

Justice Debra Mullins AO – Profile for the 18th General Synod (2022)

Diocesan Involvement

I am a long term parishioner of the Camp Hill Parish in the Diocese of Brisbane.

I was the Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Brisbane between 2004 and 2014, and during the same period was President of the Professional Standards Board in the Diocese of Brisbane. Since July 2014, I have been the Chancellor of the Diocese. Other positions include council member of Cannon Hill Anglican College from 1997-2007, member of the Chapter of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane since 2002, member of the Diocesan Legal Committee since 2004, and member of the Diocesan Council 2004-2008 and 2014 to date. In 2017 I was appointed an Honorary Fellow of St John's College within The University of Queensland.

General Synod Involvement

I have been a General Synod representative since 2007. I was appointed a member of the Church Law Commission in 2008 and became the chairperson in 2012. I was elected to the Special Tribunal panel as a presidential member in 2007 and became the senior presidential member in 2010. I was elected to the Panel of Electors of the Primate in 2010, 2014 and 2017. I chaired the Primatial Election Board in 2020. I was elected to Standing Committee in 2014 and 2017 and have been a member of the Executive Committee of Standing Committee since 2017.

Education

I hold the degrees of BCom, LLB (Hons) and LLM(Adv) from the University of Queensland and received the honorary degree of Doctor of the University from Griffith University in 2010.

Professional Experience

After first being admitted as a solicitor in 1980, I was admitted as a barrister in 1984 and practised at the Bar in Queensland, becoming senior counsel in 1998. I have been a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland since 2000 and was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2020.

Other

I have been a trustee of the Sylvia & Charles Charitable Foundation since 2005 and the chair of trustees since 2018.

I was appointed a Life Member of the National Judicial College of Australia in 2018.

In 2019 I was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the law and to the judiciary, to professional development and legal education, and to women.