

## **THE HONOURABLE JAMES STEVENSON SC**

The Hon James Stevenson had his primary and secondary school education in Melbourne and Canberra respectively. He attended the Australian National University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts (1971) and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (1972). He completed the Practical Legal Training Course at the ANU in 1973 and thereafter was admitted as a solicitor in the Australian Capital Territory and in New South Wales.

In July 1973 he became the Associate to the Rt Hon Sir Cyril Walsh, a Justice of the High Court of Australia. He held that position until Sir Cyril's death in November 1973. James was then employed as a litigation solicitor by Sly & Russell (now Deacons) until 1976, Smithers Warren & Tobias (now DLA Piper) between 1976 and 1979 and Henry Davis York in 1979. He became the litigation partner at Henry Davis York in 1980.

He was called to the Bar in 1989 and took Silk in 2003. For most of the time at the Bar, James practised from Eleven Wentworth Chambers. On 1 February 2012 James was appointed to the Supreme Court of New South Wales. He sat in the Adoptions List, Commercial List and Technology & Construction List in the Equity Division.

James retired from the Court on 17 July 2025, upon attaining the statutory retirement age. He was the Commercial and Technology & Construction List judge at the time of his retirement. James has since returned to the Bar and practises as a mediator, arbitrator and referee from Eleven Wentworth Chambers.