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Introduction

In 2003, Justice Margaret White delivered the WA Lee Equity Lecture on the topic: 'Equity: A General Principle of Law Recognised by Civilised Nations?'. White was then a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, having been appointed on 2 April 1992 as the first woman to be appointed to the court. Before being appointed to the Supreme Court, White served as a Master of the Supreme Court from 1990 until her appointment to the Supreme Court in 1992. On 15 April 2010, White was appointed to the Queensland Court of Appeal and retired from that court in 2013 having reached the statutory age for the retirement of judges in Queensland. Following her retirement White was appointed by the State government to conduct a commission of enquiry into the Queensland racing industry.

On 18 July 1978, White was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland but did not commence full time practice at the bar until 1983. In the years before taking up practice at the bar White pursued an academic career first as a research assistant to Professor DP O'Connell, Professor of International Law at the University of Adelaide and subsequently as a senior tutor and temporary lecturer in law from 1970 until 1982 as staff member of the TC Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland. From 1965 until 1968 White also worked as a research assistant for the South Australian State Succession Committee of the International Law Association Geneva on a Ford Foundation Grant. White also acted as a consultant to the governments of Guyana, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago in relation to their pre-independence treaties (1966-1967).

In addition, White has held many extra-judicial positions. These include: Deputy President, Defence Force Discipline Appeals Tribunal (2008 to present); Deputy Chancellor, University of Queensland (2006-2010); National Chairman of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (2003 to present); Commander, Royal Australian Reserve (2003-2010); Chair Supreme Court Library Committee (1999-2003); President, Queensland Commandery of the Order of St Lazarus (2002-2003); Member of the Judiciary Act Advisory Committee of the Australian Law Reform Commission (1992-2002); President, Queensland Chapter International Law Association (1999); Member of the Churchill Fellowship Selection Committee (1993 to present) Member, University of Queensland Senate (1993-2009); a foundation fellow of the Australian Academy of Law (2006); and Member of the Visiting Committee of Bond University Law School (1993-2003).

Margaret White was born on 4 June 1943 and attended school at the Cabra Dominican Convent South Australia before graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide in 1966. On 19 September 1970 she married Michael Duckett White. The couple had three sons and a daughter.

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