

The Hon. Justice Lea Armstrong

President NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and NSW Supreme Court

Justice Armstrong was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and President of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal on 31 October 2018.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Justice Armstrong served for over three years as NSW's first female Crown Solicitor, with over 25 years' experience in government and commercial law.

Prior to being appointed as the NSW Crown Solicitor, Justice Armstrong worked as NSW Treasury's first General Counsel. Earlier in her career, Justice Armstrong served in a range of senior roles in the Crown Solicitor's Office, including as General Counsel and as an Assistant Crown Solicitor in commercial law and in administrative law. Her Honour developed particular expertise in complex commercial transactions, public law and governance. She also worked for three years in a major Sydney commercial law firm, then Blake Dawson Waldron Solicitors.

In her early years in legal practice, her Honour also tutored in Principles of Constitutional Law at the Australian National University, and worked in the Law and Government Group in the Parliamentary Research Service serving both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament. She also worked as an Associate to the Hon. Michael McHugh AC QC, whilst he served as a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Justice Armstrong holds a Masters of Law from the University of NSW, and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the Australian National University.



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