

## Queen's Counsel for 1990

The following barristers have been appointed Queen's Counsel by the Governor-in-Council, effective from 1 November 1990.

In order of seniority:

1. DOWD, The Hon. John Robert Arthur
- (QLD) 2. DAVIES, Geoffrey Lance
- (Vic) 3. GILLARD, Eugene William
- (QLD) 4. JACOB, Robin Raphael Hayim
- (QLD) 5. DRUMMOND, Douglas Paton
- (Eng) 6. TACKABERRY, John Antony
- (QLD) 7. CROOKE, Gary William
- (Vic) 8. ARCHIBALD, Alan Cameron
- (QLD) 9. LYONS, Peter James
- (Vic) 10. ROBSON, Ross McKenzie
- (S.A.) 11. TILMOUTH, Sydney William
- (R.S.A.) 12. JACOB, Marcus Sonny
- (Vic) 13. MOSHINSKY, Ada
- (Vic) 14. RITTER, Gordon Raymond
- (Vic) 15. MARTIN, William John
- (Vic) 16. GARDE, Gregory Howard
- (Vic) 17. CRENNAN, Susan Maree
- (W.A.) 18. O'CONNOR, Robert Kenneth
19. RUMMERY, George Richard
20. ANDERSEN, Desmond Christopher
21. O'REILLY, John Kevin
22. RAMAGE, Malcolm Carmichael
23. POULOS, James
24. McDOUGALL, Robert Calder
25. MACONOCHIE, John Edwin
26. O'RYAN, Stephen Richard
27. TIMBS, John Andrew
28. IRELAND, John McClement
29. HAYLEN, Wayne Roger
30. DONOHOE, Paul Michael
31. SULLIVAN, Alan John

## Law Council Executive

Following the resignation of Bruce DeBelle QC upon his appointment to the bench of the Supreme Court of South Australia, the Executive resolved (with the agreement of all constituent bodies) to appoint John Mansfield QC, of Adelaide, to the Executive.

The Executive now comprises:

President:	Alex Chernov QC (Melbourne)
President-Elect:	vacant
Vice-President:	David Miles (Melbourne)
Treasurer:	Robert Meadows (Perth)
Immediate Past-President:	Mahla Pearlman AM (Sydney)
Member:	Geoffrey Davies QC (Brisbane)
Member:	Stuart Fowler (Sydney)
Member:	John Mansfield QC (Adelaide)
Secretary-General:	Peter Levy

## Bar Council 1991

The office-holders for the 1991 Bar Council are:

President:	B.S.J. O'Keefe Q.O., Q.C.
Vice Presidents:	J.S. Coombs Q.C. D.M.J. Bennett Q.C.
Honorary Secretary:	R.S. McColl
Honorary Treasurer:	B.H.K. Donovan Q.C.

## Australian Institute of Judicial Administration

Mr Justice Beaumont was elected as Chairman of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration at its Annual General Meeting in August. Mr Justice Clarke was elected as Deputy Chairman. After his election Mr Justice Beaumont said:

"It is often said that it is the angle of vision that matters. In judicial administration the comment is particularly pertinent. In this area, the points of view of the judiciary, practitioners, court administrators, executive officials and academics are often quite different. Yet there may be some message of truth in each. A major part of the work of the Institute is to encourage, and use, the interchange of ideas from all these standpoints. The diversity is reflected in the composition of our membership and our council. For this reason the Institute welcomes the ideas and suggestions that are put to us by our members."

The Institute is about to commence an investigation of the impact of the system of cross-vesting among Australian superior courts. □

## District/Local Court Jurisdictions to Increase

The NSW Cabinet has approved an increase in the jurisdiction of the District Court to \$250,000.

The Local Court's jurisdiction in respect of damage to a motor vehicle will be increased to \$50,000 and to \$25,000 in respect of general claims.

No date for the commencement of these changes has been determined. □

## Interest on Damages/Interim Payments

The Government is to amend s.94 of the Supreme Court Act and s.83A of the District Court Act so that the right to interest will be retained, save where the plaintiff has failed to accept a reasonable offer of settlement, and the amount awarded by the Court, without the addition of interest, is less than 10% higher than the highest offer made by the defendant.

The Court will retain a discretion to award interest if the special features of the case warrant it.

The Supreme and District Courts are to be given a discretion to order interim payments on the application of a plaintiff in a common law claim for damages.

The legislation will be based on existing English legislation to the like effect. □