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Introduction

In 2010 the Honourable Paul de Jersey, Chief Justice of Queensland, delivered the WA Lee Equity Lecture. The topic of his lecture was entitled: 'Court Intrusion Into Testamentary Disposition: A Beneficial Jurisdiction?'

De Jersey was appointed Chief Justice of Queensland on 17 February 1998. In 1985 he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. He was the Commercial Causes Judge 1986-1989; Chairman of the Supreme Court Library Committee 1988-1994; Chairman, Attorney-General's Consultative Committee on Computerised Legal Information Retrieval 1990-1991; judge constituting the Mental Health Tribunal 1994-1996; President, Queensland Industrial Court 1996-1997 and Chairman, Law Reform Commission (Qld). He has also been the Chair of the Judicial Section, Law Association of Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA). From 2006-2009 he was a Visitor at the University of South Pacific.

He has been Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane since 1991, a member of the Chapter of St John's Cathedral since 1989 and a member of the Council of the Anglican Church Grammar School 1990-1997. In addition, he has been President, Australian Cancer Society 1998-2001 (Vice President 1995-1998); Trustee of the National Breast Cancer Foundation 1994-1999; Chairman of the Queensland Cancer Fund 1994-2001; Member, Centenary Federation Committee (Queensland), 1998-2002; Chair, Queensland Constitutional Convention, Gladstone, June 1999; Honorary Consultant Member, Independent Commission on the Future of Policing (UK) from 2012 and from 20 June 2013 Chairperson, Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. He is also the patron of many organisations too numerous to list here.

The Chief Justice undertook his secondary education at the Church of England Grammar School from 1961-1965 followed by studies in Arts and Law at the University of Queensland. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1969 and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 1971. At university he was a member of the University Regiment from 1966-1971 and was commissioned as an officer in 1969. He was called to the Queensland Bar in 1971 and appointed Her Majesty's Counsel in 1981. He had a broad practice at the bar with a focus in the commercial field. He appeared in constitutional cases before the High Court of Australia and he also appeared before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

In 2000 de Jersey was made a Companion of the Order of Australia. He was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003. In 2000 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Queensland and in 2008 an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Southern Queensland. He is also a Life Member of the Bar Association of Queensland. In February 2014 it was announced that de Jersey had been appointed as the 26th Governor of Queensland.

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