



Supreme Court of New South Wales

MICHAEL MCHUGH SC

The Chief Justice notes the retirement yesterday of Mr Michael McHugh SC as President of the New South Wales Bar Association and thanks and congratulates him for his significant contribution to the Bar and the administration of justice not only during his term as President but for many years prior to that.

The Bar Association plays a critical role in the legal profession in New South Wales and the wider administration of justice. It does so at many levels including in relation to the training and induction of new barristers into the profession, the continuing education of barristers, their well-being physically, emotionally and professionally and the regulation of their ethical conduct. In addition, the Bar Association regularly comments upon contentious legislation and the efficient operation of the courts in New South Wales.

Those who serve the Bar Association, whether through its many committees, in its educational function or on the Bar Council, are to be applauded for their commitment to the profession, and through that service, to the wider community. Their work is selfless but invaluable.

Michael McHugh SC has been one of the Bar Association's great servants for the last two decades. His service and commitment to the profession, especially through the trying period of the pandemic, is to be admired and applauded.

It is to be hoped that, as the profession returns to normal, Mr McHugh's commitment to the health and well-being of the profession inspires its younger members to engage and fully participate in the activities of the Bar Association and the Bar more widely.

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