



The Appointment of State, Territory and Federal Judges

Part 1

You are warmly invited to register for this important seminar, hosted by the Australian Academy of Law

Part 1 will address the question: *What is the work of judges, and what do the judges of the court in question do? What are the necessary qualities of a prospective appointee?*

Much has been written on this topic, both by judges and academics, but it is of continuing importance, and the discussion needs to be kept up-to-date.

Criteria for the appointment of judges have been put forward in the past, for example by the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration. See: [Suggested-Criteria-for-Judicial-Appointments-AIJA-2015.pdf](#)

Are all of these criteria still relevant? Are they too abstract?

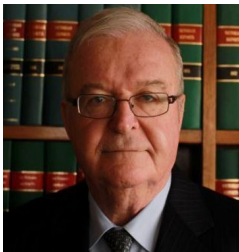
Date: Thursday, 7 July 2022

Time: 5.30 – 7.00 PM (AEST)

Location: Banco Court, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Queens Square, Sydney.

Online: The link to be sent just prior to the event

Speakers:



The Hon Tom Bathurst AC, QC, formerly Chief Justice of New South Wales



The Hon Walter Sofranoff QC, formerly President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland



The Hon Justice Jenny Blokland, judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and President of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA). Her Honour was the Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory, from 2006 to 2010.

Please join us for refreshments after the seminar.

On a date to be fixed, later in July, Part II will address the question: What are the systems for finding such people, and how could those systems be improved? What are the best parts of those systems?

Neither Part will address the appointment of Justices of the High Court, a different subject.

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Part 1, held on 7 July 2022, addressed the issues: *What is the work of judges, and what do the judges of the court in question do? What are the necessary qualities of a prospective appointee?*

Part II, to be held on Thursday 28 July 2022, will address the question: *What are the systems for finding such people, and how could those systems be improved? What are the best parts of those systems?*

This is an important and topical subject that affects us all. For example, on 24 June 2022, the *Australian Financial Review* reported that the Commonwealth Attorney-General, Mr Mark Dreyfus QC, had said that bespoke panels, a different panel for each court, would be set up to consider appointments to federal courts.

"We need to work towards a judiciary that is reflective of our Australian community, and seeking a wide spread of views is more likely to achieve that outcome." "... I think we will ensure better appointments if we use a process that is transparent, accountable and based on merit."

Please register to hear three experts in these matters:

- Date:** Thursday, 28 July 2022
- Time:** 5.00 – 6.30 PM (AEST)
- Location:** Court 1, Federal Court of Australia, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney.
- Online:** The link will be sent to registrants just prior to the event

Speakers:



Mr Ian Govey AM, former Deputy Secretary, federal Attorney-General's Department



Professor Andrew Lynch, Dean, UNSW Law & Justice, School of Global & Public Law



Mr Michael Tidball, Secretary of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice

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