

# Stephen Pendrill Charles

## Curriculum Vitae

- BORN :** 21 July 1937
- ADDRESS :** 35 Manning Road, East Malvern, 3145
- EDUCATION :** Geelong Grammar School  
Trinity College, Melbourne University  
LLB (Hons.) 1960  
Supreme Court Prize (shared) 1960
- MARITAL STATUS :** Married, 4 children
- TEACHING :** Lecturer, Melbourne University 1961  
Lecturer, Council of Legal Education Law Course  
Mercantile Law, 1965-1966  
Principles of Property and  
Conveyancing, 1969-1970
- PROFESSIONAL :** Barrister at Law (Victoria) 1961  
Q.C. (Victoria) 1975  
Admitted - NSW Bar 1975 - Q.C. 1980  
Tasmanian Bar 1975 - Q.C. 1975  
Western Australian Bar 1982 Q.C. 1983  
ACT Bar 1989 - Q.C. 1989  
Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand 1989 - Q.C. 1990  
Queensland Bar 1990 - Q.C. 1990  
South Australian Bar 1990 - Q.C. 1990  
Northern Territory Bar 1990-1991
- Chairman, Victorian Bar Council 1983-1985  
President, Australian Bar Association, 1985-1986  
Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court of Victoria, 1995 - 2006
- OTHER :** Chair of Civil Justice Review Committee 1997-1998  
Chair of Steering Committee for Equality of  
Opportunity for Women at the Victorian Bar 1996-1998  
A report commissioned and published by the Victorian  
Bar Council  
Member, Commonwealth Administrative Review  
Council 1989-1992  
Member, Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal (1990 - 1995)  
Director, Heide Park and Art Gallery (1988 - 1997)  
Director, Macquarie Bank (1985 - 1995)  
Board Member, Centre for Dispute Resolution,  
University of Technology, Sydney (1995 - 1997)

**APPEARANCES :**

General Practice as Q.C. with particular emphasis on corporate, commercial, arbitration and constitutional work including the following -

King's Bridge Royal Commission (1962-1963)

West Gate Bridge Royal Commission (1972)

Advised Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser on business affairs of Treasurer Sir Phillip Lynch (1977)

Counsel for Australian Security Intelligence Organization in Combe Royal Commission (1983)

Counsel for Applicants (Commonwealth of Australia, States of Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Western Australia and sundry Master Builders Associations in proceedings for deregistration of Builders Labourers Federation (1982-1984)

Counsel assisting Parliamentary Commission into conduct of Mr. Justice Lionel Murphy (1986)

Counsel for South African Cricket Union, Kim Hughes and other Australian cricketers against the Australian Cricket Board (1985)

Counsel for Esso-BHP in litigation and arbitration concerning royalties for oil and gas from Bass Strait brought by royalty holder, Oil Basins Limited (1985-1988)

**ARBITRATION :**

Acted as Arbitrator in sundry Victorian Commercial Arbitrations and as one of three ICSID Arbitrators in Mobil Oil New Zealand v. New Zealand Government (1988-1990)

**PUBLICATIONS,  
SUNDRY PAPERS AND  
LECTURES :**

“Discipline within the Legal Profession”, a paper given to the Medico-Legal Society on 26th March 1977

“Professional Liability - Recent Developments”, a paper given at a Law Summer School, February 1981, Perth, Western Australia

“Legal Professional Privilege”, a paper given to the Corporate Lawyers’ Association, Melbourne, March 1983

“Commercial Arbitration in Australia”, a paper given to the Institute of Arbitrators Australia in Singapore, June 1985

“Natural Justice and Alternative Dispute Resolution”, a paper delivered to a symposium in Canberra, August 1986

“Professional Liability for Lawyers”, a paper delivered at the 24th Australian Legal Convention, September 1987

“A Court of Appeal for Victoria?”, Victorian Bar News, Winter (1987)

“Discourtesy and Contempt”, (1988) Australian Bar Review, Volume 4, 72.

“The Sorry State of the Judicial System in Victoria”- a paper published by the Victorian Bar Council, April 1988

“Appeals from Arbitration Awards-The Australian Position” delivered Hong Kong September 1988

“Practical Problems in International Commercial Arbitration- An Australian Perspective” - a paper given to the American Bar Association, August 1989

“Interpreting Your Contract” - a paper given to the Journal of Contract Law Conference, Sydney, July 1990 and published in the Journal of Contract Law, March 1991

"The Jurisdiction and Role of the Arbitrator" - a paper given to the General Arbitration Course, February 1991

"Presentation of Legal Argument" - a paper given to the graduating readers of the Queensland Bar, October 1990, and printed in the Victorian Bar News Autumn 1991

"Trade Practices Act 1974 s.155" - a paper given to an AIJA Conference - Evidence and Procedure in a Federation - April 1992

"Legal Consequences of Australia becoming a Republic" - a Speech to the Melbourne University Law Foundation - October 1992

"Liability of Lenders to Other Lenders for Misleading and Deceptive Conduct" - May 1993

"Legal Professional Privilege - A Warning to the Curious?" - a paper given at the 28th Australian Legal Convention - September 1993

"Expert Evidence - Appellate Issues" - a paper given at the Leo Cussen Institute - November 1995

"Administrative Law in Victoria in the era of the Court of Appeal" - a paper given at the Australian Institute of Administrative Law - June 1996

"Position of the Magistrates in Sentencing" - a paper given to the Magistrates of the state Victoria - July 1996

"Class Actions in Australia" - a paper given at the Australian Bar Association Conference in San Francisco - August 1996

\*Commonwealth Law Conference\* - Melbourne 2003  
\*The Immunity of The Advocate \*

"Banking & Finance Services Law & Practice Conference" - Hobart August 2004