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*Honour for
Professor Jane Stapleton*



The ANU College of Law extends its congratulations to Professor Jane Stapleton for her election as an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn.

Gray's Inn is one of the four Inns of Court in London. To practise as a barrister in England and Wales, a lawyer must be called to the bar by one of these Inns. Non-members such as distinguished judges and lawyers from other countries, may be elected by the Inn as honorary benchers.

This is an extraordinary honour, underlined by the fact that the group of three that was announced on 14 October 2009 comprised Jane; Lord Phillips, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom; and Justice Sonya Sotomayor, the most recent appointee to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Previous Australian Honorary Benchers of Gray's Inn have included Sir Zelman Cowen, Chief Justice Robert French and Sir Ninian Stephen.

Jane Stapleton is a Professor at The Australian National University College of Law, as well as the Ernest E. Smith Professor of Law, University of Texas, School of Law, and a Statutory Visiting Professor and Member of the Law Faculty at Oxford University. She is also an Honorary Fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and an Academic Associate of Fountain Court Chambers, Temple, London.

In 2000 she was elected a Member of the American Law Institute and in 2004 Jane was elected to the Council of the Institute, the first foreigner to be a member of the ALI Council.

She has served as co-editor of the *Clarendon Law Series* published by Oxford University Press. She has published widely and her work has been frequently cited with approval by appellate courts in the major Commonwealth common law jurisdictions, in academic publications and Reports of Law Commissions.

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