



Federal Court presentation to Supreme Court for Supreme Court's
150th anniversary
Federal Court
Tuesday 29 November 2011, 5.15pm

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

Chief Justice, Judges....

These two high courts in Queensland enjoy a mutually respectful, supportive and friendly relationship for which we are all grateful.

We are not competitive, and we are more than “mutually coexistent”.

I feel free to say these things because as with other senior members of our courts, my historical perspective permits it, indeed from three decades ago when, frankly, a level of distrust and rejection reigned.

A good lineage of the Supreme Court after 150 years is fortunately well-established. We have made much, I hope not extravagantly, of that milestone.

But it is of particular moment to us that the Federal Court recognizes our milestone in this way, and especially in the context of that historical consideration.

On behalf of the Supreme Court, I accept this fine gift with sincere thanks, and in doing so, I respectfully acknowledge the undoubted significance of the Federal Court, and the productive relationship between our two superior courts sitting within this State.