



Ceremonial sitting to mark the appointment of the Hon Justice White as a Judge of Appeal and The Hon Justice Boddice as a Judge of the Supreme Court in the Trial Division Banco Court Thursday 15 July 2010, 9:15am

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC Chief Justice

In welcoming all persons present this morning, I acknowledge with pleasure the presence of the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court, the Federal Court and the Family Court, the Chief Magistrate and Magistrates, Tribunal members and retired Judges.

We join together to mark the appointment of our colleague Justice White as a Judge of Appeal, and the appointment of Justice Boddice to this court in the Trial Division. Justice White took the requisite oath on 20 April 2010, and Justice Boddice on 2 July 2010.

Justice White has joined the Court of Appeal after a lengthy and distinguished career in the Trial Division of the court. After seven years at the Bar, Her Honour was one of the original Masters of the court, appointed in 1990. Two years later she was appointed as a Judge in the Trial Division. Her Honour's judicial career has been complemented by a range of extrinsic commitment, notably including 17 years as a member of the Senate of the University of Queensland, concluding as Deputy Chancellor, chairing the Churchill Trust (Qld) since 2003, and in recent years, as Deputy President of the Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal.

We welcome Her Honour's elevation to the Court of Appeal, and wish her well as she discharges that new responsibility.



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Justice Boddice is the 107th appointee to the court in its 149 year history. His Honour is well qualified for the appointment.

Over his 26 years of practice at the Bar, His Honour developed a substantial and varied practice, ranging from the criminal law to specialised civil areas, such as medical negligence and defamation. In the year 2001 his merit was recognized by appointment as Senior Counsel. He has held positions on tribunals, being the West Moreton Regional Community Corrections Board, the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal and the Queensland Nursing Tribunal. He has appeared before Commissions of Enquiry, including the Fitzgerald Enquiry and the Bundaberg Hospital Queensland Public Hospitals' Enquiry.

Justice Kiefel of the High Court cannot be here because overseas. She particularly asked me to convey her best wishes to our newly appointed colleague.

We warmly welcome His Honour and Mrs Cath Boddice to the court community.