

Gary Byron AM



In a legal career spanning forty eight years, Gary Byron AM, has held a variety of senior appointments both administrative and legal, within the Australian justice system.

Gary's professional career has encompassed an ongoing involvement with the administration of the Justice system, appointment as a Tribunal member exercising judicial functions (he was an inaugural Deputy President of the NSW Workers Compensation Commission) and publication as an author and expert commentator (he co-authored *Jackson & Byron Civil Claims Practice* for the Law Book Co in New South Wales).

Until recently Gary held a practising certificate as a solicitor and barrister in NSW. He now accepts senior appointments as a legal consultant, independent arbiter and expert investigator.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM)

Life member of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration

Member, Australian Institute of Administrative Law

Member, Council of Australasian Tribunals, New South Wales and South Australian Chapters

Formerly a Mentor and Honorary Associate, Graduate School of Government, University of Sydney

APPOINTMENTS:

- Deputy President, Workers Compensation Commission 2001–2008. Principal duty, was to hear and determine workers compensation appeals, a function formerly undertaken by the NSW Supreme Court, Court of Appeal.
- Executive Director (Principal Member), Social Security Appeals Tribunal 2001, principal duties were to chair appeal panels and to manage the Tribunal, nationally.
- Director and Senior Member, Sydney, Social Security Appeals Tribunal 1999–2001 principal duties were to chair appeal panels and to manage the Tribunal in NSW.
- Director General, Ministry of Justice, Western Australia 1996–1998
- Director General, NSW Department of Courts Administration 1991–1995
- Director (Chief Executive), Court Services Department, South Australia 1985–1991
- Deputy Director, Court Services Department, South Australia 1982–1985
- Deputy Director NSW Magistrates Courts 1978–1981

- Independent consultant

EDUCATION:

Master of Arts in Philosophy, MA(Phil)

Catholic Institute of Sydney, 2008

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

University of South Australia, 1992

Diploma in Law (BAB) Barristers' Admission Board, NSW

Initially admitted to the New South Wales Bar he held a practicing certificate as a solicitor and barrister in NSW until 30 June 2010.

PUBLICATIONS:

Book

Jackson, S., and Byron, G., Local Courts (Civil Claims) Practice, Sydney: Law Book Company, 1972.

Second edition published as loose leaf service (4 Vols), 1980-2005 [service discontinued with the commencement of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Act*].

Commentary

On Sallmann, Prof. P., "*The Coopers and Lybrand W.D. Scott Review of the NSW Courts System: An Antidote to Mithradates*" in Papers presented at the Eighth Annual AIJA Seminar, Sydney, 18-20 August, 1989.

Papers & Articles

"Crime Prevention: A Matter of Choice", paper presented at the Australian Crime Prevention Council 18th Biennial Conference, Fremantle, Western Australia, October 10, 1997 - published and distributed electronically.

"Court Governance: The Owl and the Bureaucrat", paper presented at the International Bar Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 17 September, 1998. Journal of Judicial Administration, February, 1999 - ((1999) 8 JJA, 142).

"Making Decisions: we all do it" Australasian Dispute Resolution Journal, Vol. 18, No. 3, August 2007 - ((2007) 18 ADRJ 162).

"Luck and the Good Life" COGITO Journal of Philosophy, Vol IV (New Series) No. 2, page 43, 2007.

Gary has also written and presented a number of other papers on a variety of legal and other topics.