



Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC

Governor of New South Wales

THE FUTURE OF LAW

9:45am-11:15am

FLIPtalks: Emerging Areas of Law

Law of Space

The 'final frontier', as space is known, once thought to be the exotic playground of scientists and astrophysicists, today is increasingly becoming a journey 'for all mankind' – a journey where lawyers can 'hitch a ride'. Within the realm of Space Law, one finds the intersection of international treaties, contracts, including contracts for the construction of and purchase and sale of space craft, torts, intellectual property, insurance, arbitration and more. Whatever one's legal interest, space is the place to be session synopsis to be advised.

About Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC is the 39th Governor of New South Wales, commencing her five year tenure on 2 May 2019.

Prior to her appointment as Governor, Her Excellency enjoyed a long and distinguished law career spanning 43 years, during which time she served as a role model for women in law at both the State and national level.

Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989, in 1993 she was made a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, the first woman to sit exclusively in that Court. In 1996, she achieved the distinction of being the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Court of Appeal and, subsequently, as the first woman to be appointed as its President. She served, on a number of occasions, as Administrator of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

She was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List on 26 January 2020 for "eminent service to the people of New South Wales, particularly through leadership roles in the judiciary, and as a mentor of young women lawyers".

Her Excellency has three children - Erin, Lauren and Anthony Sullivan - and is married to Mr Dennis Wilson, a barrister, mediator, accredited international arbitrator and Adjunct Professor of Law, at Notre Dame University, Sydney.

Her Excellency brings her deep commitment to education, youth leadership, human rights and social justice to the role in service of the people of New South Wales.