Chief Justice ANDREW BELL

On the 7th of March 2022, The Honourable Andrew Bell was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Facts about Chief Justice Bell

- He graduated from Sydney University in 1989 with First Class Honours for a Bachelor of Art and a Bachelor of laws
- He received the University Medal for both of his degrees
- Bell received First Class Honours in his postgraduate Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford, as well as being awarded the Vinerian Scholarship (for achieving first place)
- He completed and received his doctorate from Oxford University
- He was admitted as a barrister in 1995 and took silk in 2006 as a Senior Counsel
- In 2019, Bell was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court, as well as appointed to be the President of the NSW Court of Appeals

What does 'taking silk mean?

The expression 'taking silk' comes from the special silk gowns worn only by the Queen's Counsel, who normally have at least 10 year's experience at the Bar

Swearing in ceremony of Chief Justice Bell
NSW Supreme Court/Michelle Mossop

"His renowned intellect and leadership made him a worthy successor to Chief Justice Bathurst"

- NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman SC

"One of the most brilliant lawyers of his generation"

- NSW Law Society President Joanne van der Plaat

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