



## **The Honourable Justice Julie Ward**

**Supreme Court of New South Wales  
Court of Appeal**

Justice Ward studied arts/law at the University of Sydney, graduating in law in 1982 with First Class Honours and the University Medal. Her Honour was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1982.

Following graduation, Justice Ward worked for a year as the associate to Sir Nigel Bowen, the first Chief Justice of the Federal Court. Justice Ward worked for Stephen Jaques Stone James (now King & Wood Mallesons) for two years, then completed a BCL with first class honours at Oxford University, having won a post-graduate scholarship from Sydney University.

Justice Ward was made a partner of Mallesons in 1988. At that time she was the youngest female partner to be appointed at that firm. Her Honour was appointed to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in September 2008. She was the first female solicitor directly appointed to the Supreme Court bench. She sat in the Equity Division of the Court, until her appointment to the Court of Appeal in November 2012. She was appointed Chief Judge in Equity in March 2017 and appointed President of the Court of Appeal on 6 March 2022.