

Citation for the Award of the Degree of Laws *honoris causa*

to

The Hon Justice Bruce Lander

The Hon Justice Bruce Lander currently serves as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, having previously served on the bench of the Supreme Court of South Australia. His Honour has provided long and distinguished service to the law at both national and state levels. For many years, his Honour has also been a strong supporter of Flinders Law School and has made a significant contribution to the continued success of the School.

Justice Lander was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia in March 1969, having graduated LLB from the University of Adelaide in April 1968. He practiced as a solicitor until 1980, at which time he signed the Bar roll. In 1986 he was appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel (QC).

His judicial career commenced in November 1994 with appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia. He remained a judge of that court until the occasion of his appointment as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia on 14 July 2003. He was appointed an additional Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in January 2004, and then a Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in November 2005. A further extension of his judicial duties occurred in December 2008 with his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island.

Justice Lander is recognised as a leading judge in the area of procedural law. He played a significant role in the innovative development of modern rules of court and procedures for the South Australian Supreme Court and, more recently, for the Federal Court. During 2010 and 2011, he served the Australian community as a part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission, in respect of the Commission's Reference regarding Discovery.

In relation to the success and well-being of the Flinders Law School and its stakeholders, Justice Lander's contributions have been substantial and significant.

Justice Lander has for many years been patron of the Flinders Law Students Association (FLSA), in which capacity he has facilitated the use of court premises as venue for student competitions; acted as a judge for these student competitions; and assisted in organising for other judges to contribute to these same activities for the benefit of student practice and skills development.

He has hosted Flinders law alumni events within the premises of the Federal Court of Australia, served as a Visiting Judicial Fellow at the Law School, playing a most active part in the scholarly and educational life of the School during this period and participated over the last three years in the Law School's innovative *New in Law* transition program as either a guest speaker or participant.

On many occasions Justice Lander has delivered informative and insightful guest lectures to students undertaking the civil litigation topic with the law course undergraduate curriculum and chaired the Flinders Law School Advisory Board.

Justice Lander has been an exemplar of the values underpinning the legal profession, which the Flinders Law School strives to instil in its students and graduates.