



Queensland Law Society President's dinner Friday 27 July 2007, 7.30pm Customs House

**The Hon Paul de Jersey AC
Chief Justice**

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate Megan on her accession to the Presidency of our significant State Law Society, and to wish her well as she embarks on this new high responsibility.

I confidently speak on behalf of all Judges in expressing these sentiments, including commendation of Joe Pinder for his effective Presidency of the Society over the last 12 months. Joe's recent transformation is quite dramatic: fatherhood, and the Magistracy. Congratulations Joe on your Presidency, and all the best to you and Nadiya with your new challenges.

Kaye and I have known Megan now for more than a decade. May I suggest two particular features which equip Megan very well for this new role?

The first is her resilience, strength and relevant experience. Those have been borne in part from involvement at Council level during what turned out to be the seminal years of the Society's recent transformations.

Megan is accordingly well-equipped to bring two important perspectives to the role: a well-informed historical perspective; and a vibrant and progressive take on current expectations.

One challenge, I believe, is to involve City practitioners more directly in the work of the Council. As a well-balanced regional practitioner, Megan is well positioned to remind her city cousins of what is reasonably due from them to the Society and thereby, Queensland solicitors.



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There is a second feature which enures very well for Megan's presidency. And that is...she is a particularly nice person, as is her stalwart support, Gerard.

On behalf of the judiciary, I wish Megan well as she proceeds now to discharge the duties of this highly significant State-wide office.

I am sure she will do so effectively, reassuringly, and inspiringly.

As we confidently commit the Society to Megan's leadership, would you please rise with me, ladies and gentlemen, as I propose this occasion's traditional toast to..."The Queensland Law Society".