

**Curriculum Vitae of
The Honourable Patrick Anthony KEANE, AC, KC**

1. Personal Background

Mr Keane is a citizen of Australia. He was born in Brisbane on 26 October 1952. He married in 1974, and has three sons, three grandsons and two grand-daughters.

2. Education

Mr Keane was educated at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, the University of Queensland and Magdalen College, Oxford. At the University of Queensland, he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1973, the degree of Bachelor of Laws with 1st class honours and the University Medal in Law in 1976. At Oxford, in 1977, he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Civil Laws with 1st class honours and was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship and the JHC Morris Prize for Conflicts of Laws.

3. Legal Experience

Mr Keane was admitted to practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1976. He was admitted to practice as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1977. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1988. He practised mainly in commercial law, equity and constitutional law. In 1992, he was appointed Solicitor-General for Queensland, a position in which he served until 2005. In that position he continued to practice concurrently at the private bar. In 2003, he was awarded a Centenary Medal in recognition of his contributions to the legal profession.

4. Judicial Experience

Mr Keane was appointed to the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2005. In 2010, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. In March 2013, he was appointed a Justice of the High Court of Australia¹ from which he retired in October 2022 upon reaching the constitutional age of retirement.

5. Services and Activities related to Law

Mr Keane was Deputy-Chairman of the Queensland Law Reform Commission from 1990 until 1992. He served as a member of the Supreme Court Library Committee from 1989 until 2005. In 2006, he became a member of the Council of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration, and was its President in 2010. He has lectured regularly to academic and legal audiences on legal topics. In 2011, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa by the University of Queensland.

6. Activities outside the legal field

Mr Keane was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2015. He is a cricket tragic.

¹ The High Court of Australia is the highest court in the Australian judicial system. It was established in 1901 by Section 71 of the Australian Constitution. The functions of the High Court are to interpret and apply the law of Australia; to decide cases of special federal significance including challenges to the constitutional validity of laws and to hear appeals, by special leave, from Federal, State and Territory courts.