

Contributors

Senator the Honourable **George Brandis**, QC, has been Attorney-General and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate since 2013. Educated at the universities of Queensland and Oxford, he joined the Queensland Bar in 1985. He has represented Queensland in the Senate since 2000. Appointed Minister for the Arts and Sport in 2007, he became Shadow Attorney-General later that year. He is a joint author of *Liberals Face the Future* (1985) and *Australian Liberalism: the Continuing Vision* (1987).

The Honourable **Ian Callinan**, AC, QC, was a justice of the High Court of Australia from 1998 until 2007. He was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1965 after studying Law at the University of Queensland. His many activities have included membership of the board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (1997) and of the Council of the National Gallery of Australia since 2007. In addition to plays and short stories, he has written several novels including *The Lawyer and the Libertine* (1997), *The Coroner's Conscience* (1999) and *A Hero's Funeral* (2009).

The Honourable **Richard Court**, AC, educated at the University of Western Australia, was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia in 1982. He remained a member until 2001. He became leader of the Liberal Party in 1990 and was Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia from 1993 until 2001. Since 2001 he has been chairman of Resource Investment Strategy Consultants.

Lorraine Finlay joined the School of Law at Murdoch University in 2010. Prior to that, she had been a State Prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Western Australia. A graduate of the University of Western Australia, the National University of Singapore and New York University, she spent some years at the High Court and was an Associate to Mr Justice Heydon.

The Honourable Justice **Dyson Heydon**, AC, was appointed to the High Court of Australia in 2003 and served for a decade. He had previously been a member of the Court of Appeal in New South Wales, to which he had been appointed in 2000. Educated at the University of Sydney and at Oxford, he was a Fellow and Tutor at Keble College, Oxford (1967-73), prior to appointment as a Professor of Law at Sydney in 1973, a post he held until 1981; he was Dean and head of the department, 1978-79. Editor of NSW Law Reports, 1981-2000, and Australian Law Reports, 1980-2000, he has been General Editor of Halsbury's Laws of Australia since 1990.

The Honourable **Gary Johns** was member for Petrie in the House of Representatives from 1987 until 1996. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer in 1993; between 1993 and 1996 he was Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters; and Special Minister of State and Vice-President of the Executive Council, 1994-96. Educated at Monash University, he subsequently took a doctorate at the University of Queensland. His many activities have included President, the Bennelong Society. His books include *The Missionaries were Right* (Connor Court, 2011) and, as editor, *Right Social Justice – Better Ways to Help the Poor* (2012).

Josephine Kelly is a Sydney barrister who has been a member of several tribunals including the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. She was educated at the Australian National University and the New South Wales Institute of Technology. From 1981 until

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Dr **Keith Kendall** joined the Melbourne Bar in 2011. Educated at the University of Sydney, the University of Chicago Law School, Latrobe and Monash universities, he has been practising in taxation law for well over a decade. He established the Taxation Program at the Latrobe University Law School where he is a senior lecturer. He is co-author of *International Securities Regulation* (Westlaw) and co-editor of the *Journal of Australian Taxation*.

J. B. Paul lectured in political science at the University of New South Wales for many years. He worked for a decade in the Australian public service, including in the Department of Labour and National Service, the Treasury and the Department of Education and Science, after graduating from the University of Melbourne.

The Honourable **Christian Porter** was elected to the Western Australian Parliament in 2008. He subsequently held several ministerial offices in the Barnett Liberal Government, notably Attorney-General, 2008 until 2012, and Treasurer, 2010 until 2012. He was elected to the House of Representatives to represent the seat of Pearce in 2013. Educated at the University of Western Australia and the London School of Economics and Political Science, he was a Senior State Prosecutor from 2002 to 2008.

Michael Sexton, SC, has been Solicitor-General of New South Wales since 1998. After graduating in Law from the University of Melbourne he was Associate to Sir Edward McTiernan of the High Court, 1971-72. He then studied at the University of Virginia, and worked for a period in the United States. He joined the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in 1975 and was subsequently attached to the staff of the Attorney-General. He lectured in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales from 1976 to 1984. From 1996 to 1998 he was chairman of the NSW State Rail Authority. A frequent book reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, he is the author of a number of books including *Illusions of Power: the Fate of a Reform Government* (1979; reissued 2005 as *The Great Crash*); *War for the Asking: Australia's Vietnam Secrets* (1981;2002); and, as joint author, *The Legal Mystique: The Role of Lawyers in Australian Society* (1982).