



SUPREME COURT  
OF QUEENSLAND

# Admissions Ceremony (1<sup>st</sup> ceremony) 13 December 2012

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## Chief Justice's observations

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today the court is dealing with 238 applications for admission. That is a very large number, indeed the largest number of applications the court has ever encountered on any one day, and it suggests confidence in personal capacities and in the vibrancy of the market for legal services in the State.

As to the former, you have amply demonstrated those capacities, hence your admission today.

As to the latter, you know that professional life is competitive, and the point to be made today is the need to develop your professional talents to the hilt.

In wishing you well, we acknowledge the contribution of family and friends, and urge you to deploy your new professionalism broadly, including if you will, in the relief of those without privilege in our community.

We warmly congratulate you and wish you well.

Before I conclude these remarks, it is important that I acknowledge the voluntary contribution made by the members of the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board. The members of the Board give substantially of their time in examining applications for admission, and their work, very much in the public interest, is of great assistance to the court.

The members of the Board, chaired by Mr Greg Moroney, are: Mr James Bell QC (Deputy Chairperson), Ms Jennifer Rosengren, Mr Noel Jensen, Mr Liam Kelly SC, Ms Joan

Bennett, until recently Mr Ryan Haddrick, and Ms Julie Steel, Executive Director, Supreme, District and Land Courts Service.

This year, meeting on eight separate occasions, the Board has considered as many as 849 applications in Brisbane alone, and has transmitted its recommendations to the court. Not only does the Board meet, but its members must spend hours in pre-meeting preparation. The members are not paid for their work.

I again thank the Board for the responsible and willing discharge of this extremely important regulatory role.