

NSW Young Lawyers In conversation with The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Bell: The Rule of Law and the Legal Profession

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The Honourable Andrew Bell

Chief Justice of New South Wales

The Honourable Andrew Bell was sworn in as Chief Justice of New South Wales in March 2022. Prior to this, his Honour was President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, appointed to that position in February 2019. His Honour is also President of the Judicial Commission of New South

Wales. He graduated from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours and the University Medal for both BA and LLB degrees, and won the University Convocation Medal.

A Rhodes Scholarship recipient, he graduated in 1993 from Oxford University with First Class Honours in the BCL, and was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship for first place in that degree. His Honour completed his doctorate the following year, his thesis forming the basis for his book *Forum Shopping and Venue in Transnational Litigation* (Oxford University Press). He is also a co-author of *Nygh's Conflict of Laws in Australia* and has taught and published extensively, especially in relation to private international law and transnational litigation.

His Honour was admitted to the Bar in 1995, and appointed Senior Counsel in 2006. During his time at the Bar, his Honour had a broad national practice at trial and appellate levels, and was also engaged in numerous international arbitrations. At the time of his appointment to the Bench, his Honour was Senior Vice-President of the New South Wales Bar Association. He is also a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney, where he taught part time for many years.



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