



Thinking about Law: the importance of how we attend to the problem at hand and of context

You are invited to the Tenth Annual Patron's Address held by the Australian Academy of Law

WHEN: THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021 | 5.00 FOR 5:15 PM

PLACE: FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA, COMMONWEALTH LAW COURTS COURT ONE, LEVEL 8, 305 WILLIAM STREET, MELBOURNE

THE PATRON'S ADDRESS

This annual Address was inaugurated in 2012, when it was given by the Academy of Law's then Patron, the Hon Robert French AC, then Chief Justice of Australia.

In 2020 it was given by Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC; in 2019 by the Academy of Law's present Patron, the Hon Susan Kiefel AC, Chief Justice of Australia; and in 2018 by the then Chief Justice of New Zealand, the Right Honourable Dame Sian Elias GNZM PC.

The Australian Academy of Law is grateful to The Hon James Allsop AO, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia for agreeing to deliver this, our tenth, Patron's address.

The event will be held online and in-person unless local Covid restrictions require the event to be online only.

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By 15 October 2021**

THE HONOURABLE JAMES ALLSOP AO

James Allsop was appointed Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia on 1 March 2013. Immediately preceding that appointment, from June 2008 to February 2013, James Allsop was President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. From 2001 to 2008 he was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.



From 1981 to 2001 James Allsop practised at the Bar in New South Wales and elsewhere in Australia. He was appointed Senior Counsel in New South Wales in 1994 and Queen's Counsel in Western Australia in 1998.

From 1981 to 2014 James Allsop taught part-time at the University of Sydney as a tutor and lecturer in property, equity, bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate finance and maritime law. From 2015 to 2018 he taught maritime law part-time at the University of Queensland. From 2005-2009, he was a member of the board of the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden. From 2008 to 2011 he was a member of the Board of the Australian Maritime College. In 2010, he was elected as an Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple. In 2013 he was elected a member of the American Law Institute. He is President of the Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History. In 2018 he was appointed Inaugural Patron of the Australian Insurance Law Association. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.