

**Curriculum Vitae of
The Honourable James Leslie Bain ALLSOP, AC**

1. Personal Background

Mr Allsop is a citizen of Australia. He was born in Sydney, Australia on 7 April 1953.

2. Education

Mr Allsop was educated at the University of Sydney where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in 1974 and a Bachelor of Laws with first class honours and the University medal in 1980.

3. Legal Experience

Mr Allsop was called to the Bar of New South Wales in 1981 and Western Australia in 1983, after working in 1980 and 1981 as an article clerk in a commercial law firm and as the associate to the first Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, Sir Nigel Bowen. He was appointed Senior Counsel in New South Wales (the equivalent of Queen's Counsel) in 1994 and Queen's Counsel in Western Australia in 1998. Mr Allsop practiced at the Bar until 2001, when he was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia. At the Bar he practiced in all areas of commercial law (especially Admiralty and maritime law, insurance, banking and finance, insolvency, taxation, trade practices (anti-trust), intellectual property, and construction and technology); and public law – administrative law and constitutional law.

Mr Allsop taught part time for much of the period from 1980 to 2005 in real property and equity, bankruptcy and insolvency and public company finance at the University of Sydney; and from 2005 to 2015 he taught part time in Admiralty, maritime and shipping law at the University of Sydney and from 2015 to 2018 at the University of Queensland.

4. Judicial Experience

Mr Allsop was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia on 7 May 2001 and served until 1 June 2008 when he resigned to take up the position of President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal on 2 June 2008. As President of the Court of Appeal, he sat not only in the Court of Appeal but also regularly presiding in the Court of Criminal Appeal. Mr Allsop resigned as President of the Court of Appeal on 28 February 2013 to take up the appointment of Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia on 1 March 2013. He was the fourth Chief Justice of that Court. He ceased to occupy that position on 6 April 2023 on reaching the mandatory retirement age.

As a Federal Court Judge in 2007 and 2008, Mr Allsop was the convenor of the national Admiralty and maritime panel of Judges of the Court and the NSW District Registry Admiralty Judge. In this period, he was also responsible for managing the Federal Court of Australia's relationship with the Supreme People's Court of China on maritime and shipping affairs.

As a Judge and as Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, Mr Allsop sat at first instance and on appeal on a full range of the Court's jurisdiction including intellectual property, banking finance and insurance, company law, bankruptcy and insolvency, labour law, commercial arbitration, taxation, public law and constitutional law, and native title.

As President of the Court of Appeal of New South Wales and also presiding in the Court of Criminal Appeal, he heard appeals in the full range of commercial law, common law, equity, public law, constitutional law and criminal law.

On 8 January 2024, Mr Allsop was appointed an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court.

5. Services and Activities Related to Law

In addition to teaching at the University of Sydney and the University of Queensland, Mr Allsop has delivered and given numerous lectures and papers on legal topics. He was a Member of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University in Malmo in Sweden and a Member of

the Board of the Australian Maritime College as part of the University of Tasmania from 2008 to 2011. Mr Allsop is a Titulary Member of the Comite Maritime International; a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law; a Member of the American Law Institute; an Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple; and Patron of the Australian Insurance Law Association.

6. Activities Outside the Legal Field

Mr Allsop enjoys relaxing by reading, listening to music, exercising and travelling and spending time with his family. He reads and speaks French (to moderate intermediate proficiency) as well as being a native English speaker.