

The Honourable Geoffrey Bellew AM SC

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The Honourable Geoffrey Bellew SC commenced practice in 1983 with the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor, before accepting a position in the Sydney Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, where he remained until 1988. After a two-year period in private practice he was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1991, appointed Senior Counsel in 2006, and sworn in as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in January 2012. He served as a Judge of the Common Law Division for more than 11 years, in the course of which he sat regularly in the Court of Criminal Appeal. Mr Bellew is the Chairperson of the State Parole Authority of New South Wales, an Adjunct Professor of Law and Sessional Lecturer at Notre Dame University, Sydney, and an acting Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria. He is the coauthor of Australian Uniform Evidence Law, Principles and Practice (Lexis Nexis), now in its second edition. In 2026 Mr Bellew was Appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the judiciary and the law, to the legal profession, and to rugby league. Together with former NSW Police Deputy Commissioner, Mr Jeffrey Loy APM, he conducted an independent review into the operation of doli incapax in NSW for children under 14. The report was released in October 2025.