



Law Awards Ceremony
TC Beirne School of Law
Wednesday 16 May 2012, 6pm
Long Room, Customs House

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC
Chief Justice

I am very pleased to be associated this evening with the acknowledgement of particular achievement within the TC Beirne School of Law.

By honouring those who reach high levels of achievement, the School fosters high achievement. At a university level, this principle finds expression in the honours and medal systems. But it is important that these recognitions not have to await the conclusion of the course of academic study.

There is truth in the adage that nothing succeeds like success. These awards would I think foster higher levels of personal achievement, and there is also nothing wrong about injecting a level of competition among those who are interested in securing a place where the available number is limited.

The awards also appropriately complement the progressive assessment regime which characterizes tertiary study in these times.

The Law School's goal is ultimately one of excellence in tertiary legal education. These awards sit well with that goal. I commend the School for this initiative, and in anticipation, congratulate all who will be honoured here tonight. They will have worked hard to achieve these successes, and they will have derived great assistance from their graduate mentors, whom I also commend. The value of the awards is commensurate with the successes they mark, and I thank the sponsors, in conclusion, for their generosity.