



Admissions Ceremony (4)

29 January 2007

Chief Justice's observations

The admission of legal practitioners at the beginning of the calendar year is an encouraging signal of the continuity of the legal profession which serves the people of Queensland generally so well. We welcome you to the ranks of that profession, and wish you well as you exercise new privileges and embrace new responsibilities.

You will be challenged to develop and demonstrate considerable talent as you enter what is a substantial and competitive profession.

Today is not the occasion for a lecture on professional ethics, but I hope you will always recognize that you owe your professional legitimacy to the court, and your overriding duty borne to the court notwithstanding the interests of the client. I hope that you will also acknowledge the goal of public service which underpins your new professionalism, and be astute to the plight of the under privileged within our community: the professional associations, and many of the firms, run active and well-developed pro bono schemes which should be of interest to you.

If you choose not to pursue a practising career, you will nevertheless I am confident always value your qualification: it signifies substantial personal achievement, and bespeaks mental acuity and ethical commitment.

I know you would wish us to acknowledge the contribution made to your present achievement by your families and friends. We welcome them to the Banco Court today. They must remain sources of encouragement, inspiration and wise advice as you move forward.

On behalf of all of the Judges, I again congratulate you and wish you well as you exercise these qualifications.