

## Contributors

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**The Hon Chief Justice Robert French** is the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. Before his appointment to the High Court on 1 September 2008, he was a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia. He is a graduate of the University of Western Australia in science and law. He was admitted in 1972 and practised as a barrister and solicitor in Western Australia until 1983 when he went to the Independent Bar. He was appointed to the Federal Court in 1986. From 1994 to 1998 he was President of the National Native Title Tribunal. Justice French served as an additional member of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and was a member of the Supreme Court of Fiji. He was a member of the Australian Competition Tribunal and a part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission. From 2001 to January 2005 he was President of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law. The paper on which his chapter is based was delivered in 2007.

**Justice Michelle Gordon** was appointed to the Federal Court in April 2007. She graduated in law from the University of Western Australia in 1986. After completing her articles at Robinson Cox, Perth, she joined Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks. She was appointed Senior Associate in July 1992. Later that year, she joined the Victorian Bar and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2003. She practised in State and Federal Courts and in the High Court principally in commercial, taxation, extradition and general civil matters. In 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005, she taught Taxation Litigation in the Masters Program, Law School of the University of Melbourne.

**The Hon Justice Eric Michael Heenan** was born in 1945. He graduated with Honours in law from the University of Western Australia in 1966, and served his articles at his father's firm. After

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a prominent career at EM Heenan & Co, he joined the Independent Bar in 1983 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1985. He served as President of the Western Australian Bar Association (1990-92), legal member of the State Medical Board (1987-2002) and member/Vice-Chairman of the Art Gallery of Western Australia (1987-91). Having previously served as a Commissioner of the Supreme Court in 1990 and again in 1994, he was appointed to the Supreme Court in April 2002.

**Richard Hooker** is a barrister at the Independent Bar of Western Australia. His practice covers public law, industrial and employment law, general civil litigation, and all forms of government-related advice. As an advocate, he has appeared in all courts and major tribunals of the Commonwealth and Western Australia, on the full range of appellate, trial and interlocutory work. Holding law degrees from the University of Western Australia and the University of Chicago, for many years he has taught constitutional law, administrative law, and forensic advocacy at the former. He has also taught advocacy and ethics to articulated clerks and junior practitioners in Western Australia.

**The Honourable Wayne Martin** was appointed as Western Australia's 13th Chief Justice on 1 May 2006. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (first-class honours) at the University of Western Australia in 1973. He completed a Master of Laws at the University of London in 1975, and was admitted to practice in 1977. He joined the Independent Bar in 1988 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1993. From 2001-03, he took on the role of counsel assisting the HHH Royal Commission in Sydney. The Chief Justice was President of the WA Bar Association between 1996 and 1999, and Chairman of the Western Australian Law Reform Commission from 1996 to 2001, when the commission completed the *Review of the Criminal and Civil Justice System in Western Australia*. The Chief Justice was also a member of the Council of the Law Society of Western Australia, and was President of the Society when appointed to his current office. In 2007, the Chief Justice was awarded WA Citizen of the Year for the Professions.

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**The Hon Justice Neil McKerracher** was appointed to the Federal Court in 2007. Having graduated from The University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Laws in 1973 and being admitted as a practitioner in 1975, he practised as a solicitor till 1989 with the firm of Robinson Cox. In 1990 his Honour joined the Independent Bar in Western Australia and continued to generally practise in commercial and civil disputes until appointment to the Bench. He took silk in 1997. As a practitioner, his Honour was involved in the affairs of various professional bodies. He has also served as a Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, an Acting Commissioner of the Corruption and Crime Commission (the CCC), and a Senior Sessional Member of the State Administrative Tribunal.

**The Hon Daryl Williams** AM QC graduated from the University of Western Australia and was selected as Rhodes Scholar for Western Australia in 1965. He subsequently obtained a Bachelor of Civil Law degree at Oxford University in 1967. From 1971 to 1975, he worked in Manila for the Asian Development Bank. Upon his return to Perth, he joined the Western Australian bar, resumed practice and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1982. Mr Williams was a commissioner of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia from 1982-1986 and chaired the Commission for a year. He was also President of the Law Society of Western Australia in 1984, and President of the Law Council of Australia in 1986-87. Mr Williams was appointed a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the legal profession in 1989. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1993 and in March 1996 was appointed as Commonwealth Attorney-General and Minister for Justice. In October 1997, the Prime Minister announced Mr Williams' appointment to Cabinet as Commonwealth Attorney-General. In 2003 Mr Williams ceased to be Attorney-General and was appointed Federal Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. In 2004, Mr Williams returned to the Western Australian bar.