



ALRC President and Commissioner awarded the Order of Australia

The Australian Law Reform Commission congratulates the Honourable Justices Sarah Derrington and John Middleton on their appointment to the Order of Australia, recognised in the 2022 Queen’s Birthday Honours list.

The Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington, President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), has been conferred the award of Member of the Order of Australia for “significant service to the judiciary and to the law, and to legal education”.

Justice Derrington has been the President of the ALRC since January 2018. Prior to her appointment to the Federal Court in 2018, Justice Derrington was the Dean of Law at the University of Queensland and a barrister specialised in maritime and shipping law, general commercial law and arbitration. She serves on the Councils of the Australian Maritime College and the Australian National Maritime Museum.

The Honourable Justice John Middleton QC, part-time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), has been conferred the award of Member of the Order of Australia for “significant service to the judiciary and to the law, and to professional associations”.

Justice Middleton will complete 10 years as a voluntary part-time Commissioner of the ALRC later this year. He has provided outstanding stewardship for a diverse range of law reform Inquiries including copyright law, family violence, elder abuse, and financial services legislation. Justice Middleton has been a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia since 2006. He was appointed Deputy President of the Australian Competition Tribunal in 2009, and presidential member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in 2010.

On behalf of the entire team at the ALRC, General Counsel, Mr Matt Corrigan warmly congratulates Justices Derrington and Middleton.

“It is an honour to work with a leadership team that continues to excel in legal scholarship, while also providing exemplary stewardship for the ALRC as it strives to improve Australia’s laws,” said Mr Corrigan.

About the Australian Law Reform Commission

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) is an independent Australian Government agency that provides recommendations for law reform to Government on issues referred to it by the Attorney-General of Australia.

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