

**Curriculum Vitae of  
The Honourable James Spigelman AC**

**1. Personal Background**

Mr. James Spigelman is a citizen of Australia. He was born on 1 January 1946. He is married with three adult children.

**2. Education**

Mr. Spigelman was educated at Sydney Boys High School and the University of Sydney, from which he graduated as Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in 1967 and Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law in 1971.

**3. Legal Experience**

Mr. Spigelman was admitted as a barrister in 1976. He practised as a barrister from 1980 to 1998. He was appointed Queens Counsel in 1986. He served as acting Solicitor General of New South Wales in 1997.

**4. Judicial Experience**

Mr. Spigelman was appointed Chief Justice of New South Wales in May 1998 and served in that office until May 2011. He sat in appeals on the full range of the Court's civil and criminal jurisdiction. In 2003 he sat as a judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji on a constitutional case challenging the legal legitimacy of the Government of Fiji.

**5. Services and Activities related to the Legal Field**

Mr. Spigelman was a member of the Australian Law Reform Commission from 1976 to 1979. He was the President of the Judicial Commission of New South Wales from 1998 to 2011. During those years he represented New South Wales on the Council of Chief Justices of Australia.

## **6. Publications**

Mr. Spigelman is the author of three books including *Statutory Interpretation and Human Rights* (2008), co-author of a fourth and of five pamphlets including *National Lecture Series on Administrative Law* (2004) and *Are Lawyers Lemons: Competition Principles and Professional Regulation* (2002). Three collections of his speeches as Chief Justice are published. He is the author of some 170 published articles, including in the *Australian Law Journal*, *Australian Bar Review*, *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*, *Insurance Law Journal*, *University of NSW Law Journal*, *Federal Law Review*, *Criminal Law Journal*, *Australian Business Law Review*, *Australian Journal of Administrative Law*, *Companies and Securities Law Journal*, *Public Law Review*, *The Judicial Review*, *Journal of Judicial Administration*, *Journal of Japanese Law*, *Hong Kong Law Journal*, *Singapore Academy of Law Journal*, *Civil Justice Quarterly*, *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, *Law Quarterly Review* and *Revue Internationale de Droit Compare*.

## **7. Awards**

Mr. Spigelman was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2000. He has received honorary degrees as Doctor of Laws from the University of Sydney and the Australian Catholic University and the degree of Doctor of Letters from Macquarie University.

## **8. Activities Outside the Legal Field**

Mr. Spigelman is the chair of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (since April 2012). He has served on the Boards of a number of cultural and educational institutions including Chair, National Library of Australia (2010-2012), Chair, Australian Film Finance Corporation (1990-1992), President, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (1996-1998).