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Admitted as a barrister

1964

Appointed as Queens Counsel

1975

Mr Fitzgerald has since 2002 acted as an arbitrator and mediator and provided binding determinations in Australia and overseas in relation to a wide range of disputes. Prior to that, he was a judge. He was the inaugural President of the Qld Court of Appeal and also served as a judge of the NSW Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of the ACT. He has been a Queen's Counsel/King's Counsel for almost 50 years.

Mr Fitzgerald has also conducted four public inquiries, including a major inquiry into official corruption in Queensland. In addition, he has held a number of public offices, brief details of which are set out below. He is an honorary professor at Griffith University, was a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne Law School and the inaugural Chancellor of the University of the Sunshine Coast and holds honorary doctorates from three universities.

Mr Fitzgerald is a Companion of the Order of Australia.

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

1975: Queen's Counsel

1991: Companion of the Order of Australia.

1995: Doctor of Queensland University of Technology.

1999: Doctor of Sunshine Coast University.

2003: Doctor of Griffith University.

2023: Queensland Greats award

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Judge of Appeal

Queen's Counsel / King's Counsel

Arbitrator and Mediator since 2002

Former Judicial Offices

1981 – 1984: Judge, Federal Court of Australia and Supreme Court of Australian Capital Territory

1991 – 1998: Inaugural President, Queensland Court of Appeal

1998 – 2001: Judge of Appeal, New South Court of Appeal

Public Inquiries Chaired:

1987-1989: Commission of Inquiry into Official Corruption in Queensland

1990-1991: Commission of Inquiry into the Conservation, Management and Use of Fraser Island and the Great Sandy Region

2001: Cape York Justice Study

2022: Commission of Inquiry relating to the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission

Public Offices:

1981 – 1984: Presidential Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

1981 – 1984: Member, Australian Law Reform Commission

1990 – 1991: Chairman, Australian Heritage Commission

1991 – 1992: Inaugural Chairman, Queensland Litigation Reform Commission

Academic positions

Honorary Professor, Griffith University.

1994 – 1998: Inaugural Chancellor, Sunshine Coast University

Former Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne Law School.

1997: Visiting Fellow, New York University School of Law

Other offices

1992-1995: Chairman, National Institute for Law, Ethics and Public Affairs.

1995-1998: Deputy Chairman, Mater Health Services Governing Board, Brisbane.

1998-2002: Chairperson, Advisory Board, Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice & Governance.

2001-2005: Chairperson, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW.

2002 – 2003: Jury Member, International Justice In the World Prize, Justice in the World Foundation of the International Association of Judges.

2002-2005: Director, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth.

2002-2005: Chair, Advisory Board, Griffith University Innocence Project.

2002-2005: Member, Advisory Board, State Library of NSW Legal Information Access Centre.

2004 -2006: Chairperson, National Pro Bono Resource Centre.

2019-2022: Director, Centre for Public Integrity

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Former Alternative Dispute Resolution Fellowships and Memberships

Australian Commercial Dispute Centre

Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration Ltd.

Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

LEADR Association of Dispute Resolvers.

China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission Arbitration Panel.

Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Singapore International Arbitration Centre International Arbitration Panel.

National Electricity Market of Singapore Dispute Resolution and Compensation Arbitration Panel.

ADR Chambers International Mediation and Arbitration panels.

World Intellectual Property Organisation Arbitration and Mediation Center's List of Neutrals.