

The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland was appointed as Deputy Chief Justice in December 2018 and appointed as a judge of the Family Court of Australia in June 2018.

His Honour holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney. He is a Visiting Fellow at the University of New South Wales. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales as a solicitor in 1982 and commenced working as an associate to Evatt J in the Federal Court of Australia. He has practised as a solicitor and barrister. His Honour was elected to Federal Parliament in 1996 as the Member for Barton and served as Commonwealth Attorney-General between 2007 and 2011. During that time he introduced amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) in respect to family violence and also in respect to de facto couples.

His Honour was appointed as Chair of the Family Law Council in December 2021.

In 2022, His Honour was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours for "distinguished service to the people and Parliament of Australia, to the law, social justice and law reform".



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