

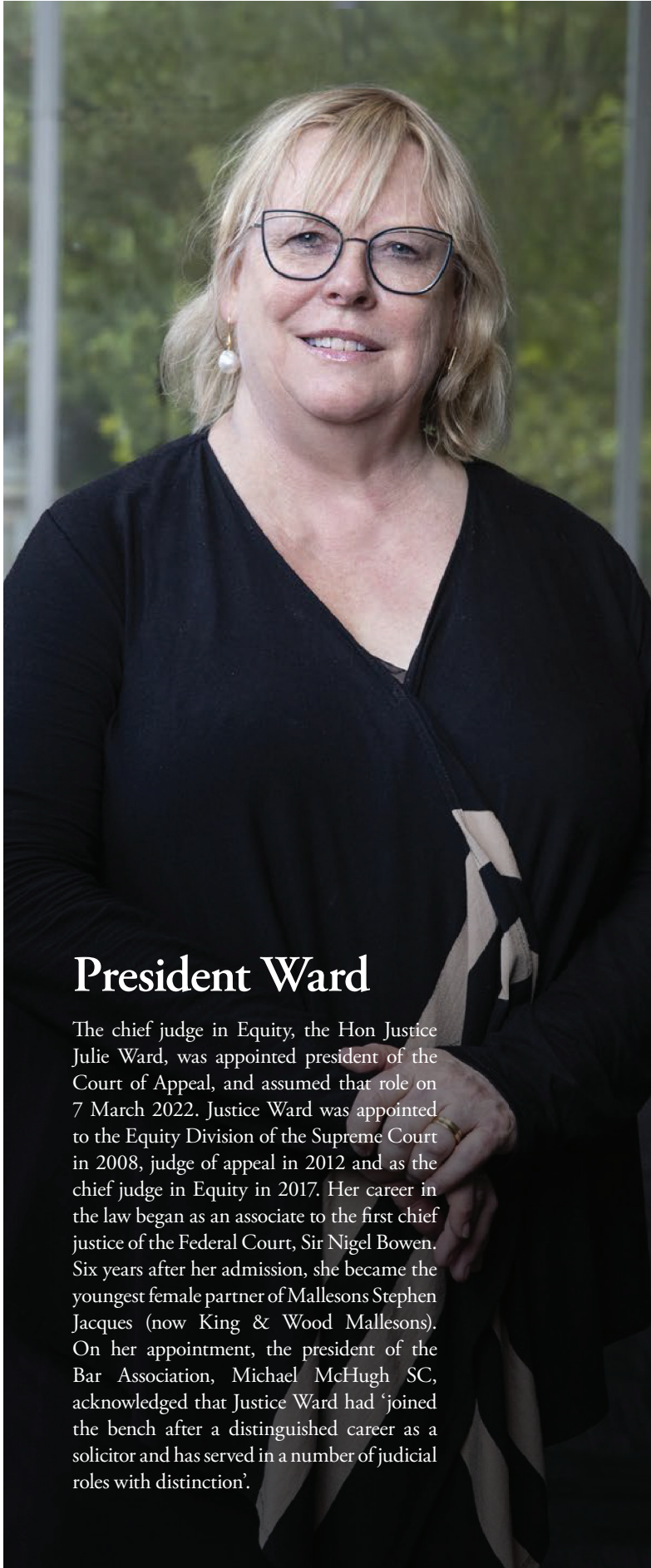
# Appointments

*Bar News* congratulates Chief Justice Bell and President Ward on their appointment

## Chief Justice Bell

On Monday, 7 March 2022, the Hon Andrew Bell was sworn in as the 18th chief justice of New South Wales. Bell CJ began his legal career as a judge's associate, including to the chief justice of Australia, Sir Anthony Mason AC KBE QC, who was in attendance at the swearing-in. He came to the New South Wales Bar in 1995 and took silk in 2006. He was a long-standing member of Eleven Wentworth, and twice led that floor as its chair. He was a senior vice-president of the Bar Association, and held the position of editor of *Bar News* from Winter 2005 to Summer 2011. He was appointed as president of the Court of Appeal in 2019, directly from private practice at the Bar.





## President Ward

The chief judge in Equity, the Hon Justice Julie Ward, was appointed president of the Court of Appeal, and assumed that role on 7 March 2022. Justice Ward was appointed to the Equity Division of the Supreme Court in 2008, judge of appeal in 2012 and as the chief judge in Equity in 2017. Her career in the law began as an associate to the first chief justice of the Federal Court, Sir Nigel Bowen. Six years after her admission, she became the youngest female partner of Mallesons Stephen Jacques (now King & Wood Mallesons). On her appointment, the president of the Bar Association, Michael McHugh SC, acknowledged that Justice Ward had ‘joined the bench after a distinguished career as a solicitor and has served in a number of judicial roles with distinction’.