



The Hon Ann Ainslie-Wallace AM

Acting Judge, District Court of NSW

The Hon Ann Ainslie-Wallace was admitted to the NSW Bar in December of 1978 having graduated BA/LLB from the University of NSW in that same

year. She practised as a barrister until her appointment to the bench of the District Court of NSW in July 1997.

While at the bar her principal area of practice concerned Family Law and Children's law, she also had an extensive practice for the NSW State Government appearing as Counsel representing the State Government in many jurisdictions and as Counsel assisting Inquiries and Inquests.

As a judge of the District Court of NSW her Honour presided over both Criminal and Civil trials. She also held a commission as a Deputy Chair of the NSW Medical Tribunal. In 2010 she was appointed to the Appeals Division of the Family Court of Australia and retired from that Court in December 2021.

In 2022 she was appointed as an Acting Judge of the District Court of NSW, a Principal Member of NCAT sitting in the Occupational Division and as a Deputy Chair of the Mental Health Review Tribunal. In 2023 she was appointed as an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of the ACT.

In 2006 she was appointed Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Technology Sydney. Her Honour is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. In October 2015 she was appointed Master Benchers of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. In 2018 her Honour was awarded Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa), UTS University Sydney. In 2025 she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

She is a member of the Australasian Institution of Judicial Administration, former Council member of the National Judicial College of Australia (NJCA) and is a former member of the Programs Advisory Committee of the NJCA. In May 2022 she was made a Life Member of the NJCA in recognition of exceptional service. Her Honour is the former Chair of the National Judicial Orientation Program for newly appointed judges in Australia.

Her Honour is a Director and the Chair of the Board of the Australian Advocacy Institute and has been a member of the teaching faculty of that Institution since its inception in 1991. She has been the Moderator and Senior Instructor at AAI workshops throughout Australia and in the United Kingdom, Italy, The Hague, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. She is a Faculty member of the Advanced International Advocacy Course, Keble College Oxford. Her Honour has been Moderator of the Investigators, Expert Witness and Advocacy Skills Workshop for the Securities and Futures Commission, Hong Kong from 2004 to 2018 and Moderated the Hong Kong Monetary Authority skills workshop, Hong Kong in 2016 and 2016. Her work with The



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Honourable Society of Inner Temple London has included instructing at the New Practitioners Advocacy Workshop, 2013, 2015, 2016. She has instructed at the AAI Advanced Teacher Training Program, UK Advocacy Training Council in London 2013 and at the AAI workshop on Advocacy for Victims of War Crime, International Criminal Court, the Hague 2013. She has instructed at Teacher Training and Advocacy Skills training workshops for the South African Bar conducted in Stellenbosch and Drakensburg, South Africa.



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