



TressCox 10th Anniversary function Gallery of Modern Art Wednesday, 25 July 2007, 6pm

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC Chief Justice of Queensland

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate TressCox in Queensland in this, its decennial year. The Sydney firm is in fact 110 years old this year. Queenslanders were the beneficiaries a decade ago, with the migration to Brisbane of the firm's established reputation for high standards of service to clients.

Over the last 10 years, the Queensland firm's expertise has been evident not only through its work for health sector clients – where the practice is recognized as one of Queensland's best, but in a broadening range of other specialities as well.

Yet the Queensland firm has fortunately resisted the temptation of substantial expansion. With a total staff of about 30, half of them lawyers, the firm is particularly well positioned to deliver what it promises – a high standard service "while retaining an intense client focus".

TressCox's membership of ALFA International also allows the firm to provide legal services around the world while maintaining a strong local connection.

This is a very good example of a number of smaller firms in this City unique for particularly personalized attention to the interests of clients.



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I have as Chief Justice a large stake in the maintenance, within the State, of diverse manifestations of the expertise of solicitors, diverse for their specialties and for the ways in which they deliver their services.

TressCox fills with distinction its important niche in that diverse landscape, and for that I commend all of its partners, lawyers and support staff. And speaking of “landscape”, how fitting that this progressive and accomplished Queensland firm should host this evening’s event in this latest emanation of high State achievement.

As to streamlined surroundings, I was fortunate to be present in 1999, when the firm celebrated its move into Waterfront Place. It was then known as Tress Cocks and Maddox, changing to TressCox with the merger with O’Shea Corser and Wadley in 2004.

In line with a theme I regularly raise with the profession, I should say that I am also very pleased to note TressCox’s attention to community involvement. One very commendable example is its provision of pro-bono advice to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, which happens to be the largest medical research institute in the southern hemisphere.

The firm may justifiably review with pride its achievements over the last 10 years. 1997 was a memorable year in world history – the death of Diana Princess of Wales, the election of Tony Blair and his new Labour government in Britain, the hand over of Hong Kong to the Chinese...well, they were significant events. But something significant occurred here in Brisbane also, with the advent of a new legal practice which has since gone from strength to strength; and I am confident that will continue.

Congratulations TressCox, and well done!