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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

THE CHIEF JUDGE
THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE D PRICE AM
AND THE JUDGES OF THE COURT

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**SWEARING IN OF HIS HONOUR JUDGE IAN DAVID BOURKE SC AND HIS
HONOUR JONATHON JAMES PRIESTLEY SC AS JUDGES OF THE
DISTRICT COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Mr M Speakman SC on behalf of the New South Wales Bar Association
Mr R Harvey, Senior Vice President of Law Society of New South Wales, on
behalf of solicitors

(Commissions read)

(Oaths of office taken)

PRICE J: Judge Bourke, Judge Priestley on behalf of all the judges of this
Court I very warmly welcome you and congratulate you. I wish you both all the
very best with your judicial careers. Mr Attorney.

ATTORNEY GENERAL: May it please the Court. I acknowledge the
traditional custodians of this land, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and I
pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Judge Bourke and Judge Priestley, on behalf of our State and the Bar it
is my great pleasure to congratulate you on your appointments as judges of
this Court.

Judge Bourke, it seems serendipitous that your wife, Juliet, early in her
career drafted judicial swearing-in speeches for a New South Wales Attorney
General. These days Juliet Bourke is well-known as an author, TEDx talk
speaker and as a partner of Deloitte leading the firm's diversity and inclusion
consulting practice.

Juliet kindly agreed to some pro bono speech consulting for the present

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occasion and in doing so was pretty much - brought her career full circle.

Many friends, colleagues and judicial officers also shared insights. One asked to remain anonymous for sharing that your Honour had been known as a musical heartthrob. We are fortunate that you chose to dedicate yourself to the legal profession rather than pursue the life of a rock star. Of note is your time as a bass player in a Fleetwood Mac covers band.

When playing live on stage wearing sunglasses it impressed crowd members with good looks and cool demeanour in the days when your hair was still dark and curly. In your current band, Vinyl Express, you enjoy playing with friends including a fellow band mate whom you have known since high school.

In 1974 you graduated from Sydney Technical Boys High. From 1979 you moved toward further study and legal work receiving a graduate certificate in personnel administration from St George TAFE and working as a legal clerk with the Department of Consumer Affairs. You went on to other public service roles with the Department of Youth and Community Services and the Intellectually Handicapped Persons Review Tribunal.

During this time you commenced studying law and in 1985 graduated with a Diploma of Law from the Joint Admissions Board. You stayed with the Department as a legal officer until 1987 when you took a similar role with the Corporate Affairs Commission. From there your Honour has gained promotions with each subsequent move between agencies becoming a senior legal officer for the National Crime Authority in 1988 and then Principal Legal Officer with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in 1989.

In 1990 your Honour earned your Master of Laws from the University of Sydney. While at the Commonwealth DPP you met Juliet. In 1993 you became in-house counsel at the DPP. Your approach with those whom you

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supervised there has been described as collaborative, professional and accessible. While you were with the DPP your son Jesse was born and your Honour became only the second male employee at the Department to take paternity leave.

In 1996 your Honour was called to the Bar. Your Honour's practice was busy and varied. Testament to your great skills and abilities is the repeat business you received from loyal clients. You have a great deal of experience in children's care and protection proceedings but your areas of practice have always been diverse including criminal law, administrative law, judicial review, professional disciplinary proceedings, public interest immunity and subpoena law, police integrity enquiries and ICAC enquiries.

You have appeared in more than 70 appeals in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeal and the High Court as well as more than 40 criminal trials by jury and many more summary hearings inquests, disciplinary proceedings and other enquiries and litigation.

Among these have been prosecutions arising from the HIH Royal Commission and the Seaview Air Royal Commission. You have also appeared for the State in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Your Honour was appointed Senior Counsel in 2014. Your contributions to the legal profession include involvement with numerous committees, the New South Wales Bar Association and the Legal Aid Review Committee. You have been a mentor to junior barristers and a tutor to ten readers.

Many colleagues remarked on your Honour's calm demeanour in chambers and in Court. What many may not know is that almost every time you are running a case you are sure it is the most stressful and most difficult

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matter you have ever come across. Your compassion has also been evident in your care of dogs. You had a poodle, Zac, for 17 years and when he became old and frail you would take him into chambers with you so he would not be left alone. What a sight it must have been to see you walking through Martin Place with an apricot coloured poodle wearing the leopard skin coat you had bought to keep him warm and now your new puppy, Lucca, has recently been coming to chambers.

Lucca is named for the city in Tuscany where you recently took a six month sabbatical with your wife, Juliet, and your daughter Eliza who just finished school and was starting a gap year. It was the first significant break you had taken since your paternity leave when Jesse was born almost a quarter of a century earlier.

Your Honour has a love of cooking which is universally praised. So skilled are you in the kitchen that you almost never receive invitations to other people's homes because your friends would rather be hosted by you. You have the endorsement of world renowned chef, Tetsuya Wakuda who attended a dinner event at which guests each brought a plate to share. You brought one of your specialties, an Indian dish Palak Paneer. Tetsuya returned for four additional helpings and was impressed to discover that you were self-taught and not, in fact, Indian.

Judge Bourke along with your good character you bring to the Court all the qualities of a fine judge, integrity, independence, impartiality and social awareness. Congratulations and warmest wishes for your judicial life.

Judge Priestley a strong theme of the insights shared by your family, friends and colleagues is your Honour's remarkable capacity for maintaining a healthy work/life balance. Your father is the Honourable Lancelot John

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Priestley QC, known widely as “Bill”, a judge of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal from 1983 until 2001 but I understand that your father did not speak very much about law at home while you were growing up nor seek to influence you to pursue a legal career and instead was well-rounded sharing with the family his interest in sport, travel and literature and I acknowledge the presence in Court today of your parents Bill and Caroline Priestley.

Between the four brothers who are close in age William, Andrew, Simon and Jonathon and your younger sister, Sarah known as “Sally” there were many spirited arguments over dinner and perhaps those debates were the seeds for three of the siblings going on to become barristers. There is a suggestion that the rough and tumble with older siblings built your resilience and influenced your forthright way of speaking up.

But let not the family pedigree be mistaken for an easy entry into law. Your Honour made early pragmatic decisions about the best ways to train to be a lawyer. After graduating from St Ignatius College Riverview in 1981 you studied for a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws at the University of New South Wales graduating in 1986, after which you moved to the top end of Australia where you were articled to the solicitor for the Northern Territory for a year. There the Department of Law Article Scheme offered thorough training with a rotation through the Department’s various divisions across Alice Springs and Darwin giving you exposure to civil litigation, public policy, aboriginal land claims and crown prosecutions. You were admitted to practise in the Territory in 1988.

More pragmatic decisions followed in your early career as a graduate solicitor and solicitor after admission to practise in New South Wales in 1988. You moved between firms to pursue direct involvement with clients in litigation,

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something you achieved when working in a general suburban practice where you gained experience in a full range of jurisdictions including the District and Supreme Courts.

In 1990 you travelled to Britain. In North Wales you initially worked as a Clerk before being admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales. In 1991 you took a job with a firm mostly based in Leeds. Your longest stint as a solicitor was in Sydney with Dibbs Crowther and Osborne for three years from 1992. There you worked with partner Dale Kemp, now Judge Kemp of the Federal Circuit Court who is with us today.

In 1995 your Honour was called to the Bar and in 2014 your Honour took silk. You have been a member of University Chambers, Lismore Chambers, Nine Wentworth Chambers and Culwalla Chambers. Your wide ranging practice has included building disputes, common law, equity and real property matters, family law and broad range of civil and commercial matters.

At the Bar you have been known for expertly identifying legal issues, distilling relevant facts, being a straight shooter and running a case rather than settling it if it is in the interests of the client. You are respected for your treatment of clients whether plaintiff or defendant and your ability to recognise a rough diamond from a rogue. This good sense of people has been enhanced by your engagement with your local communities particularly in the Byron Bay area. As one colleague puts it your Honour has knocked about in the real world.

While having roots in Byron you have often travelled to Sydney for conferences and Court appearances. Ian Coleman SC has anointed you "Lord of the North". Such is the manner in which you fly into Sydney like a northern warlord - and they are his words, to create havoc for your opponents before

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returning to your regional powerbase.

Your Honour has contributed to the legal profession as a member of the Law Council of Australia's family law section, the New South Wales Bar Association Family Law Committee and earlier the Bar Council. You have strongly presented on regional issues and you have contributed to legal education by delivering papers in Ballina, Lismore and Coffs Harbour on topics like estoppel, expert evidence, actions against police and the Civil Liability Act.

Colleagues marvel at your work/life balance. One moment you may be in the Supreme Court arguing a difficult or complicated case and the next jetting off to ensure that you are at the Byron Bay golf club ready to tee off as scheduled. You are a keen swimmer with a strong connection to the Byron Bay Memorial Pool and a regular participant in ocean swims including the Byron Bay Ocean Classic.

You were a regular member of the Bar cricket team for some years and have been described as a dour lower middle order bat and stodgy medium-paced bowler. You are a committed cricket fan. Legend has it that you and a friend drove to Adelaide and knocked on Don Bradman's door. The story goes that you enjoyed a game of backyard tennis ball cricket with "the Don".

You are described as optimistic, positive, pleasant and someone who sees the bright side of everything, traits which your family say you have had since you were a chubby jolly child whom they affectionately called "Cheerful Charlie".

Congratulations to all your family including children, Eva and Mal who share your milestone of transition to judicial life. Your Honour you are well loved and your appointment to this Court is widely welcomed in the profession. Congratulations and all the very best for the years to come. May it please the

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Court.

PRICE: Thank you Attorney. Mr Harvey.

HARVEY: May it please the Court. I am pleased to appear on behalf of the solicitors of the State of New South Wales as Senior Vice President of the Law Society. I congratulate Judge Bourke and Judge Priestley on your Honours' elevation to the bench. Solicitors hold great trust and confidence in your appointments and welcome this and other additional resourcing of the District Court of New South Wales.

Judge Bourke, your Honour has been a respected criminal lawyer in New South Wales for over 30 years. Following your admission as a solicitor in 1985 you worked with what is now known as the Department of Family and Community Services, before that spending seven years at the Commonwealth DPP culminating in an in-house advocate role. In 1996 you went to the private Bar reading with now Supreme Court Justice Mark Ierace before being made Senior Counsel in 2014.

You have been briefed extensively by the Commonwealth DPP, the Crown Solicitor's Office, the Office of the General Counsel within the New South Wales Attorney General's Department, the Health Care Complaints Commission and more recently by Legal Aid New South Wales.

Your Honour is known for your experience at both the trial and appellate levels, coronial inquest and enquiries including the Independent Commission against Corruption, the Health Care Complaints Commission and child protection and care matters.

There was a time which your Honour held the most briefs as counsel assisting in the coronial jurisdiction. This reflected the esteem in which you were held given that such matters are often contentious, high profile and

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requiring counsel to exhibit additional human skills such as empathy towards a grieving family and the desire to seek the truth without agenda. Your Honour possesses such skills in spades.

Solicitors who have worked with your Honour pay tribute to your Honour's legal acumen, incredible discipline and dedicated focus as counsel. You would work exceptionally hard with my informants telling me your working days would often begin at 0400 in the morning. This sense of upmost attention and meticulous preparation made your matters a success.

In the courtroom your Honour had an appeal in a matter that was appreciated by juries who hung onto your every word in opening and closing statements. More than one informant has referred to your ability to remain composed under all circumstances describing you as a sea of calm but as another said, the sea may be calm but underneath the waves the legs are paddling furiously.

Your Honour has a style of cross-examination which was understated pithy and often lethal. Before finishing with the witness, however, you would always ask your instructing solicitor if there was anything else they wished you to address. This simple gesture meant a lot to them.

Significant matters in which your Honour prosecuted or appeared as counsel assisting included the inquest into the death of Jessica Small, several major drug importation cases for the Commonwealth DPP, the 2018 trial of a teenager for conspiring to commit a terrorist act and the inquest into the death of Noreen Peacock.

From this experience your Honour has given generously to the profession. You have served on the Bar Association's Professional Conduct Committee, Criminal Law Committee and Professional Education Committee.

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You have also appeared as a presenter at compulsory legal education seminars.

Beyond technical brilliance, your reputation around the office preceded you as a kind person who was eager to guide and train all those around you. These traits have led to your Honour's inheritance of two nicknames. The first is "Everybody's favourite barrister". The lesser known is "DMB" which, of course, stands for the "Divine Mr Bourke". A small but committed group of solicitors have even taken to use this moniker in correspondence.

Similarly you have been a valued leader in chambers with some counsel at Frederick Jordan Chambers unable to exclude the possibility that your Honour arranged an appointment to the bench just to get away from their persistent lines of questioning.

Without fanfare your Honour has mentored many others over your time at the Bar, both formally and informally. From 2005 many junior barristers have read with you with one describing the decision to do so as "the smartest professional decision I've ever made". This mentoring extended from on-the-job training in the courtroom with such lessons as, "Make your questions short enough to fit on one line of transcript" to broader issues such as career direction.

Many have spoken of your Honour's wicked sense of humour which they say, sometimes to their dismay, ventures into "dad joke" territory and includes a dedication to the "terrible pun" genre. I am told it even extends to practical joke category with plastic cockroaches on coffee saucers and fake sleeves of tattoos making an appearance in front of instructing solicitors from time to time.

Outside of the law your Honour is an avid world traveller. You are also well-known as a talented bass guitarist who plays in long-time cover band,

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Vinyl Express, on the weekends. Musical inspirations include the classic jazz-pop fusion headed by Walter Becker and Donald Fagen being, of course, Steely Dan.

You are devoted to your wife, Juliet, and children Eliza and Jesse. You recently took a family sabbatical for the first half of 2018 to live in the historic Tuscan city of Lucca. This included learning to drive on the other side of the road on notoriously narrow and walled roads.

Your Honour is described as a full-service barrister. You have also been known to cook an excellent dinner for your legal team while away for hearings in regional New South Wales making everything from scratch.

Your Honour yours is an outstanding appointment. The careful and considered approach you have always taken to your work whereby your judgment was always well exercised will prepare you for the task that now lies ahead.

Knowing as you do that trials often take unexpected and sometimes unwelcome twists and turns your Honour will come to the bench ready for anything a trial might throw at you. All will be well served by your deep and abiding sense of fairness.

I wish you well on your new role as judge of this Court and congratulate you once again on your appointment.

Judge Priestley, your Honour has three decades of valuable experience in the law from which this State will now benefit as you take on this judicial role. You were first admitted in the Northern Territory before moving to the premier State where you continued to practise as a solicitor until 1995.

Your Honour was called to the Bar in 1995 before you took silk in 2014, the same year as Judge Burke. You have practised Lismore, Ballina and

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Byron region since 2000 where your diligent appearance as counsel working with a close knit community of instructing solicitors has given you success in fields including succession law, property litigation, family law, equity law and home building matters. Your Honour is well respected amongst your colleagues as an incredibly skilled advocate in Court. Your dedication to colleagues and clients has always set you apart from other counsel.

Instructing solicitors have experienced your Honour's advocacy as extremely professional and armed with a lively intellect. Your Honour's ability to be across the issues in a complex case extremely quickly has impressed them. The reliable and conscientious approach you have brought to difficult cases with complex material brought you and your client's success.

Despite being, in the words of one instructing solicitor, blessed with a big and effective brain your Honour has been unfailingly humble to all. You are generous to your solicitors and bring them into your methods of thinking so all may benefit. This approachability meant that everybody feels able to enter into a conversation with you as you put people at ease and help them to engage with the issues at hand. Always polite and respectful your Honour has been immensely well liked and highly regarded at the Lismore Bar and legal profession as a whole.

These qualities of kindness and openness will help those who come before your Honour at the bench to feel comfortable as they go through the justice process. On a personal level your Honour is in possession of a sharp wit and your deployment of such wit will be greatly missed in the profession. In particular solicitors will feel the absence of your ability to use metaphorical or humorous sayings to express a basic truth in different matters. One of your favourites in a family law matter, "There's a Seinfeld episode about this".

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In your Honour's life outside practice, family is a priority, for you above everything else. Your devotion to your children, be it supporting their education or extracurricular activities is noticed by those around you. A very proud parent, your Honour will often share in their achievements even during a stressful trial. There have been times that you and your legal team have been working tirelessly the day before a trial and your Honour will still take a break to share a video of your daughter singing or speak about a planned camping trip with your son.

You are close to your parents and siblings who are here today to share in the moment. You also like to swim and stay active. On the bench your colleagues expect you will be fair and balanced in your approach as a judge. You will be respectful to practitioners while expecting compliance with the principles of the Court. Your valued human qualities and your sense of humour will show through at all times.

Instructing solicitors believe you will very quickly become regarded by your brother and sister judges for your sensible and practical nature as well as your high intellect. The legal profession has no doubt that your Honour will, together with Judge Bourke, serve as excellent judges.

I thank you both for your willingness to contribute to the administration of justice in our State and wish you both the very best for your time on the bench. As the Court pleases.

PRICE J: Thank you Mr Harvey. Judge Bourke.

JUDGE BOURKE: Thank you, Chief Judge. Chief Judge, fellow judges, distinguished guests, former colleagues, family and friends. Thank you, firstly, to the Attorney and to Mr Harvey for your kind words and embarrassing but largely factual stories. I, too, acknowledge the traditional custodians of the

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land on which this courthouse stands and pay respects to their elders.

This is a wonderful but terrifying occasion for me. I am honoured by this appointment and privileged to be joining the ranks of judges of this Court. It is pleasing today also to be sworn in with Judge Jonathan Priestley because Jonathan, as you heard, was appointed silk at the same time as me in 2014 and Jonathan's father, the Honourable Bill Priestley QC formerly of the Court of Appeal, is here in court today and was until recently a member of Frederick Jordan Chambers.

While my practice at the Bar has been a fairly diverse one, I have appeared with some regularity in criminal cases before this Court for almost 30 years. I am much indebted to the judges of this Court, some of them now retired, for the many lessons that I have learnt in that time. In fact in my first ever jury trial where I appeared as barrister, which was in late 1993, I appeared for the Crown against Peter Zahra, now Judge Zahra SC to my far right, who sits with me, I am pleased to see, on the bench this morning.

Any success that I have achieved in life generally to date is due largely to my good fortune in having been raised in a stable home with loving parents and siblings and a wonderful extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

I was born on the former cracker night, the birthday of Queen Victoria when I was born, and my childhood was occupied by letting off penny bungers, playing baseball and cricket and football with the other kids in the cul-de-sac where I lived, playing with our pets, a dog named Bambi and a budgie called Bourkie, going fishing with my father and living in a house that my father built by hand on the weekends, a house that was filled with sounds of my Welsh-born mother singing songs and playing records by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Gordon Lightfoot and Tom Jones. It was probably this early

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introduction to music by my mother, as well as the pop records brought home by my older brother and sister, that sparked my own musical interest which led me to playing bass guitar in bands with my long term school friend Chris Tarakson who is here today. Chris, as I have told you many times, if we had just stuck at it full-time we could have made hundreds of dollars a year.

I am the youngest of my parents' three children and my two older siblings, Ken and Barb, are here today. Some of you might have noticed the coupling of those two names, but it was not until I was in my mid-30s that someone pointed out that I have siblings named Barbie and Ken. However, recent internet research by myself tells me that my siblings' names have no connection with the famous Mattel brand Barbie and Ken dolls because they were released in 1959 and 1961 respectively, long after my siblings were born - well, not too long but sometime.

I am thankful to have Ken and his wife Lyn and Barb and her husband Arthur here with me today. I am grateful also that my parents-in-law, John and Elizabeth, are also here to mark this occasion and I thank them both for the assistance and support they have provided over the years and which they still provide to Juliet, myself and our two children.

I am blessed to have our son Jesse and our daughter Eliza here with me today to celebrate also. We are very proud at just how well you are both turning out to be and I take full credit for that - no, actually my wife takes full credit for that. You are both very talented people, although in different ways, and I know you will do great things in life.

I am grateful that my parents lived very long lives, but regrettably not long enough to be here today. My parents both served in the RAAF in World War 2 and my father spent nearly three months in the jungles of West Timor as part

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of an Australian party of RAAF personnel who volunteered to stay behind when Timor was invaded by the Japanese army in early 1942. Ultimately, my father and most of his group were rescued in April 1942 by crew members of the American submarine USS Searaven. Sadly, some of dad's mates did not survive long enough to be rescued. I would not be here today if it was not for the brave efforts of those submariners and the assistance given to the Australians by the local Timorese people. There have been two books written about this story, but that is not a story that can be told properly today.

One of my more peculiar childhood memories is of our parents using Morse code to communicate with each other over the dinner table when they wanted to maintain secrecy. They would break into a series of verbal sounds, such as da di di dit, da di dit, and we children would look at them perplexed and say "What are you saying? Stop it". I wonder, Chief Judge, whether this is a form of communication that might be adapted for some of those cases where judges of this Court are called upon to make rulings on matters of police and State secrecy. Perhaps I should do a paper on it.

I think most people would agree that our childhood experiences are very important in how we turn out as adults. I appreciate that in this new role I will encounter many people who have not had a stable and caring family background like mine.

Apparently, it was Aristotle who said "give me a child until he is seven and I will show you the man". Luckily, my parents kept some of my school reports which provide some commentary about me as a child and I reviewed these recently to see if there were any aspects that I might note and perhaps be conscious of in this new role if I am to be an effective judge. For example, in 1968 my year 6 teacher wrote in my half yearly report "Ian is lazy pupil who is capable of

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better results". I am still working on that. I might ask my wonderful new associate Jeff to have those words engraved on a plaque that I can keep with me on the bench. Although I was a lazy pupil in year 6, can you imagine how much worse it could have been without the discipline instilled by my year 3 teacher, Miss Lewis. Like many teachers in the 1960s, Miss Lewis carried a wooden cane which she gave the nickname of Sarah to and she would flex Sarah menacingly over her shoulders while she patrolled the classroom looking for errors or misbehaviour which she could correct by the swift justice that Sarah could administer. This was done publicly in front of the class. This early introduction to the avoidance of error will hopefully stand me in good stead to minimise those cases in the Court of Criminal Appeal where they may need to correct any mistakes I might commit in this role, in particular I will try to avoid the Court of Criminal Appeal repeating criticisms like these which were recorded by Miss Lewis in my year 3 writing book, "not good enough, sharpen your pencil, careless work, and why didn't you try all the time".

My path to the law was perhaps an unexpected one. My HSC results were substandard and I dropped out of a Bachelor of Business degree after six months. No one in my extended family had ever been a lawyer, although my father, an accountant by profession, did, after returning from the war in 1942, rise to the position of Protective Commissioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. The position of Protective Commissioner, as some of you may know, used to be known as the Master in lunacy and dad used to love saying that he used to be the chief lunatic.

My first job after leaving school was as an accounts clerk in the Department of Public Works where I learned to play table tennis quite well and also managed to process a few invoices. After a stellar career in table tennis I

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eventually, at the suggestion of my parents, commenced part-time studies in law via the Barristers and Solicitors Admissions Board course.

My first job as a lawyer was in 1986 with the Department of Youth and Community Services where I appeared in children's criminal and care proceedings in the Children's Court. My work with the Department of Youth and Community Services was a baptism into the world of juvenile crime and child abuse and neglect, although it did at times have its lighter moments.

I still recall, for example, the names of three children of the same family who used to regularly come before the Minda Children's Court for car stealing and similar offences. I will not use their real surname but I will call them the Minelli family. The Minelli family had two sons and a daughter who rejoiced in the names of John Wayne Minelli, Marilyn Monroe Minelli and Winston Churchill Minelli.

I also recall with fondness a couple of inexperienced young car thieves who came before the Children's Court for an offence of take and drive. When they took the car they found a camera with film in it and during the joyride they stopped and took photographs of themselves posing with the stolen car. You can probably guess the rest, but the problem was that they left the camera in the car when they abandoned it.

After a brief but half-hearted foray into the world of company law, I returned to the world of crime at the National Crime Authority before moving in 1989 to the Sydney office of the Commonwealth DPP and it was at that office that I met Juliet Green, now my wife Juliet Bourke, who assumed, when I first started, due to my immature looks at age 32, that I was a new courier and wondered why I had an office with a window.

It is fitting I think that I mention one defendant who occupied a good deal

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of my and later my wife's time while we were prosecuting at the Commonwealth DPP. The man in question was named Ray O'Shannessy. Ray was a small but larger than life Irishman who in 1990 was in his late sixties and in younger days had been a union organiser and a social agitator. Ray was conducting a vendetta against a number of government agencies due to various wrongs that he claimed had been done to him. He would regularly invade government offices, refuse to leave and at times damage government property. He occupied so much time that the office dedicated one lawyer as the Ray O'Shannessy liaison officer, and in 1990 that was me. Ray would often arrive at the office and after being refused entry would take off his shoe and bang it on the security door for up to an hour until somebody came out to speak with him. Ultimately he would accumulate up to 100 charges but much to his frustration, our office policy at that time was to only proceed with those where there was actual damage done and drop all the rest, much to his frustration because he always asked the Court to impose the maximum penalty upon him.

One of the memories that I have is in a matter where I was prosecuting before Magistrate Price, now the Chief Judge of this Court, where Ray managed to cross-examine out of one of my witnesses evidence that the door that he damaged might have been valued at greater than \$1500 which under the law as it then stood would oblige Magistrate Price to commit Ray for trial to the District Court - much to Ray's enjoyment. When I got back to the office that day I had a lot of explaining to do.

One of my best memories of Ray though was in Central Local Court a few months later when just before the magistrate appeared on the bench Ray dropped his pants while in the dock. Removing clothes then became Ray's

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new strategy. Shortly after this my wife, Juliet, was prosecuting Ray before Magistrate Price, as his Honour then was, and in that hearing Ray removed every stitch of clothing while making his oral submissions to the Court. My wife and Justice Price still hold memories of that day. As my wife, at that time a 25 year old woman, recalls it, she had the advantage of any advocate, namely, of being positioned side on, enabling her to keep looking straight ahead directly at the bench while this was going on. Unfortunately, as I am now learning, and as Justice Price still recalls, a judicial officer has no such advantage. He enjoys the full frontal view of the entire courtroom. As they say, some things just cannot be unseen.

After four years as a senior and principal legal officer I was appointed in-house counsel for the Commonwealth DPP, filling one of the vacancies left by the departure to the private bar of in house counsel, Greg Farmer and Frances Backman. As some of you will know, Frances Backman became a judge of the Industrial Court and as most of you will know Greg Farmer SC became a judge of this Court. Tragically Greg passed away in 2016, less than a year after his appointment. It is sad that he is not here today to hear me quote from his own swearing-in speech where he said that the role of in house counsel was a fantastic introduction to the bar. Just as it did for Greg, the in house counsel role provided me with the wonderful experience of appearing in jury trials before this Court. As Greg also noted in his swearing-in, rising stars from the private bar, most notably Justice Elizabeth Fullerton, former Justice Terry Buddin and Mark Ierace SC, now Justice Ierace, who is here with us today, also took up appointments as in house counsel with the Commonwealth DPP and, as Greg observed, we were very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to rub shoulders with gifted lawyers such as these.

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I have been very lucky in my career at the bar. I have had the privilege to have appeared in many interesting criminal trials and I am particularly grateful to the many hardworking lawyers at the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions who for more than two decades have supplied me with a steady stream of important and interesting work in every level of court in this State and also at times in the Federal Court and High Court. Time does not permit me to mention by name any of the lawyers with whom I have worked over the years but I'm thankful to see that the current director, Sarah McNaughton SC, is here with us today.

I still recall with amusement one of my better losses as a prosecutor. The accused was charged with importing a quantity of hashish which was delivered to a building site where he was working. After a few days he opened the package and was arrested shortly thereafter. He said that he only opened it out of curiosity. When the trial commenced in the District Court he was unrepresented and because there was an arguable point going to the admission of certain incriminating statements he'd made I felt it was my duty to raise that with the Court. That ultimately led to the exclusion entirely of this evidence from my case. The very next day however a very experienced criminal barrister turned up and said Legal Aid has now been granted and I'm appearing for him. A few days later a jury found the accused not guilty. However, my opponent, being the good sport that he was, said to his client - "you know, the Crown was very fair to you at the beginning of this trial, I think you should thank him" - upon which the former accused took my hand and said, "Thank you, I won't be doing any more importations."

I want to thank the many extremely capable and hardworking solicitors of the New South Wales Crown Solicitor's Office who have supplied me with

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regular and interesting work for the past 22 years including as counsel assisting in coronial inquests, children's care appeals, public interest immunity arguments and many other matters. While there have been numerous private solicitors as well as other public agencies who have kept me afloat I specifically note my thanks to Legal Aid for giving me the opportunity to advise and appear in the Court of Criminal Appeal and other courts on behalf of accused persons and appellants. This experience I hope has given me insight into the challenges of appearing on both ends of the bar table.

Thank you to the many colleagues, judges, friends and others who have sent me congratulations by phone calls, emails, texts, cards, pats on the back and sometimes holding lift doors open that otherwise would have shut in my face. Your kind words were unexpected and really appreciated - although they were not all positive - For instance, one long term friend, herself a judicial officer although not of this Bench, passed on her sister's comments via a text message which read, "by the way Annette sends her congratulations and says your appointment is nothing short of a travesty." Not content with that, last week this same friend followed up with another text about her proposed attendance at this swearing-in ceremony in which she said, "Planning to come along to your swearing-in and yell out 'shame' - what time on Monday and which courtroom?". Although I ignored this inflammatory comment and replied politely with the address and the time of this ceremony, suggesting she arrive early - she replied, "Of course, I will be there early setting up my picket line".

I've had the advantage of appearing either with or against a number of very talented barristers in my time at the bar and I specifically thank for the personal support given to me, Senior Counsel Arthur Moses, Jane Needham, Tim Game and John Agius. Since being appointed silk in 2014 and before

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then I'd been lucky to have appeared with many very talented junior counsel but again too many of them to name.

To my colleagues at Frederick Jordan Chambers which has been my home for more than 20 years I will miss you all but in particular my former clerks, Elly and Gary, receptionist Heather, support staff, Daniel, Tasha, James, librarians Leone and Jamie and the IT guru, James. I will miss my morning coffees with my friend, the accomplished barrister, Donna Ward, and more recently with Ian Fraser and Geoff O'Shea.

Most importantly I need to thank an internationally renowned expert and consultant in human relations and leadership. She has been an author, TEDx speaker and adviser to the Australian Army, an adviser to the Reserve Bank, an adviser to the United Nations. She is quoted in newspapers, interviewed on TV, et cetera, et cetera. I refer of course to my wife, Juliet Bourke. Juliet is the mother of our two wonderful children, and a long-term personal commentator on my perhaps adequate skills, but more considerable areas requiring improvement. Thank you. I have taken all of your comments into account.

One of the greatest of things of many that Juliet did was to drag me kicking and screaming, so she says, on our sabbatical to Italy last year where we spent six months in the ancient walled city of Lucca in Tuscany. We came to love the Italian life and we made a number of great friends in Lucca, two of whom, Malcolm and Michelle, are here today. I trust you brought the Aperol. To all of you who have attended today thank you very much for your kind attendance. Thank you Chief Judge.

PRICE CJ: Thank you Judge.

JUDGE PRIESTLEY: Chief Judge, judges of the District Court, Attorney-

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General, Mr Harvey, members of the profession, family and friends. Thank you very much for attending today. Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Ian Bourke on his appointment. As he has mentioned, we were also made Senior Counsel at the same time so we seem to be following each other around and I am looking forward to being his colleague because I suspect he will be mentoring me a bit more than I'll be mentoring him given the balance of work favouring the criminal jurisdiction.

I thank the Attorney-General and Mr Harvey for their kind words. I had heard rumours that there were enquiries being made of people close to me as to what to say. I had heard that they had contacted my mother. I thought that was okay. Then I heard they had contacted my brother, Simon, and I thought there could be a problem. Having heard what you have said I'm pleased to see that Simon has kept the skeletons well and truly deeply buried and that he is a team player.

There are two matters that I want to make clear today. The first is to acknowledge the responsibility of the job that I have been given and to express my hope and intention to carry it out to the best of my ability. The second thing I want to do is to give my thanks to those who have helped me through my career to date.

In terms of getting this position, I also want to thank not only those who showed faith in me in giving me the job, but also those who encouraged me to apply for it. In particular amongst those people is Larry King, who I am pleased to see is here, and Ian Coleman, who has made some helpful suggestions to the speech writers, but who is a wonderful man and is very encouraging of me pursuing what I am doing.

Secondly is to acknowledge the people who have helped me get here. I

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think the first legal job I had was in either Year 9 or Year 10 when I was a clerk in the city, which would make it about 1978. I worked for a firm called Hall & Hall, which was a small firm, but it had a man called Mr Bingham in the practice, who ended up the Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Not long after that, when I started university, I was still acting as a clerk and I ended up with a job with Mr Paul Eckstein, who was a character larger than life and a very interesting person. I had the great good fortune in that time to be running errands for a client called Peter Livesey, who had a very able QC acting for him, and it was a very interesting case.

Because of my circumstances I have had the opportunity to even before starting university, let alone finishing it, meet a great number of lawyers and some of them are very well known, some are lesser known, but they have been varied experiences that I have had and I am very blessed to have had them.

So I have had on the one hand the opportunity to work in very small situations and at the other hand talking to people that I ordinarily would not have been had the opportunity to talk to. The result has been that I have had broad spectrum of influences in my both personal and legal life.

That extends also to the fact that one of the comments made about being one of the four brothers, and also with Sal, I was the fourth son and if you have seen the others today they are bigger than me and I have been affectionately referred to by at least one of my brothers as the runt of the litter, and I did have to take other non-physical steps to survive. It was a pleasurable experience.

I need to be more specific in my thanks. The first person I want to thank is in my last job as a solicitor it was with Mr Dale Kemp, who is now a Federal Circuit Court Judge, and he is here today, and I am very delighted that

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he is. Dale taught me a lot about litigation although he acted for the bad guys normally in the shape of big banks , and on this day of all perhaps I should NOT say that - but I perhaps should not say that either, but I am still learning.

It was good, because Dale taught me a lot about litigation and he was someone you could speak frankly to without fear of being criticised. One of the areas I strayed into which perhaps he did not like so much was to rather often ask for a pay rise and his normal response was to say to me, "Jonathan, a photocopier bills more than you do and it doesn't talk".

In 1995 I joined the bar. I went to University Chambers, which was a fabulous place to be, and I considered that chambers to be my chambers really until about 2013, and I was a bit embarrassed when I heard Mr Harvey read out the list of four chambers that I have been associated with because I had been trying to be a one club man but as it happened they did not turn out to be. When I got to University Chambers, there were people like Bernie Coles, Ian Wales, and Brian Skinner amongst a whole floor full of people who would just do anything to help you when you were a young barrister starting out.

The one person on that floor I particularly want to mention, who was bar one the most helpful of the lot of them, was Stephen Motbey. When I started out my reading year I had a trolley with all my worldly possessions and the few briefs that I had, and I would push it along to whatever room was vacant on a day-to-day basis depending on who was in Court or otherwise away.

In Stephen's room there was a receptionist bay designed for a secretary, which he did not have. So over time my trolley became a fixture in that part of his room. Stephen was an incredibly patient man. If I asked him one question I must have asked him a million.

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Then one day, perhaps because of my interrogation of him, he said, "Do you want to buy my room". I said, "No Stephen, I couldn't do that, I should wait till the end of my first year at least". He said, "Well, you'd only have to pay what I paid for it when we started the floor, which was 1977", we are talking \$4,000 here. I said, "No, no, can't do it, no". That was a on a Friday.

I went home and I explained what had happened to Claire and I said, that was a missed opportunity wasn't it, I should have said yes. So on the Monday I went back and I said to Stephen, "Were you serious about your room?", and he said "Yes". So after some negotiation for time to pay I accepted his offer and took a room on that floor.

I said Stephen was the best bar one, because the best one of all was Peter Walsh. I'm not sure if I can see Peter here today, but I think I'll see him later on. He's become a good friend of mine and he was probably about five or six years ahead of me at the bar. If I asked a million questions of Stephen I must have asked 10 million of Peter. The characteristic of them, and of all the people I've met largely through my career, is their openness and willingness to give you assistance. I learned a lot from Peter who has got a really good knack of reducing an argument to its bare necessity, something I've witnessed my father do over time too, in the little experience I've had of seeing him prepare arguments.

I remember actually on that topic, talking to Paul Eckstein about the Livesey case once, and he was just amazed that the number of times Dad would rewrite whatever it was the submission he was making to just pare it down to the absolute essence. Having just been involved in a case with voluminous material and Justice Ward kindly here today knows the case I'm talking about, which hasn't been decided, I don't know that brevity has been

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ever present but anyway.

The period of 2000 through to 2013 was when my chambers - apart from my use of University Chambers, largely in Lismore or Byron Bay. I was also interested to hear the Attorney General refer to pragmatic decisions that I have made. I remember telling my father that I was going to leave University Chambers and move up to Byron Bay. I think pragmatic decision is code for a sidewise step, which was how dad announced it.

Despite that, the comments were spot on. There was never any overbearingness on the part of either of our parents to follow any route in the law. It's quite bizarre that three out of five children are barristers; it's not an easy job. It's probably much in the way I often think of is you'll often see butchers, sons of butchers, accountants' sons are sometimes accountants. I think it's the environment you grow up in has a large part to do with it. The environment I grew up in it was very supportive and it was just a decision that came upon me after eight years of soliciting.

In the move north I couldn't have done it, and been successful if I may say so, as I have been without the help from "the northerners" as I will call them. The first northerner that I'd like to thank is my brother, Simon. The time I went to Byron Bay he was a solicitor in Maclean, which is near Yamba. He put the word out that there was a new barrister going to Lismore and he gave me a lot of his own work from his own firm, and I got a lot of work from other people who were solicitors in the area.

When I went to Lismore chambers there were mainly four barristers there and they were also very supportive. They were Geoff Radburn, Brian Kinsella, Peter McGuinness and Peter O'Connor, some of whom are still practicing and some who have moved on.

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But the friendships formed lasted a long time and I'm still friends with a lot of those people, those who are still in Australia, and only last week Peter McGuinness who sought fit to retire to live of the spoils that his wife makes with a very successful business and grow a few cattle, a called on him last week as if it was only five days before I'd seen him before when it was really probably about five years.

The solicitors I'd like to mention who have been great supporters of me are Clarissa Huegill, Sandra Binney and James Fuggle. They're all local solicitors up there and I've just clicked with them and have done a great number of cases for each of them. I can remember doing a case on circuit in what was called the Lismore Circuit of the District Court which for reasons that were never clear to me in the time of the former Chief Judge seemed to sit quite often in Byron Bay.

We had a five day case of malicious prosecution where I was doing it on spec. My client's surname, and perhaps I should have realised something like this, was "Lye". So I did the case, and the end of the case the counsel for the Crown congratulated me and seemed to think that I won the case - as did I - but unfortunately the former Chief Judge of this Court did not consider malice to have been proven so that was five days of my life I will never get back.

Then with Carissa we had one particular client who was an engineer and a great part of my current situation probable attributable to Australia Standard 2870 for footings and slabs. We had about eight cases dealing with the same argument in this particular matter and the client refuses to engage insurers because he considers them contemptible and too likely to settle. So far we have not had a loss but I do think I have got out just in time, a judgment

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is pending in one, and that was always good fun.

The last one I mentioned was Sandra, Sandra Binney. I remember doing a family provision claim for her where the son of the deceased, who the deceased was my client's wife, and the son of the deceased was actually the brother of the deceased's partner, not his son. I had to think that through for a while before I worked it out, but it just demonstrates the interesting circumstances that arise in the regions and it has been a never ending source of engagement and interest.

In 2013 I took chambers properly in Sydney rather than relying on University Chambers, who despite my protestations, perhaps not as determined as they should have been, never accepted a penny from me in the 13 years that I was using them as de facto chambers. In all those 13 years Michael Read, their clerk, who did a fantastic job for me and had only just started being a clerk when I joined in 95 and is still there today, in all those years he treated me as if I was still a member of the floor and all the people on the floor did the same and I cannot thank them enough for their kindnesses.

When I came back to Sydney in chambers terms I took a room with 9 Wentworth because of my connection with Nigel Cotman, who is another influence in my career who I had a great pleasure in watching cross-examine when I was a solicitor and then when I was junioring, and it was great to watch Nigel cross-examine people. The reason I was only short term at 9 Wentworth was not due to any dissatisfaction with the floor, far from it, it was a great place to be, but I happened to meet a retired Family Court judge named Ian Coleman, who we had a case in front of Hallen J, and the discussion was about a rogue or a rough diamond that was made by the Attorney General, I think, is a reference to that case because everyone in that case was a villain,

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but I managed to get the better of the settlement and as a result of that Ian and I became good friends and I was probably acting for a more virtuous person than Ian, a ne'er-do-well, but he does not accept that to this day.

But we struck a friendship and not long after he asked me to join Culwulla Chambers, which I did. There I met Judy Ireland, who is the clerk of that floor. She is a fabulous clerk and has been entirely responsible for my financial wellbeing for the last four years and helped me get organised, and everybody on Culwulla Chambers is simply a nice person, and I think I have seen some here today and I am pleased they are here, and I really appreciate the assistance they have given me in the last four years.

Also since 2013 I have met a young man called Bernard Lloyd who is here today and he was my junior in a few cases and in my last case, which was a long running trial and it was very hard. Due to my announcement of my appointment late last year, every junior's nightmare arose because there were still two or three days left in the trial, largely submissions I am pleased to say. I looked to Bernard and said, "Bernard, batter up" and he took it in his stride, by all accounts and I do not doubt it, and did a fabulous job. I was never very good at delegating at any stage of my career until possibly the last 18 months and with delegation to Bernard there was no concern whatsoever. So I am very grateful to your help, Bernard. That was very hard.

Outside the law I have tried to keep sane with the sort of things you have heard people say about me, but in particular with swimming, which I am fairly late to really enjoy. At 7.08am on a Thursday or a Sunday morning on the deck of the Byron Bay Surf Club a group of people gather. Anybody can join and walk down the beach and swim back again. There is a core of them made up of chemists, solicitors, a potter, a builder, an accountant, occupational

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therapist, a pilot, a librarian and many other range of people. I think that is very important because I fear sometimes that people are too law focused.

On that score I meant to mention earlier that because a respectful reference is made to my father and because there is a total of four barristers out of the seven in the family, I sometimes worry that the three non-lawyers feel overlooked, which is certainly not the case today, and they sometimes I think get a bit annoyed about the law talk and they are probably not alone in that. But I want to make it very clear how much they mean to me as much as everybody else, and that if there has been times they have felt overlooked then that is not the way they should feel.

I want to thank those people lastly, in a bit more detail, my family who are closest to me. Firstly there is my parents. The first good thing is that they are alive. The second good thing is that they are married and to each other still after 60 years. The two best things I think I have inherited from both my parents is common sense and simply to do your best in what you are doing at the time. If you do not get the bickies at the end of the day, well that is not the real point. If you have done the best that you can, that is good.

I have three brothers and a sister. As I mentioned with dad, that is four barristers, but let us look at the non-law types. Firstly, there is my brother Andrew. He is a builder. He is 17 months older than me but looks much older. I have probably spent more time with Andrew than I have with any other person. One of the good things about the non-legal people is that it is great to use them as a sounding board as to what you are doing at the time. Andrew has got a very straightforward view on things and sometimes if I discuss things of a personal nature or a case I might have as well, I will get a very straightforward approach and it keeps your feet on the ground.

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It was interesting though when I actually did a case for him I found that his approach of certain issues was far more geared to conciliation and getting it over with, and I, perhaps because my brother was the client and perhaps because I had a particular hatred for the person who was on the other side, was far more wanting to run it to the death with this grievous person, but Andrew was much more sensible and we got a very good result.

My sister Sal is a very able and talented woman. She dodged the law bullet, but that does not mean that she will not express a frank view and you do not need to ask her to do so. I do not see as much of her because of where I live as I probably should and I am hoping to see more of her into the future.

Then there is my mother. I will not say how old she is, but I would suggest that 80 is the new 60. She is the most active person for her vintage that I have ever met in my life. She is youthful, she is always very supportive and I also have a suspicion that she has had a hand in more than a few of the judgments that appear in the New South Wales Law Reports. I know this because if I had a *Succession Act* case I would run the facts past mum and firstly we would deal with liability, should the plaintiff get anything, whether I was acting for the plaintiff or the defendant. Mum would give a fairly erudite reason as to why that child is too late, no, not going to get anything, bad luck. She would often get the liability right.

Then turning to quantum she was remarkable in getting it very close to the mark, so when the case finally ended I would say to mum, "You've done it again, you've got that bang on." But her true quality is the one, I do not think she has ever challenged me too much about anything that I have done other than be supportive of it. So in some of these sideway steps that I have taken along the way, which is Darwin, Leeds, then Byron, no-one has ever said that

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is a stupid thing to do. They would be wrong if they did because I would not do anything different apart from possibly take a job as a prosecutor which I got offered when I left the Northern Territory, which would have been a very interesting job to have, but I was too headstrong about wanting to go overseas and have my backpacking period.

I want to say a bit more about Bill and Simon and something about my father. Both Bill and Simon are barristers in Lismore. It is a little odd because I am the little brother and I have been a barrister for a lot longer than they have. I do not know if that means anything and I doubt it does, and there are certainly no hang-ups about it. I often discuss cases with them and I really enjoy doing that, and I hope that I can continue to do it but I appreciate the chances of doing it will be less frequent than before.

My brother, Bill, went to Darwin and stayed there for nearly 20 years which is an achievement in itself, and had a very successful practice up there amongst other things, before coming back down to Byron - something about Byron. The chronology is, Simon in pursuit of the perfect wave, left Sydney some time probably in the 80's and then ended up in Angourie. Then I went up to Byron. Six months later, Andrew, heartbroken, came to Byron as well. Then Bill comes in 2010. So we have all ended up in Byron or thereabouts, and Sal, it is not that we do not like you, or mum and dad, you are welcome to come at any time. Bill's now a member of NCAT and is source of useful intel when I have a case in that jurisdiction. Simon - I was his tutor and on the first day he had to come to court with me - and in telling this story, you need to appreciate, Simon is somewhat larger than me and perhaps a tad more aggressive, so I was his tutor. That is the first challenge. The next one was, we went off to court before Judge Black in Lismore. I get to court, the Judge is

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about to come on and I have forgotten a book. I turn around and I say to Simon, "look, would you mind going back and getting a book for me". Without demure, he dutifully trots off and gets the book. By the time he came back, the Judge was on the Bench. I was on my feet, and I turned around to get the book, and he hands me the book, and as he hands it to me, he holds onto to it. He looks me in the eye and he says, "don't press your luck".

I have mentioned dad in passing already. My great regret is not ever having the chance to see him in court as a barrister. I did see him in court on the Bench many times unfortunately for obvious reasons not to appear before him and I am sure he would have treated me just like anybody else but the great characteristic that he has which I want to emulate, is he is just so fair. As a child, this fairness is immensely irritating, particularly when you are arguing for something that he is not going to agree with. The other bit of advice he gave me on the way was, I remember telling him a story where I was busily losing this case and I said to him, "I do not want to upset the Judge", and he said:

"What do you mean? Especially if you're losing, you want to upset the Judge. You've got to get them to change the way they are thinking and you're not going to do that by being nice to them. That's your job, you want to upset them."

I think it stood me in good stead more often than not. I do not think it always worked. The other bit of advice I am going to take away with me from dad, was when I told him of my appointment. He said, "Just remember, you're an umpire, not a player".

Lastly, I want to mention my two children, Eva and Mal. Eva sadly is not here today because she is 18, three months post HSC and last seen somewhere in Spain but she did ring me last night. She obviously had Wi-Fi.

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She would not have rung me if she did not have free Wi-Fi, and wished me well for today. She is the singer and if you would like to meet me in the foyer later, I will show you the video. The only person I gave some indication, what I was saying today, was to Mal, my son, who is sitting in the court room. The only comment he had to say was, "dad, don't say a thing about the kids". Bad luck, Mal, it stays in. He is the handsome young man sitting up there and he has been steadily stealing my hair since he was born. He is the most voracious reader I know outside of his grandfather. The good thing about children is that they keep your feet on the ground and I cannot imagine that changing.

I cannot mention my children, who I think are fantastic, without mentioning their wonderful mother, Clare, who has done the lion's share of the parenting whilst I have been travelling up to Coffs Harbour, Sydney, Brisbane or wherever else in the northern regions I might go to. She has done a wonderful job.

I have been told, after swearing-in, we have tea and biscuits, and then we are off for the day for lunch but I suspect this is not the norm. Before taking advantage of that, I would like to close by firstly thanking someone I just realised I had forgotten. Apart from the family, in my Sydney world, when I come to Sydney, I have some very good friends I would like to thank for their support, and some of them are here today - Graham Metcalfe, Sue Woodward, and Chris Clancy. In addition to that, I think someone in the court room is a barrister from Queensland, a man called Anthony Collins. Whenever you want to cheer yourself up, just ring Tony and he will cheer you up. He is a very competent barrister and he is also a very great friend. I am very impressed and pleased that he has made it down here today.

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With that, I would like to close by thanking all of you here today and those of assisting in my career today. Thank you.