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Arthur Emmett graduated from the University of Sydney as Bachelor of Arts (1964), Bachelor of Laws (1967) and Master of Laws (with honours 1976). In May 2009, the University of Sydney conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*). In the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June 2016, he was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia.

In 1967, Arthur Emmett was admitted as an attorney, solicitor and proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. From 1964 to 1978, he was successively an articled clerk, employed solicitor, associate and partner with Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst). In 1968-9 and 1974, he had stints in London with Clifford-Turner & Co (now Clifford Chance). While a solicitor, he engaged in commercial transactions of most kinds with particular emphasis on acquisitions, mergers and corporate finance as well as estate planning.

In 1978, Arthur Emmett was admitted to the Bar of New South Wales and practised from Eleventh Floor Wentworth Chambers. He was appointed Queen's Counsel for New South Wales in 1985 and other Australian jurisdictions soon thereafter. While at the Bar, he practised in the Federal Court of Australia, the Equity and Commercial Divisions of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Supreme Courts of the ACT, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria and in appeals from those jurisdictions. He appeared on many occasions in the High Court of Australia, and also appeared in the last appeal from Australia to the Privy Council. While at the Bar, he also served on several committees of the NSW Bar Association and was a member of the Legal Services Tribunal. He also served as a Director and Chairman of Counsels Chambers Limited.

From February 1997 until March 2013, Arthur Emmett was a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. While on the Federal Court, he was a member of the Admiralty, Competition, Corporations, Patents and Taxation Panels of the Court. From April 2001, he was a Presidential Member of the Copyright Tribunal of Australia and, from October 2007 to March 2013, was President of the Copyright Tribunal. For several years, he was the Convenor of the Rules Harmonisation Committee of the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand.

From March 2013 to October 2015, Arthur Emmett was a Judge and Judge Appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. From then until 1 October 2021, he was an Acting Judge of Appeal, also sitting regularly in the Equity Division.

Arthur Emmett is a member of the Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance in The Hague, a member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne and a member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's Panel of Arbitrators for Financial Services Disputes.

Arthur Emmett is presently the Chair of the Electoral Redistribution Panel for NSW. He is also presently the Presiding Member of the Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW, the Chair of the Admissions Committee of the Legal Services Council and the Chair of the Law Admissions Consultative Committee appointed by the Council of Chief Justices.

Arthur Emmett has taught Roman Law at the University of Sydney since 1978 and has been Challis Lecturer in Roman Law since 1990. He has also taught Roman law at the University of New South Wales where he was an Adjunct Professor. He has also acted as Chair of Student Proctorial Boards of Sydney University.

Arthur Emmett has contributed to various Australian legal publications and journals over many years. He contributed the Latin and Roman law entries for the *Australian Legal Dictionary* (Butterworths, 2016) and the *Concise Australian Legal Dictionary* (LexisNexis 2019) and was a consultant editor of *Trusts Law Australia* (Butterworths, 2000). He is presently General Editor of *Butterworths Corporation Law Bulletin* and is a Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice*.