

APPOINTMENTS

The Hon Justice Anthony Payne

Anthony Payne SC was sworn-in as a judge of the NSW Court of Appeal on 30 March 2016. Attorney General Gabrielle Upton spoke on behalf of the New South Wales Bar.

His Honour attended the University of Sydney, graduating with a Bachelor of Economics in 1983, and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 1986. After law school, Payne JA worked first at the New South Wales Ombudsman's Office, and then with the Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Between 1987 and 1991 his Honour worked in the UK as a solicitor with the Crown Prosecution Service for England and Wales. In 1992 Payne JA returned to Australia to take up the position of assistant director with the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

In 1995 his Honour was called to the bar, joining the Sixth Floor at Selborne Wentworth Chambers. Payne JA specialised in commercial and taxation law and quickly established himself as a leading commercial law junior. His Honour appeared in a number of high profile cases including, at the very beginning of his career, the Super League litigation, led by the former chief justice, James Spigelman AC QC.

Throughout his career, Payne JA advised and appeared on behalf of many of Australia's leading companies and government agencies, including the Reserve Bank of Australia in a number of cases relating to interchange fee reform and the Commonwealth Bank in the *Storm* litigation. His Honour appeared as senior counsel assisting ICAC in the Sydney Water inquiry, for the Crown in the Glynatsis insider trading case, and for the Commonwealth in the investor-state arbitration arising from the Phillip Morris Asia's challenge to the plain cigarette packaging legislation.

Notwithstanding his busy and demanding practice at the bar, his Honour co-authored the four volume *Federal Criminal Law* loose-leaf service by Butterworths, with his colleagues Neil Williams QC and Sarah McNaughton SC. His Honour also served on a number of Bar Association committees and was elected a member of the New South Wales Bar Council in 2015. His Honour is known as someone who has a number of interests outside of the law, who is a voracious reader of history and politics, and who enjoys the company of friends, especially around the dining table.

In her speech at Payne JA's swearing in on 30 March 2016 the Attorney General, the Honourable Gabrielle Upton MP said:

Your Honour, your colleagues and your friends describe you as extraordinarily loyal. Loyal to them, to your family, your colleagues, your leaders and your juniors. You are well regarded for your high standards of work. Indeed, one of your colleagues stated that "Tony has the constitution of an ox" in reference to your ability not to feel burdened under the pressures of an extraordinary workload.



Your colleagues also say you always have exceptionally good judgment and are highly skilled at working with witnesses and running a case. Your Honour has also been described as someone who is extremely agreeable to work with. You were also described as an extremely good communicator and it is these traits described by your colleagues that will serve you well on the bench and indeed make you a fine judge of this Court I am sure.

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Your Honour, your colleagues in chambers and at the Bar will be sad to see you leave but, of course, are delighted to see you receive this great honour today. Your vast knowledge of the law, indeed your service to the law, your keen analytical ability, sound judgment, strong communication skills and your capacity for work will make you again indeed a fine judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and a Judge of Appeal.