

His Honour Judge Kevin Laphorn

Judge Kevin Laphorn is a member of the Maleny Parish where he serves as Liturgical Assistant, Parish Nominator and Synod Representative. He is a member of the Diocesan Council and the Panel of Triers for the Brisbane Diocese.

Kevin is a judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) having been appointed to the Bench in 2005 after a career as a barrister in both Brisbane and Sydney. He has more than 30 years experience in Family Law and Child Protection Proceedings. Kevin was appointed to the Family Law Council of Australia in 2010 serving two terms until 2016 during which time he contributed to the preparation of reports to the Attorney-General of the day including the following significant References:

- Improving the Family Law System for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clients (February 2012);
- Improving the Family Law System for Clients from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds (February 2012);
- Parentage and the Family Law Act 1975 (December 2013); and
- Families with Complex Needs and the Intersection of the Family Law and Child Protection Systems (June 2015 and June 2016).

Admitted to practise as a barrister in 1989 after obtaining a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the Queensland University of Technology, Kevin has also conducted regulatory and criminal prosecutions as well as prohibited employment matters involving convictions for child sexual offences. Throughout his career, he has taught Justice of the Peace Studies, volunteered his time providing legal advice at the Inner-City Legal Centre (Sydney), presented papers and workshops for community groups, professional bodies and continuing legal education providers in Australia and overseas. He also presents family law training modules for judicial officers through the National Judicial College of Australia.

Kevin's interests include deepening his faith through ongoing biblical and theological study and reflection, connecting with the natural environment, and when circumstances permit: travel. He has an eclectic interest in music ranging from Gregorian and Anglican Chant to Bluegrass but can't play an instrument and sings poorly.