

**Curriculum Vitae of  
The Honourable William Gummow AC**

**1. Personal Background**

Mr. William Gummow is an Australian citizen. He was born in Sydney on 9 October 1942 and is unmarried. His father died on active service in The Royal Australian Navy, on HMAS Perth sunk in the Battle of the Sunda Strait March 1942.

**2. Education**

Mr. Gummow was educated at The Sydney Grammar School and The University of Sydney and graduated as Bachelor of Arts and Master of Laws.

**3. Legal Experience**

Mr. Gummow practised as a solicitor from 1965 to 1976 and was a partner of Allen Allen & Hemsley from 1969 to 1976. He was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1976 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986.

**4. Judicial Experience**

Mr. Gummow was Judge of the Federal Court of Australia from 1986 to 1995 and Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1995 to 2012.

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

Mr. Gummow was a member of the American Law Institute since 1997. From 1965 to 1995 he lectured (part time) at the University of Sydney; in Intellectual Property from 1965 to 1986 and in Principles of Equity from 1970 to 1995.

**6. Publications**

Mr. Gummow is the co-editor of "Jacobs' Law of Trusts in Australia" (second, third, fourth and fifth editions). He is the co-

author of "Equity Doctrines and Remedies" (first, second and third editions; he will be resuming co-authorship of planned fifth edition). He is also the co-author of "Cases and Materials on Equity and Trusts" (first, second, third and fourth editions). He is the author of "Change and Continuity", being the Clarendon Lectures delivered at Oxford in 1999.

## **7. Awards**

Mr. Gummow was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1997. He has received honorary degrees as Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) from the University of Sydney in 1992. He became a Life Member of the Australian Bar Association in 2012.

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

Mr. Gummow took the view that the position of High Court Justice made it inappropriate to undertake other functions of a public nature; for this reason also University teaching was in abeyance 1995-2012.

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