



Launch by Governor-General of Dr Denver Beanland's
History of the District Court
Banco Court, Friday 19 June 2009, 6pm

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC

Your Excellency the Governor-General, your Excellency Mr Bryce, Chief Judge, your Honours, Dr Beanland, ladies and gentlemen,

May I express my welcome, Your Excellencies, as you return to this courthouse and this courtroom. It is a great honour for the courts of Queensland, and a matter of personal delight for the Judges.

I am indebted to the Chief Judge for allowing me a short space this evening to make one additional point. This jurisdiction is distinctive for the closeness of association between the three State courts. Reflecting that, the District Court not infrequently uses this ceremonial courtroom, as does the Magistracy. The Supreme and District Courts share their united Registry. In 2011, they will occupy the same court building, neighbouring the Magistrates Court. The collegial union of the courts is lively and publicly productive.

And so the Supreme Court heartily acknowledges the achievement of the District Court over its 50 years of operation, in its contribution to the good government of the people of Queensland.

As Chief Justice, Your Excellency, I gratefully acknowledge your gracious recognition, this evening, of the fine institution of which Dr Beanland has so interestingly written.