

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: THE FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE (2003-2017)

Judicial and Legal Background

In 2003, The Honourable Marilyn Warren AC QC was the first woman to be appointed a Chief Justice of a Supreme Court of any State or Territory of Australia. Earlier, in 1998, she was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. She sat in all jurisdictions both criminal and civil, trial and appellate. At the time she stepped down from the Supreme Court in late 2017, Her Honour was Australia's longest serving Chief Justice.

As Chief Justice, Her Honour represented the Supreme Court at many national and international forums involving law reform, human rights, the judiciary, judicial education, judicial administration, technology, the media, community engagement and many other areas.

Legal Education

The Honourable Marilyn Warren AC QC was a graduate of Monash University Faculty of Law (B Juris, LL B, LL M).

Early Legal Career

As a young law graduate working in the government sector, Her Honour qualified for admission to practice as a solicitor in 1975. Her Honour continued legal practice in the government field, eventually becoming Assistant Chief Parliamentary Counsel for Victoria.

In 1985, Her Honour signed the Victorian Bar Roll and practised as a barrister, principally in commercial law and local government and town planning law. In 1997, Her Honour was appointed a Queen's Counsel (QC).

As a barrister, Her Honour was also a tribunal member of the Travel Agents' Licensing Authority and the Motor Car Traders' Licensing Authority. Additionally, she was the Attorney General's representative on the Estate Agents Board of Victoria.

Other Appointments

From 2006-2017, Her Honour was the Lieutenant Governor of Victoria, Australia. As Lieutenant Governor of Victoria, Her Honour deputised for the Governor of Victoria when needed.

Throughout her term as Chief Justice, Her Honour also Chaired many boards and councils including the Courts Council of Victoria, the Board of the Judicial College of Victoria, the Council of Legal Education of Victoria and the Council of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine.

Monash University

In April 2004, Monash University conferred upon Her Honour the degree of Doctor of Laws (Hon Caus).

In 2014, Her Honour was announced as Monash University Distinguished Alumna of the year. Additionally, in 2018, Her Honour was appointed a Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow of Monash University.