', presented at the Human Rights Law Trans-Tasman Conference 2024.

'Natural Justice in the Tribunal Setting: tracing the nature and scope of the obligation of procedural fairness in tribunals', presented at the Council of Australian Tribunals Conference 2024.

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Editorial Board of the Bulletin of the International Organisation for Judicial Training

Member, Civil Trials Bench Book Committee

DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

12 July	Official visit to New South Wales by His Excellency Mr Kazhiro Suzuki (Japanese Ambassador), Mr Shuichi Tokuda (Consul-General, Consulate of Japan) and Mr Satoshi Nozawa (Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Japan)
18 October	Delegation of the Supreme Court of Korea

The Honourable Justice Ian Harrison, *Chief Judge at Common Law*

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

13 February	'Judges Talk': series on behalf of the Bar Association Succession and Protective Law Committee
23 March	'The hardest job in the world', Bar Association CPD Conference presentation and closing speech (Sydney)
18–19 April	11th Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)
3 May	'The State of Democracy', EPLA seminar (Sydney)
23 May	Dinner Speech, Land & Environment Court Conference (Sydney)
26 June	'Developments in Criminal Law', Local Court Annual Conference presentation (Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Media Liaison Committee

Common Law Users Group

Bail Users Group

The Honourable Justice Richard McHugh

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
10–15 November	National Judicial Orientation Program (Perth)

The Honourable Justice Michael Ball

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

27 March	NSW Bar, International Practice Series CPD
23 July	CPD, written submissions in commercial law (Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

Principles of Insurance Law, LexisNexis, co-authored with David St Kelly

Acting Judges of Appeal

The Honourable Acting Justice John Basten

CONFERENCES

9 February	Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, Constitutional Law Conference (Sydney)
18–19 April	Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)
23 May	Land and Environment Court Annual Conference (Sydney)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

23 May	'The Public Interest', Opening Address, Land and Environment Court Annual Conference (Sydney)
19 September	Graduation Ceremony Address on award of Honorary Doctorate
15 October	Address, Julius Stone Institute, Sydney University Law School

PUBLICATIONS

'The Public Interest', *Environmental and Planning Law Journal*, 2024, Vol 40, 13 November 2024

'Statutory Interpretation: Judiciary Act, Section 80 – A special Statutory Provision?', *Australian Law Journal*, 2024, Vol 98, Issue 10, 26 September 2024

'The Court and Indigenous Peoples', in *Constant Guardian: Changing Times – The Supreme Court of New South Wales 1824-2024*, Ch 7 (with K Mason), 3 April 2024

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Chair, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law Advisory Committee

Chair, Australian Institute of Administrative Law (NSW Chapter)

Member, Council of Law Reporting for NSW Supreme Court Liaison Committee

The Honourable Acting Justice John Griffiths

CONFERENCES

30 November – 1 December Leslie Zines Symposium on Constitutional Law (convener)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

17 September Address, Year 12 Fort Street High School Legal Studies students

13 November Address, Australian Institute of Administrative Law, 'Is There Too Much Access to Administrative Justice: A Project for the Revived Administrative Review Council?'

The Honourable Acting Justice Derek Price AO

CONFERENCES

2–3 April District Court Annual Conference

18–19 April 11th Appellate Judges' Conference (Adelaide)

30–31 August Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

3 February Official guest speaker – Orana Regional Law Society Dinner (Dubbo)

5 February Opening of Law Term Address (Dubbo Court House)

2–3 April District Court Conference, 'Opening & Closing Addresses' (Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Chief Judge, District Court of NSW (until May 2024)

President, Dust Diseases Tribunal (until May 2024)

Member Judicial Commission (until May 2024)

The Honourable Justice Michael Walton

CONFERENCES

11 – 13 October	Chair, Australian Judicial Officers Association ('AJOA') Colloquium in the position of President of AJOA (Canberra, Australia)
30 – 31 August	Supreme Court Annual Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

11 October	Opening address for the AJOA Colloquium (Canberra, Australia)
22 August	Chair, Review Committee, which had amongst its members the Hon. Robert French AC, Justice Steven Moore, Justice Darryl Rangiah and Justice Chrissa Loukas-Karlsson, concerning a research paper commissioned by the AJOA titled "Judicial Independence in Australia" authored by Jessica Kerr
21 June	Presentation to David Pocock, Senator, in the capacity of President of the AJOA regarding the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023
5 June	Presentation to the Hon. Steven Jones, Assistant Treasurer, in the capacity of President of the AJOA regarding the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023
17 May	Presentation to the Hon. Mark Dreyfus, Commonwealth Attorney-General, in the capacity of President of the AJOA regarding the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023
10 April	Presentation to the Hon. Steven Jones, Assistant Treasurer, in the capacity of President of the AJOA regarding the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023

PUBLICATIONS

AJOA Further Submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023, 2 May 2024

AJOA Supplementary Submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Imposition Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023, 22 April 2024

AJOA Submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023, 23 February 2024

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

President of the Australian Judicial Officers Association

Editorial Committee Member of the Australian Journal of Labour Law

Member of the AJOA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence

DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

24 October	Hosting Lord John Hendy KC, member of the House of Lords, Parliament of the United Kingdom whom delivered a speech at the Industrial Court of NSW titled ' <i>Labour law reform in the UK; a comparative analysis: the legal status of workers</i> '
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The Honourable Justice Stephen Rothman AM

CONFERENCES

14 March	'Bias in the Jury Room' (webinar)
12 April	School of Law University of Notre Dame Annual Conference
14 May	Indigenous and Jewish Voices in Reconciliation Panel (Emanuel School, Sydney)
3–4 August	AIJA Conference (Supreme Court of NSW)

PUBLICATIONS

12 April at the Annual Conference – School of Law University of Notre Dame delivered a paper on Religious Liberty and the Education Sector

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Co-Commissioner (part-time), Australian Law Reform Commission

Director; Board Member & Chair, Workplace Relations Committee – NSW Association of Independent Schools

Co-Chair, Australian Council of Jewish Schools

Board Member, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

Life Governor, Moriah War Memorial College

Honorary Life Member, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

Member, Rabinovitch Trust Advisory Committee

The Honourable Justice Peter Garling RFD

CONFERENCES

6 April	'Artificial Intelligence and the Courts', NJCA Symposium
6 August	Mason Conversation (Virginia Bell)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

13 March	ALA NSW – Abuse Law Conference (Panel Member)
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Honorary Patron: CanRevive Inc
Chair, Civil Trial Bench Book Editorial Committee – Judicial Commission of NSW
Chair, NSW Supreme Court – IT Committee

The Honourable Justice Ashley Black

CONFERENCES

21-25 May	INSOL Judicial Colloquium and Insolvency Conference (San Diego)
3-4 August	Law Council of Australia Corporations Law Workshop (Sydney)
30-31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
5-7 September	Banking and Financial Services Law Association Conference (Gold Coast)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

29 February	Supreme Court of New South Wales/University of New South Wales/University of Sydney – Discussion – ‘Some Comments as to <i>Byers v Saudi National Bank</i> ’
22 May	INSOL/UNCITRAL/World Bank Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency – ‘Micro and small enterprises and small and medium enterprises’
23 July	‘Comments on Professor Varzaty’s Paper – Issues in enforcement’ Monash University
7 September	‘Convergences and Divergences in Australian and New Zealand Law’, Banking and Financial Services Law Association Conference
20 September	‘Fiduciary Duties in the Commercial sector’, Commercial Law Association/University of New South Wales seminar
24 September	‘Some issues in enforcement of directors’ duties’, Presentation in Monash University course
9 October	‘Comments on Professor Watson’s Presentation: The Significant Origins of the Modern Company’, University of Sydney
	Taught courses in financial services regulation, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales and Monash University

PUBLICATIONS

Joint author (with R P Austin), *Austin & Black’s Annotations to the Corporations Act* (ongoing updates)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Fellow, Australian Academy of Law

The Honourable Justice James Stevenson

CONFERENCES

20–24 January	Supreme and Federal Courts Judges Conference (Melbourne)
13–16 March	8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation (Hong Kong)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

9 February	Presenter, High Court Judges of New Zealand Annual Conference; 'Commercial, Technology & Construction and Commercial Arbitration Lists' (Wellington; presented via MS Teams from Sydney)
28 February - 1 March	Presenter, National Judicial College of Australia Writing Better Judgments course (Sydney)
12 March	Presenter, University of New South Wales Construction Law CPD (Sydney)
13–16 March	Presenter, 8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation; 'Use of costs as case management tool and to promote efficient and proportionate conduct and to facilitate settlement' (Hong Kong)
21 May	Presenter, Permanency Support Program Metro Districts Forum on Open Adoption; 'Messages from the Bench - A Judicial Perspective on Open Adoption' (Parramatta)
29–31 May	Presenter, National Judicial College of Australia Oral Decisions Program (Sydney)
22 June	Chair, Belonging and Connection: Family, Kin, Community and Country in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children' (Sydney)
26–28 June	Presenter, National Judicial College of Australia Writing Better Judgments course (Perth)
30–31 August	Presenter, Supreme Court of NSW Annual Conference; 'The Adoption Jurisdiction: A Personal Reflection' (Newcastle)
26 October	Chair, Partnerships and Principles in Adoption Practice: The Permanency Pathway from NSW to Adoption (Sydney)
	Presenter, Partnerships and Principles in Adoption Practice: The Permanency Pathway from NSW to Adoption; 'Panel discussion: adoption plans - how to improve them, what is working and what is not' (Sydney)
	Presenter, Partnerships and Principles in Adoption Practice: The Permanency Pathway from NSW to Adoption; 'Registration versus review of adoption plans' (Sydney)
29 October	Presenter, Australian Construction Law Discussion Group; 'Reflections on the Technology and Construction List' (Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Chair, Steering Committee organising the annual Supreme and Federal Court Judges Conference
Member, Program Advisory Committee of the National Judicial College of Australia
Chair, Oral Judgments Committee of the National Judicial College of Australia
Member, Writing Better Judgments Committee of the National Judicial College of Australia
Member, Supreme Court Media Liaison Committee

The Honourable Justice Stephen Campbell

CONFERENCES

27 June	Jury Round Table
4 December	Consultation Committee Centenary Workers' Compensation Court

The Honourable Justice Geoff Lindsay AM

CONFERENCES

2–4 August	AAL/ALJ/AIJA Bicentenary Conference (Supreme Court, Sydney)
7–8 September	Blue Mountains Law Society Succession Law Conference (Katoomba, NSW)
26 October	Adoption Conference (Supreme Court, Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

27 February	College of Law CPD Webinar paper 'Professional Skills: Towards a Managerial Mindset (Case Management, Rules of Court and Practice Notes in the Conduct of Civil Proceedings)'
20 March	UNSW Edge Seminars: Wills and Estates Intensive paper, 'Australian Succession Law in Conversation with the 'Inheritance Laws' of Religious Communities'
28 May	STEP Event for Young Lawyers (Sydney)
9 May	The University of Notre Dame Australia Broadway, NSW, The Michael O'Dea Oration, 'Thinking about Law: The Wisdom of a Common Law Tradition'
7–8 September	The Blue Mountains Law Society 2024 Succession Conference – paper, 'The Dynamics and Dilemmas of Costs Orders Upon an Exercise of 'Welfare' Jurisdiction'
20 November 2024	STEP NSW Seminar – paper 'Current Issues and Routine Patterns in Estate Litigation, Across Jurisdictional Boundaries and Social Context' (Supreme Court, Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, <i>Australian Bar Review</i> (since 1996)
Co-Editor, <i>NSW Civil Procedure Handbook</i> , 2019 (Thomson Reuters)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Uniform Rules Committee/Supreme Court Rules Committee
The Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History
College of Law Wills and Estates Course Advisory Committee
Co-Patron of STEP NSW (appointed)

The Honourable Justice Francois Kunc

CONFERENCES

20–24 January	Supreme and Federal Courts Judges' Conference (Melbourne)
6–7 April	National Judicial College of Australia – 'AI and the Courts: Master or Servant?' (Canberra)
2–4 August	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration – National Justice Forum on Sexual Assault (Sydney)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1 March	Evidence and Advocacy Conference – Advocacy Insights for practitioners from the experts - Hear from the Bench 'Interlocutory and Urgent Applications Advocacy' (Sydney)
23 March	Succession Law Conference organised by Two Wentworth Chambers – keynote address 'I Testamentary Capacity; II Practice in Succession (Family Provision) List'
28 March	College of Law – CPD Mandatory Bundle – speaker 'Cultural Sensitivity and Diversity and Working with Interpreters'
10 September	Fair Work Commission's Member's Conference 2024 – guest speaker 'Working with Interpreters'
2 October	St George Sutherland Law Society – Succession Law Subcommittee – speaker 'Preparing, mediating and litigating family provision claims' (Southern Waters Legal – Cronulla)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Adjunct Professor, School of Law and Justice, Southern Cross University
General Editor, <i>The Australian Law Journal</i>
Member Editorial Board, Journal of Equity
Chair, Legal Services Council Law Admissions Committee
Chair, Law Admissions Consultative Committee
Member, NSW Legal Profession Admission Board
Member, Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion subcommittee on the Recommended National Standards for Working with Interpreters in Courts and Tribunals
Director, Opera Australia Capital Fund

The Honourable Justice Robertson Wright

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal
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The Honourable Justice Peter Hamill

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

3 December	Podcast, 'The Elephant in the Room'
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The Honourable Justice Helen Wilson

CONFERENCES

Keynote address, 'Why Being a Prosecutor Matters', Crown Prosecutors' Conference (Terrigal)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Criminal Trials Bench Book Committee

The Honourable Justice Natalie Adams

CONFERENCES

22–28 June	Presenter, ‘Intensive Correction Orders’, Smart on Crime: The Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory Criminal Law Conference (Bali)
30–31 August	Presenter, Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
11–13 October	Australian Judicial Officers Association Colloquium (Canberra)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

9 March	Presenter, ‘Joint Criminal Enterprise’: Public Defenders Criminal Law Conference
2 April	Presenter, ‘Criminal Law Review/Common Themes in CCA Appeals’ - District Court Annual Conference 2024
5 August	Presided over a mock trial at the UNSW Department of Engineering (expert evidence, cyber security)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Committee Member, ADR Steering Committee
Committee Member, Ngara Yura
Chair, Sentencing Bench Book Committee
Committee Member, Government Reference Group Committee for Coercive Control
Committee Member, Supreme Court Rules Committee

The Honourable Justice Julia Lonergan

CONFERENCES

20–24 January	Supreme and Federal Courts Judges’ Conference (Melbourne)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

28 June	‘Civil appeals and developments in Civil law’, NSW Magistrates Conference (Sydney)
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Legal Practitioners’ Admissions Board

The Honourable Justice Guy Parker

PUBLICATIONS

General Advisor, *Ritchie's Uniform Civil Procedure New South Wales*

The Honourable Justice Kelly Rees

CONFERENCES

13–16 March Biennial Commercial Law Conference (Hong Kong)

30–31 August Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

27 January Cambridge Debating Tournament, Riverview

13–16 March Biennial Commercial Law Conference (Hong Kong)

‘The benefits of court appointed experts – some examples and observations’ presented with Justice Stevenson

‘Distributions and Ponzi Schemes’

24 October Women’s Insolvency Network Australia Great Debate, Sydney,
‘Entrepreneur is just another name for insolvent’

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Mentor of indigenous university student through NSW Bar Association

The Honourable Justice Lea Armstrong

CONFERENCES

21–24 January Supreme and Federal Court Judges’ Conference (Melbourne)

6–7 June National Council of Australasian Tribunals Conference (Brisbane)

30 August ‘Managing a Fair Tribunal’, Council of Australasian Tribunals Conference (Melbourne)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Council Member, Australian Institute Judicial Administration (AIJA)

Research Committee Member, AIJA

The Honourable Justice Mark Ierace

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

11 June	'Issues in prosecuting international criminal trials: The trial of General Stanislav Galic for war crimes and crimes against humanity', International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (The Hague)
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Supreme Court Education Committee

28 September – Judge: Bar Practice Course Final Mock Trial (Sydney)

The Honourable Justice Richard Cavanagh

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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23–25 October	Attended NJCA's Pathway to Excellence in Judgment Writing Seminar
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

14 August	AILA/LDG NSW Mock Trial
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30 August	Annual Personal Injury Commission Mediator Seminar
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Legal Qualifications Committee (Legal Profession Admission Board) (Chairman)

The Honourable Justice Kate Williams

CONFERENCES

13 February	Francis Forbes Society Annual Plunkett Lecture (Supreme Court, Sydney)
20 February	Judicial Commission Presentation – Cross-jurisdictional Sovereign Citizens (Supreme Court, Sydney)
13–16 March	8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation (Hong Kong)
1 July	First Nations Internship Program Launch (Supreme Court, Sydney)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
3 September	John Lehane Memorial Lecture (Supreme Court of NSW, Sydney)
12 September	2024 Bathurst Lecture (Supreme Court of NSW, Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

14 March	8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation ‘Cross-Border Insolvency: Recent Australian case studies’ (Hong Kong)
15 August	Law Society of NSW Specialist Accreditation Conference ‘Remedies in Commercial Disputes’ (Sydney)

The Honourable Justice Hament Dhanji

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Annual Conference (Newcastle)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

6 March	Judicial Commission of NSW: Children’s Court webinar ‘The relevance of <i>doli</i> to bail, mental health applications and hearings’ (Sydney)
26 June	2024 Legal Aid NSW Criminal Law Conference – Keynote Address: ‘Capuchin Monkeys, Henry VII, Rock Star and Legal Aid’ (Sydney)
27 June	Local Court of NSW Annual Conference 2024, ‘Media and the Court’ – Panellist (Sydney)
6 August	DWL, Advocacy program 2024, Competition Judge in Grand Final Round (Sydney)
17 October	Inaugural NSW inter-diversity associations’ moot 2024
	Topic: ‘Diversity adds value to the practice of law’ (Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Judicial Council on Diversity and Inclusion (JCIDI) Committee
Member, Diversity Inclusion Justice Network (DIJN) Committee
Patron, Pacific Legal Association NSW (PLAN)
Member, Criminal Law Bench Book Committee

The Honourable Justice Elisabeth Peden

CONFERENCES

13–16 March	Eighth Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation (Hong Kong)
15–18 August	Trans-Tasman Bar Conference 2024: ‘The Timeless Value of Wisdom and Insight’ (Queenstown, New Zealand)
23–25 September	Writing Better Judgments (Sydney, Australia)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

12 February	Keynote Address, ‘Opening of the Coptic Law Term for 2024’ (Sydney)
16 February	Oration, CPD Presentation for the Education Network, ‘You, Me and the Indemnity: A Drafting Guide’ (Online)
6 March	Oration, 19th Annual Australian College of Strata Lawyers Strata Law Conference, ‘Strata Law: An Update from the Perspective of the Supreme Court’ (Sydney)
14 March	Oration, 8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation, ‘Legal Issues Raised by Cryptocurrencies and the Failure of Cryptocurrency Exchanges (Sydney)
15 March	Oration, 8th Judicial Seminar on Commercial Litigation, ‘Use of Costs as Case Management Tool and to Promote Efficient and Proportionate Conduct and to Facilitate Settlement (Sydney)
29 April	Oration, Commercial Law Association Seminar, ‘Recent Developments in the Equity Division – Equitable Money Remedies (Sydney)
29 July	Oration, Commercial Law Association Seminar, ‘The Measure of Damages for Breach of Contract: Expectation, Reliance and Restitution’ (Sydney)
15 August	Oration, NSW Specialist Accreditation Conference, ‘Updates from the Real Property List’ (Sydney)
1 November	Oration, Senior Courts Update, High Court Reforms, New Zealand Institute of Judicial Studies, ‘Ensuring Effective Reform – A Word from Experience’ (Auckland, New Zealand)
20 November	Oration, Land and Environment Court Presentation, ‘The Imposition of Easements under Section 88K of the <i>Conveyancing Act 1919 (NSW)</i> ’ (Sydney)
9 December	Oration, NSW Legislative Council Bicentenary Conference, ‘Section 7A and Sir John Peden: A Constitutional Collision between Law and Politics’ (Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

‘Rectification of Contracts by Conduct – A Dead Letter’, *Journal of Equity* (2023) Vol 17

‘The Court’s Inherent Supervisory Jurisdiction over Legal Practitioners including Costs’, *Commercial Law Quarterly* (2024) Vol 38 No 1

‘Equitable Money Remedies: An Overview’, *Commercial Law Quarterly* (2024) Vol 38 No 3

Contribution, *Blackacre* (2024)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Editor, *Butterworths Property Reports*

Chair, LPAB Examination Committee

Professor Emerita, University of Sydney

Co-editor, *Commercial Law Quarterly*

Editorial board, *Contract and Commercial Law Review*

The Honourable Justice Mark Richmond

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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The Honourable Justice Michael Meek

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

21 February	STEP New South Wales Seminar – ‘The Succession List and Family Provision’ - Part 1 (Sydney)
14 March	Opening address, Legalwise Succession Law Symposium – ‘Changes to the Probate and Succession List in 2023-2024’ (Sydney)
9 April	Australian Museum: Reflections on the Afterlife in a Modern Era – ‘Reflections on Legacy and the Afterlife in a Modern Era’ (Sydney)
17 April	STEP New South Wales Seminar – ‘The Succession List and Family Provision’ - Part 2 (Sydney)
22 October	Chaired lecture by Patrick Keane AC KC ‘Christian Inspiration and Constitutional Insights’ (Supreme Court, Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Chancellor, Diocese of Sydney Anglican Church of Australia; Member, Standing Committee of the Sydney Diocese; Member of the Synod of the Sydney Diocese

Member, Anglican Church of Australia Appellate Tribunal

Member, Standing Committee of the Anglican Church of Australia

Reserve Judge, Supreme Court of Victoria

The Honourable Justice Dina Yehia

CONFERENCES

20–24 January	2024 Supreme, Federal & New Zealand Senior Courts Conference
26–29 June	2024 CLANT Conference in Bali

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

6 February	Interview with Carly Whelan for Research Study: 'The use of therapeutic jurisprudence by judicial officers'
7 February	Interview with Dr Lyn Stevenson for Research Study: The Dignity by Design Project: Survivor-led System Redesign
28 February	Interview for International Women Judges Day with the Department of Communities and Justice
28 June	Presentation on Practical Advocacy: <i>The Bugmy Bar Book</i>
28 June	Conversation with Andrew Boe on 'Australia, Drive It Like You Stole It: Munda & Bugmy & the need for change given the rejection of the Voice'.
	Presentation on <i>Advocacy and the Bugmy Bar Book</i> presented to ALS NSW/ACT and NATSILS members.
8 October	Panel on <i>Beyond Punishment</i> Seminar at the Sydney Law School
10 October	Speaker at the DWL Advocacy Program Awards Ceremony on 10 October 2024
17 October	Moot Judge at the Inaugural NSW Inter-diversity associations moot held at the Supreme Court of New South Wales
25 October	Speaker at the Innovating Justice: The Walama List and Indigenous Legal Reform panel discussion at the University of Technology
5 November	Chair, 2024 Forbes Society/Ngara Yura presentation <i>history and personalities of the District Court's Walama List</i> at the Supreme Court of NSW
22 November	Presentation to Legal Studies Students (Supreme Court, Sydney)
20 November	<i>Bugmy Bar Book</i> CPD Presentation to Legal Aid NSW
16 December	Presentation on <i>Making Use of the Bugmy Bar Book in Sentence and Section 32 proceedings</i> for BenchTV

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Launching the Supreme Court Indigenous Internship Program 2024 with Justice Slattery
Adjunct Professor at the Law School of the University of New South Wales- teaching LAWS3198 Sentencing and Criminal Justice
Board member, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA)
Chair of Ngara Yura Committee
Board member of Diverse Women in Law (DWL)
Patron of NSW Young Lawyers
Supreme Court representative on the Bugmy Bar Book Committee
Member, Judicial Commission Sentencing Bench Book Committee
Co-Chair of NJCA Indigenous Justice Program Committee

The Honourable Justice Sarah McNaughton

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

3 December	Seminar Presenter – Judicial Commission of NSW, ‘Commonwealth Sentencing – a practical refresher’ (Sydney)
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PUBLICATIONS

N Williams, A Payne and S McNaughton, *Federal Criminal Law*, LexisNexis, Sydney, June 2024 updates.

N Williams, A Payne and S McNaughton, *Federal Criminal Law*, LexisNexis, Sydney, October 2024 updates.

The Honourable Justice Richard Weinstein

CONFERENCES

27 June	Roundtable, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (Sydney)
11–13 October	Australian Judicial Officers Association Colloquium (Canberra)
5 November	Joint Presentation, Ngara Yura Committee of the Judicial Commission of NSW & The Francis Forbes Society (Supreme Court, Sydney)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1 March	Opening Address, Legalwise Evidence & Advocacy Conference (Sydney)
20 March	Oration, Pride in Law launch (Supreme Court, Sydney)
19 July	Panellist, Pride & Precedent: Law, Representation, Reform (Parliament of NSW, Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Judicial Commission of NSW Civil Bench Book Committee
Member, Executive Council of Australian Judicial Officers Association
Member, Australian Judicial Officers Association Standing Committee on Judicial Independence
Trustee, Windmill Trust
Adjunct Professor at UNSW, taught Law of Sentencing

The Honourable Justice Deborah Sweeney

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

26 June	‘Evidentiary issues arising in Local Court hearings’ 2024 Local Court of NSW Annual Conference (Sydney)
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The Honourable Justice Scott Nixon

CONFERENCES

17–22 March	National Judicial Orientation Program (Brisbane)
19–20 April	Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts, Fifth Full Meeting of SIFoCC (Doha, Qatar)
2–4 August	Law Council of Australia, Corporations Workshop (Sydney)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Annual Conference (Newcastle)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Education Committee
Member, Library Advisory Committee

The Honourable Justice Anthony McGrath

CONFERENCES

18–22 March	National Judicial Orientation Program (Brisbane)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

28 February	Guest Speaker Oration – New South Wales Bar Association’s Diversity and Equality Committee (CPD Panel Event), ‘The importance of promoting speaking roles in court for junior barristers and how this can be achieved by addressing unconscious bias’ (Sydney)
11 March	Guest Speaker Oration – Johnson Winter Slattery, International Women’s Day Special Panel Event, ‘Equitable Briefing for Barristers’
12 March	Guest Speaker Oration – New South Wales Bar Association’s Succession and Elder Law Committee (CPD Panel Event), ‘Judicial Advice: A View from the Bench’ (Sydney)

PUBLICATIONS

Talia Epstein and Winsome Hall, ‘Seen and not heard: Improving access to speaking roles for junior counsel, and countering unconscious bias – In conversation with Justice Anthony McGrath and Kate Morgan SC’ *Bar News: Journal of the NSW Bar Association* (2024 Winter) 72

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

23 May, 19 Sep	NSW Bar Association’s Bar Readers’ Course – Day with Judges
8–19 July	NSW Supreme Court’s First Nations Interns Program
11 September	NSW Bar Association Bar Practice Course – Application before a Judge
Ongoing	NSW Supreme Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution Steering Committee

The Honourable Justice Ian Pike

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
11–15 November	National Judicial Orientation Program (Perth)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

7 September	Speech at LEC Gala Dinner
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APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Chair, Law Extension Committee at the University of Sydney
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The Honourable Justice James Hmelnitsky

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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Acting Judges

The Honourable Acting Justice RA Hulme

CONFERENCES

30–31 August	Supreme Court Conference (Newcastle)
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PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, <i>Criminal Law News</i> , LexisNexis Butterworths

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Member, Criminal Trial Courts Bench Book Committee, Judicial Commission of NSW
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The Honourable Acting Justice Monika Schmidt AM

CONFERENCES

28 February – 1 March	Program Chair, Presenter and Facilitator, NJCA Writing Better Judgments I (Sydney)
6–7 April	NJCA/ANU Artificial Intelligence Joint Conference and John Doyle Oration
12 June	Chair, Presenter and Facilitator, NJCA Writing Better Judgments I (FCFCoA Bespoke Program) (Sydney)
13–14 June	Program Chair, Presenter and Facilitator, NJCA Writing Better Judgments II (Sydney)
26–28 June	Chair, Presenter and Facilitator, NJCA Writing Better Judgments Program (Perth)
30–31 August	Supreme Court Judges Conference (Newcastle)
23–25 October	Chair, Presenter and Facilitator, NJCA Writing Better Judgments Program (Sydney)

APPOINTMENTS TO LEGAL, CULTURAL OR BENEVOLENT ORGANISATIONS

Office of the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal

Member, National Judicial College of Australia Program Advisory Committee

Chair, National Judicial College's Judgment Writing I Program

Chair, National Judicial College's Judgment Writing II Program

Member, Advisory Board for the Master of Labour Law and Relations (MLLR), Sydney Law School

Acting Deputy President of the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales and acting member of the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales in Court Session



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