

The Hon. Dr ANNABELLE BENNETT AC SC

OCCUPATION:

Consultant Barrister (Senior Counsel) and Mediator/Arbitrator

TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS:

B.Sc. (Hons.) University of Sydney
Ph.D. University of Sydney
LL.B. University of New South Wales
Also: D. Univ (hon. Causa) Australian National University
D. Laws (hon. Causa) UNSW
D. Law (hon. Causa) USyd
D. Law (hon. Causa) Bond University

CURRENT POSITIONS:

Chair, Gardior Pty Limited (Trustee of the Infrastructure Fund (TIF))

Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport

Director, Garvan Institute of Medical Research

Member, Community Migrant Resource Centre Board

Fellow, Australian Academy of Science

Fellow, Australian Academy of Law

Member, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Mediation and Arbitration List of Neutrals

Member, Indicative List of Governmental and Non-governmental panellists for the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Disputes Settlement Process

Patron, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), NSW State Committee

Member, Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Member of the Panel for International Cricket Council Disputes

Member, Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators

Member, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes Panel of Arbitrators (ICSID)

Member (and former President) of Chief Executive Women

Member Advisory Group to Dean of Medicine, UNSW

FORMER POSITIONS:

Judge of the Federal Court of Australia
National Co-ordinating Judge of the Intellectual Property Practice Area

President of the Copyright Tribunal of Australia

Presidential Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Additional Judge of the Supreme Court of the ACT

Chancellor, Bond University

Chair, Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Board

Chair, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Advisory Group of Judges

Nominee of the Medal Sports to the Sports Integrity Inquiry to the Australian Government

Member, Review into Religious Freedom in Australia, Chaired by the Hon Philip Ruddock

Commissioner, Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements

Member, Review Board into the Integrity of the Australian Carbon Credit Unit System (the Chubb Review)

Commissioner, Law Reform Commission (NSW) conducting digital assets review

President, Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW (Part-time)

Senior Counsel (SC) specialising in intellectual property, administrative law, banking law and professional misconduct

Chair of the National Health and Medical Research Council

Pro-Chancellor of the Australian National University

Member, Advisory Group to the Dean of Medicine, The University of Sydney

Member of the Takeovers Panel

Trustee of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

Chair, Land Services SA

Member of the Advisory Board to Qwestacon

Pool Member of NBN Co Dispute Resolution Panel

Member of the Reference Group for the APEC Women Leaders' Network Meeting 2007

Head of Delegation for the APEC Women Leaders' Network Meeting in Peru May 2008

Director of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation (formerly the Prince of Wales Children's Hospital Foundation)

Member of the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee

Member of the Biotechnology Consultative Group (BIOCOG) to the Commonwealth Government

Member of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal of NSW

Panellist for Domain Name Disputes - World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Advisory Committee Member of the Australian Law Reform Commission on the Gene Patenting & Human Health Reference

Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Equity Division

Part-time Commissioner of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission

Member Supreme Court of New South Wales Mediators Panel [to which matters are referred by the Court for mediation]

Member NSW Bar Association Mediators Panel

Member - Vaccine Working Group of Australian National Council on AIDS, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases (ANCHARD)

Member of the Medico-Legal Society of New South Wales [1972–2003]

Member of the Working Party of the Australian Medical Council to consider the Transfer of National Specialist Qualification Advisory Committee (NSQAC) functions

Member of the Board of the Eastern Sydney Area Health Service [1988–1990]

Member of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales: This involved setting up the procedures of the Board (including disciplinary procedures) after the commencement of a new Pharmacy Act

Director of the Management Committee of Westmead Research Institute

Member, Companies Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia

Member of International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation

Member of the Pathology Laboratories Accreditation Board: The Board set in place the system of accreditation of pathology laboratories in New South Wales which was subsequently adopted by the Commonwealth

Principal consultant to the New South Wales Law Reform Commission on the artificial conception reference

Member of the Board of the United Dental Hospital Sydney

Member Human Ethical Review Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry Sydney University

Member of the Legal Profession Advisory Council [1998–1999]

Chair of the EEO Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association

Member, Executive Council of The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law

AWARDS:

Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws awarded by Bond University – March 2024

Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws awarded by the University of Sydney – May 2021

Companion (AC) in the General Division of the Order of Australia 2019

Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws awarded by the University of New South Wales - June 2016

Honorary degree of Doctor of the University by the ANU – July 2011

Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia 2005

Centenary Medal 2003

University of New South Wales Alumni Award 1999

THESIS TOPICS:

Honours thesis: Mitochondrial Populations in Chick Embryo Liver

Ph.D. thesis: Some aspects of the nature and role of Phospholipids in Spermatozoa (from which nineteen scientific publications resulted)

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