

The Hon. Margaret McMurdo AC was appointed President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland in 1998. Her Honour was the second president and first woman appointed as a presiding judge of an appellate court in Australia. In 2001, her Honour was awarded the Centenary Medal and later appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (2007) for service to the law and judicial administration in Queensland, particularly in the areas of legal education and women's issues. Her Honour retired as President of the Court of Appeal on 26 March 2017. Most recently, her Honour chaired the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce, which examined coercive control and the need for a specific offence of domestic violence, as well as the experience of women across the criminal justice system.