

Honorary Awards

Les McCrimmon

Chancellor, I have the honour of presenting to you Professor Les McCrimmon, who council has determined should be awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor.

Professor McCrimmon graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta in Canada in 1978 and with a Bachelor of Laws in 1982. He graduated with a Masters of Law by research from the University of Queensland in 1988. He practised law as a trial and appellate lawyer in Canada before immigrating to Australia in 1990.

Professor McCrimmon is one of Australia's leading experts on evidence law, advocacy and privacy. Before joining Charles Darwin University, he was an academic at the University of Sydney and Bond University, and was Head of Law at Charles Darwin University from 2010 to 2012. In 2011, he was the Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Law, Education, Business and Arts. He retired from Charles Darwin University at the end of March this year.

From 2005 to 2009, he held a statutory appointment as a full-time Commissioner with the Australian Law Reform Commission. He was in charge of specific inquiries conducted by this federal statutory authority, which conducts high-level research and community consultation culminating in reports and recommendations tabled in Parliament through the Attorney-General.

Also with the Commission, Professor McCrimmon led the references on the uniform Evidence Acts, privacy, and royal commissions. The privacy inquiry culminated in the landmark report For Your Information: Australian Privacy Law and Practice, a three-volume, 2,700 page report containing nearly 300 recommendations for reform.

Professor McCrimmon is the co-author of Real Property Law in Queensland and Fundamentals of Trial Techniques: Australian Edition, and has also published numerous articles and book chapters.

From 1994 to 2013, he was a member of the teaching faculty of the Australian Advocacy Institute, Australia's leading provider of advocacy training to the legal profession. He was a founding member of the Global Alliance for Justice Education, which is a world leader in the promotion of social justice through legal education.

Professor McCrimmon has taught a range of subject in law schools across Australia, including property law, privacy, torts, advocacy, evidence and civil procedure.

Professor McCrimmon's work has often taken him overseas. He has been a guest speaker on the subject of law in countries including New Zealand, Indonesia, Timor Leste, the Philippines, Hong Kong, India, China, Italy, Uganda, England, Northern Ireland, Finland, Poland, South Africa, Canada and the USA.

Currently, he is the Acting-chair of the Water Resources Review Panel, a Fellow and Board member of the Australian Academy of Law, a member of the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the President of the Northern Territory Law Reform Committee and a member of the Legal Practitioners Admission Board.

Chancellor

In recognition of his distinguished service in senior University positions and as a Professor of Law, Professor Les McCrimmon is awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor.