



**Government House reception for members of the
Council of Chief Justices and international guests**
Wednesday 1 August 2012, 6pm

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

Ladies and gentlemen, our Governor has, with characteristic perceptiveness, delivered what should be seen as a wonderful keynote address for our ensuing three days consideration of Queensland's judicial history. I would not presume to assume the role of commentator.

Your Excellency, we are most grateful for your hospitality here this evening at Government House.

Our move to the courthouse you will open on Friday marks an epoch in Queensland's judicial history. So does the presence with us of such eminent judicial leaders from our own, and overseas, jurisdictions.

In honouring the State's judiciary tonight as you do, you signal vice-regal respect for the rule of law which underpins our civil society.

Those rather lofty sentiments aside, may we again thank you most warmly for your generous hospitality and, may I add, the genuine and informed interest you have displayed, and will display tonight, when you will be meeting with our honoured guests.

Ladies and gentlemen, recognizing the respect and admiration we feel for our Governor, may I invite you to drink to her health: ... "Her Excellency the Governor"