

CHANCELLOR

I have the honour to present to you, Rex Wild QC, who Council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Companion of the University.

Rex Wild studied law in Melbourne, completing his Bachelor of Laws at the University of Melbourne and his Master of Laws at Monash. He was admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor in Victoria in 1968, and Barrister-at-Law at the Victoria Bar from 1973 to 1993. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in Victoria in 1991. From 1980 to 1984 Mr Wild was Counsel Assisting the Costigan Royal Commission into the Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union. Throughout this time, he maintained a very diverse practice, including personal injuries, family law, and wills disputes as well as all manner of criminal matters. He appeared at a number of Royal Commissions and investigations into serious corporate crime.

Mr Wild was admitted to practice as a legal practitioner in the Northern Territory in 1992 and subsequently was appointed Senior Assistant Director to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and then Senior Crown Counsel with the NT Attorney-General's Department. During this time he appeared in a number of civil matters representing the Territory.

Mr Wild was appointed as Acting Director of Public Prosecutions in the Northern Territory in October 1995, an appointment which he held until his retirement on 31 January 2006. Whilst in this role, Mr Wild regularly appeared in all jurisdiction courts, prosecuted appeals and murder trials, including that of Peter Falconio in 2005, and represented the Crown in the High Court of Australia.

Since that time, Mr Wild has been a member of the Northern Territory Bar and has carried on practise from Myilly Point Chambers. He was appointed in August 2006 as co-chair of the Northern Territory Government's Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse, which produced the [**Little Children are Sacred**] Report in 2007.

Throughout his career, Mr. Wild has remained committed to the training of young lawyers, having taught litigation and advocacy to post-graduate law students since 1974. From 1994-2009 he conducted and designed the units and courseware for Advocacy at this University and has been a guest lecturer in other under-graduate courses. In addition, he conducts annual workshops on advocacy on behalf of the Law Society with the Chief Justice. Mr. Wild continues to practise at the Northern Territory Bar as independent counsel, undertaking both prosecution and defence briefs.

Chancellor, In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the people and community of the Northern Territory throughout his distinguished legal career, I present to you for the awards of the honorary title Companion of the University – Mr Rex Wild QC