



# The Academy and the Courts: what do they mean to each other today?

All are warmly invited to the Eighth Annual Patron's Address  
held by the Australian Academy of Law

**WHEN:** THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2019 | 5:15 FOR 5:30 PM

**PLACE:** BANCO COURT, LEVEL 3, QUEEN ELIZABETH II COURTS OF LAW  
415 GEORGE STREET, BRISBANE

**SYNOPSIS:** One of the purposes for which the AAL was founded was to provide a bridge between the academy and the courts. This draws attention to their relationship in the past and the present. To what extent does the judiciary look to the academy for the purposes of its decision-making? What does the academy take from those decisions? Was there a time when the courts looked to the academy more often and when the academy spoke to the courts? What, if any, changes have taken place which affect the possibility of this communication? The Patron's address will discuss these and related topics.

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28 October 2019

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## THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE SUSAN KIEFEL AC

Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia  
Patron of the Australian Academy of Law

The Hon Chief Justice Susan Kiefel was born in Cairns, Queensland, Australia, in 1954, educated in Queensland and at the University of Cambridge where she received a Masters of Law. Chief Justice Kiefel was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1975 and was the first woman in Queensland to be appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987. She was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1993 and in 1994 was appointed to the Federal Court. She also held a commission as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island from 2004. She served as a part-time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission. She was appointed a Justice of the High Court on 3 September 2007 and appointed the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia on 30 January 2017. She was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2011. She was elected a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law in June 2013. She was elected an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in November 2014. She was appointed an Honorary Member of The Graduate Union of the University of Melbourne in November 2015.

