



TressCox celebratory event  
Wednesday 14 November 2012, 6pm  
Stamford Hotel

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

I am very pleased to be here this evening. It is a particular pleasure to experience the vibrancy of a successful and developing aggregation of accomplished practitioners, especially practitioners who show absolutely none of the debilitating effects of the intense and relentless pressures which can characterize contemporary practice.

When the highly successful Queensland firm reached its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2007, I observed, among other laudatory things, that a part of the success of the firm lay in its having resisted the temptation of substantial expansion.

Five years on, with a well-proven track record, the firm should tonight be cut some slack as we celebrate this merger: it is not an unmanageable expansion, and I am sure the firm will still be noted for the application of particularly personal attention to the interests of the clients. But I should speak even more positively: the merger will undoubtedly diversify the firm's offerings, and that is propitious.

The new premises in Creek Street reflect the success of the firm, and will prove an excellent platform for the continuing delivery of high standard client services by the merged firm.



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Speaking of new premises, I should not pass up the opportunity to mention our new courthouse and to urge you to visit it. For years the State courts here have in material terms languished as the very poor cousins of the Federal Court, not to mention practitioners' offices and chambers. Spectacular within and without, the new courthouse is undoubtedly the best in the country – and in saying that, I confidently assert that my colleagues around the nation would agree.

For the inflow of natural light, for the grand open public spaces, for the sizeable grassed plaza, for the huge courtrooms with wooden floors and the arresting artwork: this is a truly a wonder to experience.

Please come and have a look, but I know TressCox with their vast experience need not be given this additional advice: keep the clients well away from the place!

Ladies and gentlemen, as Chief Justice, I am always very pleased to recognize the high achievement of Queensland practitioners, and TressCox very well exemplify that on a corporate basis, as does Paul de Silva as an individual: congratulations, Paul, on a long and successful career.

And, I wish the firm, continuing success. Success does breed success, and the firm's past and prospective achievements should justly engender considerable pride.

The firm has my very best wishes.