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**Introduction**

This document reflects the coding rules for the High Court Justice Biographical Database. This codebook was specifically and deliberatively modelled off the U.S. Supreme Court Justices Database Code Book in order to facilitate comparative judicial politics research, as well as provide a robust dataset for Australian researchers interested in engaging with the empirical study of judicial politics.

This first iteration of the database extends from justices serving on the Court on January 1, 1986 to those serving on the Court on December 31, 2021.

The unit of analysis is the justice; sometimes referred to as the nominee in the codebook (terms used interchangeably). Only those justices who were sworn in as a justice or chief justice of the High Court are included in the dataset. A handful of justices appear twice by virtue of being nominated as a puisne justice and later as chief justice.

Note:

* Where information is unable to be located for a variable/justice, the variable is coded 888.
* Where a variable is inapplicable to a particular justice the variable is coded 999.

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Identification Variables

1. Justice ID

Variable Label: justiceID

This variable provides a unique identification number for each of the justices. This replicates the variable of the same label in the HCDB. The decision was made to include only justices who were sworn in as justices of the HCA, rather than including those who were nominated and not sworn in.

**Values:**

01 Griffith02 Barton03 O'Connor04 Isaacs05 Higgins06 Duffy07 Powers08 Piddington09 Rich10 Knox11 Starke12 Dixon13 Evatt14 McTiernan15 Latham16 Williams17 Webb18 Fullagar19 Kitto20 Taylor21 Menzies22 Windeyer23 Owen24 Barwick25 Walsh26 Gibbs27 Stephen28 Mason29 Jacobs30 Murphy31 Aickin32 Wilson33 Brennan34 Deane35 Dawson36 Toohey37 Gaudron38 McHugh39 Gummow40 Kirby41 Hayne42 Callinan43 Gleeson44 Heydon45 Crennan46 Kiefel47 French48 Bell49 Gageler50 Keane51 Nettle52 Gordon53 Edelman

54 Steward

55 Gleeson

--*End Content for Variable Justice ID--*

1. Date First Nomination Announced

Variable Label: dateNom

This variable contains the year, month, and day that the first nomination of the justice was announced. A justice will only have two nominations if she/he was first nominated as a puisne judge and subsequently as chief justice. The date is entered in a 8-digit format as YEAR MONTH DAY. For example, if a judge’s first nomination to the Court was announced on 7 May 2015, it will be recorded as 20150507.

--*End Content for Variable Date First Nomination Announced--*

1. Position to which First Nominated to Court

Variable Label: position

This variable captures the position for which the nominee was first nominated to the Court.

Values:

1 Chief Justice

2 Puisne Justice

*--End Content for Variable Position to which First Nominated to Court--*

1. Date of Swearing In Ceremony

Variable Label: dateSwearingIn

This variable identifies the exact date the judge was sworn in to his/her position on the Court. The information is below.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nominee Code | Nominee | Date of Swearing In |
| 01 | Sir Samuel Griffith | 05101903 |
| 02 | Sir Edmund Barton | 05101903 |
| 03 | Richard O'Connor | 05101903 |
| 04 | Sir Isaac Isaacs | 12101903 |
| 05 | H. B. Higgins | 13101903 |
| 06 | Sir Frank Gavan Duffy | 11021913 |
| 07 | Sir Charles Powers | 05031913 |
| 08 | Albert Piddington | 06031913 |
| 09 | Sir George Rich | 05041913 |
| 10 | Sir Adrian Knox | 18101919 |
| 11 | Sir Hayden Starke | 05021920 |
| 12 | Sir Owen Dixon | 04021929 |
| 13 | H. V. Evatt | 19121930 |
| 14 | Sir Edward McTiernan | 20121930 |
| 15 | Sir John Latham | 11101935 |
| 16 | Sir Dudley Williams | 15101940 |
| 17 | Sir William Webb | 16051946 |
| 18 | Sir Wilfred Fullagar | 08021950 |
| 19 | Sir Frank Kitto | 10051950 |
| 20 | Sir Alan Taylor | 03091952 |
| 21 | Sir Douglas Menzies | 12061958 |
| 22 | Sir Victor Windeyer | 08091958 |
| 23 | Sir William Owen | 22091961 |
| 24 | Sir Garfield Barwick | 27041964 |
| 25 | Sir Cyril Walsh | 20091969 |
| 26 | Sir Harry Gibbs | 04081970 |
| 27 | Sir Ninian Stephen | 01031972 |
| 28 | Sir Anthony Mason | 07081972 |
| 29 | Sir Kenneth Jacobs | 08021974 |
| 30 | Lionel Murphy | 10021975 |
| 31 | Sir Keith Aickin | 20091976 |
| 32 | Sir Ronald Wilson | 21051979 |
| 33 | Sir Gerard Brennan | 12021981 |
| 34 | Sir William Deane | 25061982 |
| 35 | Sir Daryl Dawson | 30071982 |
| 36 | John Toohey | 06021987 |
| 37 | Mary Gaudron | 06021987 |
| 38 | Michael McHugh | 14021989 |
| 39 | William Gummow | 21041995 |
| 40 | Michael Kirby | 06021996 |
| 41 | Kenneth Hayne | 22091997 |
| 42 | Ian Callinan | 03021998 |
| 43 | Murray Gleeson | 22051998 |
| 44 | Dyson Heydon | 01022003 |
| 45 | Susan Crennan | 01112005 |
| 46 | Susan Kiefel | 04092007 |
| 47 | Robert French | 01092008 |
| 48 | Virginia Bell | 03022009 |
| 49 | Stephen Gageler | 09102012 |
| 50 | Patrick Keane | 05032013 |
| 51 | Geoffrey Nettle | 03022015 |
| 52 | Michelle Gordon | 09062015 |
| 53 | James Edelman | 30012017 |
| 54 | Simon Steward | 01122020 |
| 55 | Jacqueline Gleeson | 01032021 |

-- *End Content for Variable Date of Swearing In Ceremony--*

1. Home Registry

Variable Label: homeRegistry

Variable denotes the registry where the justice works/sits when not in Canberra.

**Values**:

1 Adelaide

2 Brisbane

3 Canberra

4 Darwin

5 Hobart

6 Melbourne

7 Perth

8 Sydney

--*End Content for Variable Home Registry--*

1. Seat Identification Number

Variable Label: SeatID

Seat number refers to the number of seats on the Court and who has occupied the seat at any given time. Wikipedia has this information in graphic form: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Justices_of_the_High_Court_of_Australia>

**Values**:

01 First Seat

02 Second Seat

03 Third Seat

04 Fourth Seat

05 Fifth Seat

06 Sixth Seat

07 Seventh Seat

--*End Content for Variable Seat Identification Number--*

1. Justice who Nominee Replaced

Variable Label: justiceReplaced

This variable identifies the justice whom the nominee replaced.

**Values:**

01 Griffith02 Barton03 O'Connor04 Isaacs05 Higgins06 Duffy07 Powers08 Piddington09 Rich10 Knox11 Starke12 Dixon13 Evatt14 McTiernan15 Latham16 Williams17 Webb18 Fullagar19 Kitto20 Taylor21 Menzies22 Windeyer23 Owen24 Barwick25 Walsh26 Gibbs27 Stephen28 Mason29 Jacobs30 Murphy31 Aickin32 Wilson33 Brennan34 Deane35 Dawson36 Toohey37 Gaudron38 McHugh39 Gummow40 Kirby41 Hayne42 Callinan43 Gleeson44 Heydon45 Crennan46 Kiefel47 French48 Bell49 Gageler50 Keane51 Nettle52 Gordon53 Edelman

54 Steward

55 Gleeson

--*End Content for Variable Justice ID Who Nominee Replaced--*

1. Chief Justice When Nomination Announced

Variable Label: chiefAnnounce

This variable identifies the Chief Justice of the Court when the nominee was appointed, where appointment is defined as the date of the swearing in ceremony. The Chief Justice is to be identified by their Chief Justice ID specified below, not their Justice ID.

Values:

1 Griffith

2 Knox

3 Isaacs

4 Duffy

5 Latham

6 Dixon

7 Barwick

8 Gibbs

9 Mason

10 Brennan

11 Gleeson

12 French

13 Kiefel

--*End Content for Variable Chief Justice When Nomination Announced--*

1. Chief Justice When Sworn In

Variable Label: chiefSwornIn

This variable identifies the Chief Justice of the Court when the nominee was sworn in. Where the nominee is to the position of Chief Justice, the nominee is identified by Chief Justice ID (below). Where the nominee is sworn in alongside a new Chief Justice (e.g. Edelman with Keifel), the code for the new Chief Justice is entered.

Values:

1 Griffith

2 Knox

3 Isaacs

4 Duffy

5 Latham

6 Dixon

7 Barwick

8 Gibbs

9 Mason

10 Brennan

11 Gleeson

12 French

13 Kiefel

--*End Content for Variable Chief Justice When Sworn In--*

1. Nominating Prime Minister

Variable Label: nomPM

This variable indicates the Prime Minister on the date the nominee was announced.

**Values:**

1 Barton (01.01.1901 – 24.09.1903)

2 Deakin1 (24.09.1903 – 27.04.1904)

3 Watson (27.04.1904 – 17.08.1904)

4 Reid (18.08.1904 – 05.07.1905)

5 Deakin 2 (05.07.1905 – 13.11.1908)

6 Fisher 1 (13.11.1908 – 02.06.19090

7 Deakin 3 (02.06.1909 – 29.04.1910)

8 Fisher 2 (29.04.1910 – 24.06.1913)

9 Cook (24.06.1913 – 17.09.1914)

10 Fisher 3 (17.09.1914 – 27.10.1915)

11 Hughes (27.10.1915 – 09.02.1923)

12 Bruce (09.02.1923 – 22.10.1929)

13 Scullin (22.10.1929 – 06.01.1932)

14 Lyons (06.01.1932 – 07.04.1939)

15 Page (07.04.1939 – 26.04.1939)

16 Menzies 1 (26.04.1939 – 29.08.194)

17 Fadden (29.08.1941 – 07.10.1941)

18 Curtin (07.10.1941 – 05.07.1945)

19 Forde (06.07.1945 – 13.07.1945)

20 Chifley (13.07.1945 – 19.12.1949)

21 Menzies 2 (19.12.1949 – 26.01.1966)

22 Holt (26.01.1966 – 19.12.1967)

23 McEwen (19.12.1967 – 10.01.1968)

24 Gorton (10.01.1968 – 10.03.1971)

25 McMahon(10.03.1971 – 05.12.1972)

26 Whitlam (05.12.1972 – 11.11.1975)

27 Fraser (11.11.1975 – 11.03.1983)

28 Hawke (11.03.1983 – 20.12.1991)

29 Keating (20.12.1991 – 11.03.1996)

30 Howard (11.03.1996 – 3.12.2007)

31 Rudd 1 (03.12.2007 – 24.06.2010)

32 Gillard (24.06.2010 – 27.06.2013)

33 Rudd 2 (27.06.2013 – 18.09.2013)

34 Abbott (18.09.2013 – 15.09.2015)

35 Turnbull (15.09.2015 – 24.08.2018)

36 Morrison (24.08.2018 – 23.05.2022)

--*End Content for Variable Nominating Prime Minister--*

1. Nominating Prime Minister Party

Variable Label: nomPMParty

This variable identifies the political party of the Prime Minister on the date the nomination was announced.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

3 Country

4 United Australia

5 Nationalist

6 Protectionist

7 Commonwealth Liberal

8 Free Trade

--*End Content for Variable Nominating Prime Minister Party--*

1. Political Power on Date of Nomination

Variable Label: politicalPowerDateNom

This variable indicates the controlling political party in both the House of Representatives and the Senate on the date the nomination was announced.

**Values:**

1 Coalition House/Coalition Senate

2 Coalition House/Not Coalition Senate

3 Labour House/Labour Senate

4 Labour House/Not Labour Senate

5 Neither/Neither

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Party in Control** | |
| **Election** | **House** | **Senate** |
|  |  |  |
| Dec 1, 1984 | Labour | Not Labour |
| July 11, 1987 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 24, 1990 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 13, 1993 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Oct 3, 1998 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Nov 10, 2001 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Oct 9, 2004 | Coalition | Coalition |
| Nov 24, 2007 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Aug 21, 2010 | Neither | Not Coalition |
| Sept 7, 2013 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| July 2, 2016 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| May 18, 2019 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
|  |  |  |

-- *End Content for Variable Political Power on Date of Nomination—*

1. Prime Minister on Date of Swearing In

Variable Label: PMSwearingIn

This variable indicates the Prime Minister on the date the nominee was sworn in. It is likely this is the same as the Prime Minister on the date the nomination was announced.

**Values:**

1 Barton (01.01.1901 – 24.09.1903)

2 Deakin1 (24.09.1903 – 27.04.1904)

3 Watson (27.04.1904 – 17.08.1904)

4 Reid (18.08.1904 – 05.07.1905)

5 Deakin 2 (05.07.1905 – 13.11.1908)

6 Fisher 1 (13.11.1908 – 02.06.19090

7 Deakin 3 (02.06.1909 – 29.04.1910)

8 Fisher 2 (29.04.1910 – 24.06.1913)

9 Cook (24.06.1913 – 17.09.1914)

10 Fisher 3 (17.09.1914 – 27.10.1915)

11 Hughes (27.10.1915 – 09.02.1923)

12 Bruce (09.02.1923 – 22.10.1929)

13 Scullin (22.10.1929 – 06.01.1932)

14 Lyons (06.01.1932 – 07.04.1939)

15 Page (07.04.1939 – 26.04.1939)

16 Menzies 1 (26.04.1939 – 29.08.194)

17 Fadden (29.08.1941 – 07.10.1941)

18 Curtin (07.10.1941 – 05.07.1945)

19 Forde (06.07.1945 – 13.07.1945)

20 Chifley (13.07.1945 – 19.12.1949)

21 Menzies 2 (19.12.1949 – 26.01.1966)

22 Holt (26.01.1966 – 19.12.1967)

23 McEwen (19.12.1967 – 10.01.1968)

24 Gorton (10.01.1968 – 10.03.1971)

25 McMahon(10.03.1971 – 05.12.1972)

26 Whitlam (05.12.1972 – 11.11.1975)

27 Fraser (11.11.1975 – 11.03.1983)

28 Hawke (11.03.1983 – 20.12.1991)

29 Keating (20.12.1991 – 11.03.1996)

30 Howard (11.03.1996 – 3.12.2007)

31 Rudd 1 (03.12.2007 – 24.06.2010)

32 Gillard (24.06.2010 – 27.06.2013)

33 Rudd 2 (27.06.2013 – 18.09.2013)

34 Abbott (18.09.2013 – 15.09.2015)

35 Turnbull (15.09.2015 – 24.08.2018)

36 Morrison (24.08.2018 – 23.05.2022)

--*End Content for Variable Prime Minister on Date of Swearing In--*

1. Prime Minister Party on Date of Swearing In

Variable Label: PMPartySwearingIn

This variable indicates the Prime Minister’s party on the date the nominee was sworn in. It is likely this is the same as the Prime Minister on the date the nomination was announced.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

3 Country

4 United Australia

5 Nationalist

6 Protectionist

7 Commonwealth Liberal

8 Free Trade

--*End Content for Variable Prime Minister Party on Date of Swearing In--*

1. Political Power on Date of Swearing In Ceremony

Variable Label: politicalPowerSwearingIn

This variable indicates the controlling political party in both the House of Representatives and the Senate on the date of the High Court decision. It is likely this is the same as on the date the nomination was announced.

Values:

1 Coalition House/Coalition Senate

2 Coalition House/Not Coalition Senate

3 Labour House/Labour Senate

4 Labour House/Not Labour Senate

5 Neither/Neither

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Party in Control** | |
| **Election** | **House** | **Senate** |
|  |  |  |
| Dec 1, 1984 | Labour | Not Labour |
| July 11, 1987 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 24, 1990 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 13, 1993 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Oct 3, 1998 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Nov 10, 2001 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Oct 9, 2004 | Coalition | Coalition |
| Nov 24, 2007 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Aug 21, 2010 | Neither | Not Coalition |
| Sept 7, 2013 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| July 2, 2016 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| May 18, 2019 | Coalition | Not Coalition |

--*End Content for Variable Political Power on Date of Swearing In Ceremony--*

1. Date of Nomination of Sitting Puisne Justice to Chief Justice

Variable Label: promotionDate

This variable notes the date that a sitting puisne justice was nominated (announcement date) to the position of Chief Justice. This variable is designed to capture information about a second nomination of the same justice and will be applicable only in a limited number of cases.

--*End Content for Variable Date of Nomination of Sitting Puisne Justice to Chief Justice--*

1. Nominating Prime Minister to Chief Justice from Puisne Justice

Variable Label: nomPMPromotion

This variable indicates the Prime Minister on the date of the nomination from puisne justice to Chief Justice. This variable is designed to capture information about a second nomination of the same justice and will be applicable only in a limited number of cases.

**Values:**

1 Barton (01.01.1901 – 24.09.1903)

2 Deakin1 (24.09.1903 – 27.04.1904)

3 Watson (27.04.1904 – 17.08.1904)

4 Reid (18.08.1904 – 05.07.1905)

5 Deakin 2 (05.07.1905 – 13.11.1908)

6 Fisher 1 (13.11.1908 – 02.06.19090

7 Deakin 3 (02.06.1909 – 29.04.1910)

8 Fisher 2 (29.04.1910 – 24.06.1913)

9 Cook (24.06.1913 – 17.09.1914)

10 Fisher 3 (17.09.1914 – 27.10.1915)

11 Hughes (27.10.1915 – 09.02.1923)

12 Bruce (09.02.1923 – 22.10.1929)

13 Scullin (22.10.1929 – 06.01.1932)

14 Lyons (06.01.1932 – 07.04.1939)

15 Page (07.04.1939 – 26.04.1939)

16 Menzies 1 (26.04.1939 – 29.08.194)

17 Fadden (29.08.1941 – 07.10.1941)

18 Curtin (07.10.1941 – 05.07.1945)

19 Forde (06.07.1945 – 13.07.1945)

20 Chifley (13.07.1945 – 19.12.1949)

21 Menzies 2 (19.12.1949 – 26.01.1966)

22 Holt (26.01.1966 – 19.12.1967)

23 McEwen (19.12.1967 – 10.01.1968)

24 Gorton (10.01.1968 – 10.03.1971)

25 McMahon(10.03.1971 – 05.12.1972)

26 Whitlam (05.12.1972 – 11.11.1975)

27 Fraser (11.11.1975 – 11.03.1983)

28 Hawke (11.03.1983 – 20.12.1991)

29 Keating (20.12.1991 – 11.03.1996)

30 Howard (11.03.1996 – 3.12.2007)

31 Rudd 1 (03.12.2007 – 24.06.2010)

32 Gillard (24.06.2010 – 27.06.2013)

33 Rudd 2 (27.06.2013 – 18.09.2013)

34 Abbott (18.09.2013 – 15.09.2015)

35 Turnbull (15.09.2015 – 24.08.2018)

36 Morrison (24.08.2018 – 23.05.2022)

--*End Content for Variable Nominating Prime Minister to Chief Justice from Puisne Justice--*

1. Nominating Prime Minister Party for Chief Justice from Puisne Justice

Variable Label: nomPMPartyPromotion

This variable is designed to capture information about a second nomination of the same justice and will be applicable in a limited number of cases.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

3 Country

4 United Australia

5 Nationalist

6 Protectionist

7 Commonwealth Liberal

8 Free Trade

*--End Content for Variable Nominating Prime Minister Party for Chief Justice from Puisne Justice --*

1. Political Power Variable for Chief Justice from Puisne Justice on Date of Nomination

Variable Label: politicalPowerPromotion

This variable indicates the controlling political party in both the House of Representatives and the Senate on the date of the nomination. This variable is designed to capture information about a second nomination of the same justice and will be applicable in a limited number of cases.

**Values:**

1 Coalition House/Coalition Senate

2 Coalition House/Not Coalition Senate

3 Labour House/Labour Senate

4 Labour House/Not Labour Senate

5 Neither/Neither

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Party in Control** | |
| **Election** | **House** | **Senate** |
| Dec 1, 1984 | Labour | Not Labour |
| July 11, 1987 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 24, 1990 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 13, 1993 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Oct 3, 1998 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Nov 10, 2001 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Oct 9, 2004 | Coalition | Coalition |
| Nov 24, 2007 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Aug 21, 2010 | Neither | Not Coalition |
| Sept 7, 2013 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| July 2, 2016 | Coalition | Not Coalition |

--*End Content for Variable Political Power for Chief Justice from Puisne Justice on Date of Nomination--*

1. Year of Appointment as Chief Justice from Puisne Justice

Variable Label: yearPromotion

The year the nominee was promoted to chief justice.

--*End Content for Variable Year of Appointment as Chief Justice--*

1. Date of Swearing In Ceremony as Chief Justice from Puisne Justice

Variable Label: dateSwearingInPromotion

This variable identifies the exact date the judge was sworn in to the position of chief justice.

--*End Content for Variable Date of Swearing In Ceremony as Chief Justice--*

1. Who Puisne Justice Replaced as Chief Justice

Variable Label: replacementCJPromotion

This variable identifies who the nominee for Chief Justice position replaced as Chief Justice. The Chief Justice whom the nominee replaced is to be identified by their Chief Justice ID.

Values:

1 Griffith

2 Knox

3 Isaacs

4 Duffy

5 Latham

6 Dixon

7 Barwick

8 Gibbs

9 Mason

10 Brennan

11 Gleeson

12 French

13 Kiefel

*--End Content for Variable who Puisne Justice Replaced as Chief Justice--*

1. Ideology Score

Variable Label: ideologyScore

The variable represents the Robinson, Leslie, Sheppard ideology score for each justice.

--*End Content for Variable Ideology Score--*

Personal Background Variables

1. Year of Birth

Variable Label: nomYearBirth

The justice’s year of birth.

--*End Content for Variable Year of Birth--*

1. Exact Date of Birth

Variable Label: nomDateBirth

This variable contains the justice’s exact date of birth in a 8-digit format. For example, if a judge was born on 7 May 2015, it will be recorded as 07052015.

--*End Content for Variable Exact Date of Birth--*

1. State or Country of Birth

Variable Label: placeBirthGen

This variable identifies the state of birth for Australian born justices, or the country of birth for justices born overseas.

Values:

1 Australian Capital Territory

2 New South Wales

3 Northern Territory

4 Queensland

5 South Australia

6 Tasmania

7 Victoria

8 Western Australia

9 Overseas, Canada

10 Overseas, UK

11 Overseas, USA

--*End Content for Variable State or Country of Birth--*

1. Religion—General

Variable Label: religionGeneral

This variable captures whether the justice identifies as Christian or not.

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

--*End Content for Variable Religion—General--*

1. Religion—Specific

Variable Label: religionSpecific

This variable represents the specific religion of the justice. Classifications were drawn from the ABS codes for religion.

Values:

|  |
| --- |
| 1 Christian—Anglican  2 Christian—Baptist |
| 3 Christian—Brethren |
| 4 Christian—Catholic |
| 5 Christian—Churches of Christ |
| 6 Christian—Jehovah’s Witnesses |
| 7 Christian—Latter-day Saints |
| 8 Christian—Lutheran |
| 9 Christian—Oriental Orthodox |
| 10 Christian—Assyrian Apostolic |
| 11 Christian—Eastern Orthodox |
| 12 Christian—Presbyterian and Reformed |
| 13 Christian—Salvation Army |
| 14 Christian—Seventh-day Adventist |
| 15 Christian—Uniting Church |
| 16 Christian—Pentecostal |
| 17 Other Christian |
| 18 Hinduism |
| 19 Islam |
| 20 Judaism |
| 21 Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions |
| 22 Baha’i |
| 23 Chinese Religions |
| 24 Druse |
| 25 Japanese Religions |
| 26 Nature Religions |
| 27 Sikhism |
| 28 Spiritualism |
| 29 Miscellaneous Religions |
| 30 No Religion, so described |
| 31 Secular Beliefs |
| 32 Other Spiritual Beliefs |

--*End Content for Variable Religion—Specific--*

1. Nominee’s Race

Variable Label: race

This variable represents the race of the justice.

Values:

1 White

2 Asian

3 Indigenous

4 Black

--*End Content for Variable Race--*

1. Nominee’s Gender

Variable Label: gender

This variable represents the gender of the justice.

Values:

1 Female

2 Male

--*End Content for Variable Gender--*

1. Year of Death

Variable Label: yearDeath

Year of death of the justice.

--*End Content for Variable Year of Death--*

1. Exact Date of Death

Variable Label: dateDeath

Exact date of death in an 8-digit format (e.g. 01012018).

--*End Content for Variable Exact Date of Death--*

1. Age at Date of Death

Variable Label: ageDeath

Justices age on their date of death.

--*End Content for Variable Age at Date of Death--*

1. Year Departed Court

Variable Label: yearDeparture

Year the justice departed the Court.

--*End Content for Variable Year Departed Court--*

1. Exact Date of Departure from Court

Variable Label: dateDeparture

Exact date of departure from the Court in an 8-digit format (e.g. 01012018).

--*End Content for Variable Exact Date of Departure from Court--*

1. Age on Date of Departure

Variable Label: ageDateDeparture

Age on date justice departed the Court.

--*End Content for Variable Age on Date of Departure--*

1. Reason for Departing Court

Variable Label: reasonDeparture

Values:

1 Died in office

2 Reached constitutional retirement age

3 Retired [defined as no longer participating in the workforce after stepping down]

4 Resigned [continued to work after stepping down]

--*End Content for Variable Reason for Departure--*

1. Resignation Party

Variable Label: resignationParty

This variable indicates the controlling political party when a justice resigned, therefore a value is only entered where the prior reason for departure variable is coded as 4. This variable is only coded when the justice resigned earlier than the mandated retirement age.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Resignation Party--*

1. Prime Minister on Date of Departure

Variable Label: PMDeparture

This variable indicates the Prime Minister on the date of the justice’s departure from the Court.

**Values:**

1 Barton (01.01.1901 – 24.09.1903)

2 Deakin1 (24.09.1903 – 27.04.1904)

3 Watson (27.04.1904 – 17.08.1904)

4 Reid (18.08.1904 – 05.07.1905)

5 Deakin 2 (05.07.1905 – 13.11.1908)

6 Fisher 1 (13.11.1908 – 02.06.19090

7 Deakin 3 (02.06.1909 – 29.04.1910)

8 Fisher 2 (29.04.1910 – 24.06.1913)

9 Cook (24.06.1913 – 17.09.1914)

10 Fisher 3 (17.09.1914 – 27.10.1915)

11 Hughes (27.10.1915 – 09.02.1923)

12 Bruce (09.02.1923 – 22.10.1929)

13 Scullin (22.10.1929 – 06.01.1932)

14 Lyons (06.01.1932 – 07.04.1939)

15 Page (07.04.1939 – 26.04.1939)

16 Menzies 1 (26.04.1939 – 29.08.194)

17 Fadden (29.08.1941 – 07.10.1941)

18 Curtin (07.10.1941 – 05.07.1945)

19 Forde (06.07.1945 – 13.07.1945)

20 Chifley (13.07.1945 – 19.12.1949)

21 Menzies 2 (19.12.1949 – 26.01.1966)

22 Holt (26.01.1966 – 19.12.1967)

23 McEwen (19.12.1967 – 10.01.1968)

24 Gorton (10.01.1968 – 10.03.1971)

25 McMahon(10.03.1971 – 05.12.1972)

26 Whitlam (05.12.1972 – 11.11.1975)

27 Fraser (11.11.1975 – 11.03.1983)

28 Hawke (11.03.1983 – 20.12.1991)

29 Keating (20.12.1991 – 11.03.1996)

30 Howard (11.03.1996 – 3.12.2007)

31 Rudd 1 (03.12.2007 – 24.06.2010)

32 Gillard (24.06.2010 – 27.06.2013)

33 Rudd 2 (27.06.2013 – 18.09.2013)

34 Abbott (18.09.2013 – 15.09.2015)

35 Turnbull (15.09.2015 – 24.08.2018)

36 Morrison (24.08.2018 – 23.05.2022)

--*End Content for Variable Prime Minister on Date of Departure--*

1. Prime Minister Party on Date of Departure

Variable Label: primeMinisterPartyDepartureDate

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

3 Country

4 United Australia

5 Nationalist

6 Protectionist

7 Commonwealth Liberal

8 Free Trade

--*End Content for Variable Prime Minister Party on Date of Departure--*

1. Political Power on Date Retirement Announced

Variable Label: politicalPowerRetirementAnnounce

This variable indicates the controlling political party in both the House of Representatives and the Senate on the date of the High Court decision. The normalizations contain both the coding options as well as the necessary information for political power in any given year.

**Values:**

1 Coalition House/Coalition Senate

2 Coalition House/Not Coalition Senate

3 Labour House/Labour Senate

4 Labour House/Not Labour Senate

5 Neither/Neither

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Party in Control** | |
| **Election** | **House** | **Senate** |
| Dec 1, 1984 | Labour | Not Labour |
| July 11, 1987 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 24, 1990 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Mar 13, 1993 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Oct 3, 1998 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
|  |  |  |
| Nov 10, 2001 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| Oct 9, 2004 | Coalition | Coalition |
| Nov 24, 2007 | Labour | Not Labour |
| Aug 21, 2010 | Neither | Not Coalition |
| Sept 7, 2013 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| July 2, 2016 | Coalition | Not Coalition |
| May 19, 2019 | Coalition | Not Coalition |

--*End Content for Variable Political Power on Date Retirement Announced--*

1. Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 1

Variable Label: positionAfterDeparture1

Enter the role the justice took immediately after departing the Court.

1 Barrister

2 Academic (honorary)

3 Academic (faculty)

4 Academic (administrative, e.g., VC)

5 Foreign judicial service

6 International judicial service

7 Commissioner (Cth)

8 Commissioner (state)

9 Director/chair of foundation or similar organization

10 Governor-General

11 Other government service (Cth)

12 Other government service (state)

--*End Content for Variable Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 1--*

1. Party Appointing to Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 1

Variable Label: positionAfterDepartureParty1

This variable identifies whether a justice’s position after departing the Court was a partisan appointment.

1 Liberal

2 Labor

--*End Content for Variable Party Appointing Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 1--*

1. Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 2

Variable Label: positionAfterDeparture2

This variable facilitates the capture of situations where the justice held multiple roles after departing the Court. If there are more than two, this variable identifies this.

--*End Content for Variable Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 2--*

1. Party Appointing to Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 2

Variable Label: positionAfterDepartureParty2

If appointment by government was required for the second role the justice took after departing the Court, this variable identifies the party appointing the justice to the role (e.g. Labour).

--*End Content for Variable Party Appointing Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 2--*

1. Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 3

Variable Label: positionAfterDeparture3

This variable facilitates the capture of situations where the justice held multiple roles after departing the Court.

--*End Content for Variable Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 3--*

1. Party Appointing to Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 3

Variable Label: positionAfterDepartureParty3

If appointment by government was required for the third role the justice took after departing the Court, this variable identifies the party appointing the justice to the role (e.g. Labour).

--*End Content for Variable Party Appointing Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 3--*

1. Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 4

Variable Label: positionAfterDeparture4

This variable facilitates the capture of situations where the justice held multiple roles after departing the Court.

--*End Content for Variable Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 4--*

1. Party Appointing to Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 4

Variable Label: positionAfterDepartureParty4

If appointment by government was required for the third role the justice took after departing the Court, this variable identifies the name of the party appointing the justice to the role (e.g. Labour).

--*End Content for Variable Party Appointing Position Held by Justice After Departure from Court 4--*

Family Information

1. Childhood Location—General (Country or State)

Variable Label: childhoodLocationGeneral

This variable identifies the general childhood location of the justice.

Values:

1 Australian Capital Territory

2 New South Wales

3 Northern Territory

4 Queensland

5 South Australia

6 Tasmania

7 Victoria

8 Western Australia

9 UK

10 USA

--*End Content for Variable Childhood Location—General--*

1. Childhood Location—Specific (City or Town)

Variable Label: childhoodLocationSpecific

This variable identifies the specific city or town where the justice spent the majority of their childhood.

1 Capital city

2 Town

--*End Content for Variable Childhood Location—Specific--*

1. Childhood Surrounds

Variable Label: childhoodSurrounds

Variable refers to the general environment in which the justice spent their childhood. Where the family moved, the code reflects the most prominent experience.

Values:

1 Family farm

2 Rural

3 Small town

4 Small city

5 Urban (large/larger city)

--*End Content for Variable Childhood Surrounds--*

1. Childhood Economic Status

Variable Label: economicStatus

This variable indicates the general socioeconomic status of the justice’s family during his or her childhood. Where the family suffered upward or downward shifts in economic status the code reflects the status that describes the largest segment of the justice’s childhood.

Values:

1 Lower

2 Lower-middle

3 Middle

4 Upper-middle

5 Upper

--*End Content for Variable Childhood Economic Status--*

1. Primary Occupation of Father

Variable Label: occupationFather

This variable denotes the justice’s father’s occupation.

1 Homemaker

2 Politics

3 Public service

4 Professional, employee

5 Military

6 Professional, self-employed

7 Blue collar

8 Lawyer

9 Academic

10 Teacher

11 Administrative role

--*End Content for Variable Primary Occupation of Father--*

1. Political Affiliation Father

Variable Label: politicalFather

This variable denotes whether the justice’s father was formally associated with a political party and worked in a political role for that party.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Political Affiliation Father--*

1. Primary Occupation of Mother

Variable Label: occupationMother

This variable denotes the justice’s mother’s occupation.

--*End Content for Variable Primary Occupation of Mother--*

1. Political Affiliation Mother

Variable Label: politicalMother

Variable denotes whether the justice’s mother was formally associated with a political party and worked in a political role for that party.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Political Affiliation Mother--*

1. Primary Occupation of Spouse

Variable Label: occupationSpouse

This variable denotes the justice’s spouse’s occupation.

--*End Content for Variable Primary Occupation of Spouse--*

1. Political Affiliation Spouse

Variable Label: politicalSpouse

This variable denotes whether the justice’s spouse was formally associated with a political party and worked in a political role for that party.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Political Affiliation Spouse--*

1. Number of Marriages

Variable Label: numberMarriages

This variable identifies the number of marriages of the justice. The variable includes same sex domestic partnerships prior to the legalization of same sex marriage.

--*End Content for Variable Number Marriages--*

1. Date of Last Marriage

Variable Label: dateMarraige

This variable identifies the date of the justices last marriage.

--*End Content for Variable Date of Last Marriage--*

1. Number of Children

Variable Label: numberChildren

This variable identifies the number of children the justice has.

--*End Content for Variable Number of Children--*

1. **Number of Daughters**

Variable Label: numberDaughters

This variable identifies the number of daughters the justice has.

--*End Content for Variable Number of Daughters--*

1. **Number of Sons**

Variable Label: numberSons

This variable identifies the number of sons the justice has.

--*End Content for Variable Number of Sons--*

Educational Background Variables

1. Type of Secondary Education

Variable Label: secondaryEducationType

This variable identifies the nature of the justice’s secondary education.

Values:

1 Public

2 Private—coeducational

3 Private—single sex

--*End Content for Variable Type of Secondary Education--*

1. First Degree

Variable Label: firstDegree

This variable reflects the first degree commenced by the justice. Where the justice undertook a double degree, the degrees are disaggregated and listed independently under two variables, one under first degree and the other under second degree. Where a justice commenced by did not finish (e.g., because of transferring the degree program), the degree is still included.

1 Bachelor of Laws

2 Bachelor of Arts

3 Bachelor of Economics

4 Bachelor of Commerce

5 Bachelor of Jurisprudence

6 Bachelor of Science

--*End Content for Variable First Degree--*

1. First Degree Institution

Variable Label: firstDegreeInstitution

This variable identifies the name of institution at which first degree was commenced.

1 Australian National University

2 Barristers Admission Board

3 University of Melbourne

4 University of Queensland

5 University of Sydney

6 University of Western Australia

7 Murdoch University

8 Oxford

--*End Content for Variable First Degree Institution--*

1. First Degree Status

Variable Label: firstDegreeStatus

This variable denotes whether the degree was completed or not.

Values:

1 Completed

2 Not completed

--*End Content for Variable First Degree Status--*

1. First Degree Year Started

Variable Label: firstDegreeYearStart

This variable denotes the year the degree was commenced.

--*End Content for Variable First Degree Year Started--*

1. First Degree Year Completed

Variable Label: firstDegreeYearEnd

This variable denotes the year the degree was completed. If the degree was not completed the variable is coded 999.

--*End Content for Variable First Degree Year Completed--*

1. Second Degree

Variable Label: secondDegree

See variable First Degree for information.

--*End Content for Variable Second Degree--*

1. Second Degree Institution

**Variable Label:** secondDegreeInstitution

See above for information.

--*End Content for Variable Second Degree Institution--*

1. Second Degree Status

Variable Label: secondDegreeStatus

Variable denotes whether the degree was completed or not.

Values:

1 Completed

2 Not completed

--*End Content for Variable Second Degree Status--*

1. Second Degree Year Started

Variable Label: secondDegreeYearStart

Variable denotes the year the degree was commenced.

--*End Content for Variable Second Degree Year Started--*

1. Second Degree Year Completed

Variable Label: secondDegreeYearEnd

Variable denotes the year the degree was completed. If the degree was not completed the variable is coded 999.

--*End Content for Variable Second Degree Year Completed--*

1. Third Degree

Variable Label: thirdDegree

See above.

--*End Content for Variable Third Degree--*

1. Third Degree Institution

**Variable Label:** thirdDegreeInstitution

See above.

--*End Content for Variable Third Degree Institution--*

1. Third Degree Status

Variable Label: thirdDegreeStatus

Variable denotes whether the degree was completed or not.

Values:

1 Completed

2 Not completed

--*End Content for Variable Third Degree Status—*

1. Third Degree Year Started

Variable Label: thirdDegreeYearStart

Variable denotes the year the degree was commenced.

--*End Content for Variable Third Degree Year Started--*

1. Third Degree Year Completed

Variable Label: thirdDegreeYearEnd

Variable denotes the year the degree was completed. If the degree was not completed the variable is coded 999.

--*End Content for Variable Second Degree Year Completed--*

1. Name of Law School

**Variable Label:** nameLawSchool

Replicates above information but provides here for ease of analysis.

--*End Content for Variable Name of Law School--*

1. Year of Law School

Variable Label: lastYearLawSchool

This variable identifies the year justice graduated from law school.

--*End Content for Variable Last Year of Law School--*

1. Academic Honours Medal

Variable Label: academicHonoursMedal

This variable denotes whether justice was awarded the university medal in any undergraduate degree.

Values:

1 Law

2 Non-law

3 Law and non-law (multiple)

4 None recorded

--*End Content for Variable Academic Honours Medal--*

1. Academic Honours First Class Honours

Variable Label: academicHonoursFirstClass

Variable denotes whether justice was awarded first class honours in any undergraduate degree.

Values:

1 Law

2 Other

3 Multiple

4 None recorded

--*End Content for Variable Academic Honours First Class Honours--*

1. Academic Honours Overseas Scholarship

Variable Label: academicHonoursOverseas

Variable denotes whether justice was awarded a significant scholarship to study overseas.

Values:

1 Rhodes

2 Fulbright

3 Other

4 None recorded

--*End Content for Variable Academic Honours Overseas--*

1. Overseas Study

Variable Label: overseasStudy

This variable identifies whether the justice studied outside of Australia.

Values:

1 Studied overseas

2 Did not study overseas

--*End Content for Variable Overseas Study--*

1. Overseas Study Location

Variable Label: overseasStudyLocation

Variable identifies the country in which the justice studied outside of Australia.

Values:

1 UK

2 USA

3 Other

If not US or UK enter the name of the country.

--*End Content for Variable Overseas Study--*

1. First Graduate Degree

Variable Label: firstGraduateDegree

This variable identifies whether (and what) graduate studies a justice undertook.

Enter name of degree.

1 Doctor of Philosophy

2 Master of Laws

3 BCL

4 Other, law

5 Other, non-law

--*End Content for Variable First Graduate Degree--*

1. First Graduate Degree Institution

Variable Label: firstGradDegreeInstitution

This variable identifies where a justice undertook any graduate studies.

1 Oxford

2 Cambridge

3 Harvard

4 Yale

5 University of Melbourne

6 University of Sydney

7 Hague

--*End Content for Variable First Graduate Degree Institution--*

1. First Graduate Degree Status

Variable Label: firstGradDegreeStatus

Variable denotes whether the degree was completed or not.

Values:

1 Completed

2 Not completed

--*End Content for Variable First Graduate Degree Status--*

1. Second Graduate Degree

Variable Label: secondGraduateDegree

This variable identifies the name of graduate degree.

--*End Content for Variable Second Graduate Degree--*

1. Second Graduate Degree Institution

Variable Label: secondGraduateDegreeInstitution

This variable identifies the name of the graduate studies institution.

--*End Content for Variable Second Graduate Degree Institution--*

1. Second Graduate Degree Status

Variable Label: secondGradDegreeStatus

Variable denotes whether the degree was completed or not.

Values:

1 Completed

2 Not completed

--*End Content for Variable Second Graduate Degree Status--*

1. Third Graduate Degree

Variable Label: thirdGraduateDegree

This variable identifies the name of degree.

--*End Content for Variable Third Graduate Degree--*

1. Third Graduate Degree Institution

Variable Label: thirdGraduateDegreeInstitution

This variable identifies the name of institution.

--*End Content for Variable Third Graduate Degree Institution--*

1. Third Graduate Degree Status

Variable Label: thirdGradDegreeStatus

Variable denotes whether the degree was completed or not.

Values:

1 Completed

2 Not completed

--*End Content for Variable Third Graduate Degree Status--*

1. Last Year Attended Graduate Institution

Variable Label: lastYearAttendedGraduate

This variable identifies the last year nominee attended graduate institution.

--*End Content for Variable Last Year Attended Graduate Institution--*

Employment Background Variables

1. Position When Nominated

Variable Label: positionWhenNominated

Values:

1 Chief Justice of Federal of Australia

2 Justice of Federal of Australia

3 Chief Justice of state supreme court/court of appeals

4 Justice of state supreme court/court of appeals

5 Commonwealth Solicitor General

6 State solicitor general

7 Barrister

8 Solicitor

9 Other

--*End Content for Variable Position When Nominated--*

1. Position When Nominated Location

Variable Label: positionNomLocation

This variable identifies the location of a justice when appointed to the Court. If the justice was serving as a state court judge, the variable identifies the state. If the justice was serving on a lower federal court, the variable identifies the state in which the justice’s home registry was located. If the justice was a state Solicitor General, the variable identifies the state. An appointment from the position of Commonwealth Solicitor General is coded as 9 (Federal).

Values:

1 Australian Capital Territory

2 New South Wales

3 Northern Territory

4 Queensland

5 South Australia

6 Tasmania

7 Victoria

8 Western Australia

9 Federal (Cth SG only)

--*End Content for Variable Position When Nominated--*

1. Nominated from Judiciary

Variable Label: nomFromJudiciary

Denotes whether the nominee was holding judicial office when appointed (binary).

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

*--End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service—*

1. Prior Judicial Service

Variable Label: priorJudicialService

Prior judicial appointment (binary). Denotes whether the nominee has ever served on the judiciary at any point prior to their appointment.

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service--*

1. Total Months Judicial Service

Variable Label: totalNumMonthsJudicialService

Denotes the total (aggregate) number of months that the nominee has served on any lower court prior to their HCA appointment. For this variable and the 4 subsequent variables, any service 15 days and under in the residual month is rounded down to the closest whole month, and any service over 15 days in the residual service month is rounded up to the nearest whole month for the purposes of calculating the total number of whole months served on the judiciary.

--*End Content for Variable Total Months Judicial Service--*

1. Number of Months State Court Service

Variable Label: numMonthsStateCourtService

Denotes the total number of months that the nominee has served on any state court prior to their HCA appointment. The variable aggregates any trial level and appellate level service.

*--End Content for Variable Number of Months State Court Service--*

1. Number of Months Federal Court Service

Variable Label: numMonthsFederalCourtService

Denotes the total number of months that the nominee has served on any federal court prior to their HCA appointment. The variable aggregates any trial level and appellate level service.

*--End Content for Variable Number of Months Federal Court Service--*

1. Number of Months Appellate Court Service

Variable Label: numMonthsAppellateCourtService

Denotes the total number of months that the nominee has served on any appellate court prior to their HCA appointment. The variable aggregates federal level and state level service where the court is an appellate court. For the purpose of this variable and the subsequent variable, service on the Federal Court of Australia is considered appellate court service, despite the justices of the Federal Court sitting as trail judges in some instances.

*--End Content for Variable Number of Months Appellate Court Service--*

1. Number of Months Trial Court Service

Variable Label: numMonthsTrialCourtService

Denotes the total number of months that the nominee has served on any trial court prior to their HCA appointment. The variable aggregates federal level and state level service where the court is an trial court. For the purpose of this variable and the subsequent variable, service on the Federal Court of Australia is considered appellate court service, despite the justices of the Federal Court sitting as trail judges in some instances.

*--End Content for Variable Number of Months Trial Court Service--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—General

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1General

Where nominee has more than one prior judicial appointment, enter first in time for this variable.

Values:

1 Federal court—trial level [Any federal court not the FCA or Family Court]

2 Federal court—appellate level [Federal Court of Australia]

3 Family Court of Australia

4 State supreme court—trial level

5 State supreme court—appellate level

6 State district court (county court)

7 State local court (magistrates court)

8 State speciality court

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—General--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—Location

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1Location

Denotes where the justice served.

**Values:**

1 Australia (federal actor)

2 Australian Capital Territory

3 New South Wales

4 Northern Territory

5 Queensland

6 South Australia

7 Tasmania

8 Victoria

9 Western Australia

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—Location--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—Specific

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1Specific

This variable identifies the specific court the justice was appointed to.

Values:

1 Family Court of Australia

2 Federal Magistrates Court

3 Federal Circuit Court of Australia

5 Federal Court of Australia

6 Australian Industrial Court

7 Australia Military Court

8 Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration

9 Commonwealth Industrial Court

10 Federal Court of Bankruptcy

11 Industrial Relations Court of Australia

12 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Common Law Division

13 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Equity Division

14 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Court of Appeal

15 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Court of Criminal Appeal

16 Land and Environment Court of New South Wales

17 District Court of New South Wales

18 Local Court of New South Wales

19 New South Wales Industrial Court

20 The Children’s Court of New South Wales

21 New South Wales Dust Diseases Tribunal

22 Drug Court of New South Wales

23 New South Wales Chief Industrial Magistrate’s Court

24 New South Wales Coroner’s Court

25 Supreme Court of Queensland—Court of Appeal

26 Supreme Court of Queensland—Trial Division (Criminal)

27 Supreme Court of Queensland—Trial Division (Civil)

28 Industrial Court of Queensland

29 Queensland Planning and Environment Court

30 Queensland Land Appeal Court

31 District Court of Queensland

32 Magistrates Court of Queensland

33 Queensland Children’s Court

34 Queensland Mental Health Court

35 Queensland Murri Court

36 Queensland Domestic Violence Court

37 Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court

38 Queensland Coroner’s Court

39 Supreme Court of Victoria—Court of Appeals

40 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Common Law Division

41 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Commercial Division

42 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Criminal Division

43 County Court of Victoria

44 Magistrates’ Court of Victoria

45 Children’s Court of Victoria

46 Victorian Coroner’s Court

47 Supreme Court of South Australia—Trial Division

48 Supreme Court of South Australia—Criminal Appeal Division

49 Supreme Court of South Australia—Civil Appeal Division

50 District Court of South Australia

51 Magistrates Court of South Australia

52 Environment, Resources, and Development Court of South Australia

53 South Australia Industrial Relations Court

54 Wardens Court of South Australia

55 Youth Court of South Australia

56 South Australia Coroner’s Court

57 Supreme Court of Western Australia—Court of Appeals

58 Supreme Court of Western Australia—General (Trial) Division

59 Family Court of Western Australia

60 District Court of Western Australia

61 Magistrates Court of Western Australia

62 Aboriginal Community Court of Western Australia

63 Children’s Court of Western Australia

64 Drug Court of Western Australia

65 Geraldton Family Violence Court, Western Australia

66 Western Australia Coroner’s Court

67 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Criminal Division

68 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Civil Division

69 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Court of Appeals

70 Magistrates Court of Tasmania

71Tasmanian Coroner’s Court

72 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Court of Appeal

73 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Court of Criminal Appeal

74 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Civil Trial

75 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Criminal Trial

76 Northern Territory Local Court (Magistrate’s Court)

77 Coroner’s Court of the Northern Territory

78 Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

79 Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory—Court of Appeal

80 Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory

81 Coroner’s Court of the Australian Capital Territory

82 Supreme Court of Norfolk Island

83 Court of Petty Sessions for Norfolk Island

84 Nauru Supreme Court

85 Other

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—Specific--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—Year First Served

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1FirstYear

This variable identifies the year a justice first served in the judiciary.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—Year First Served--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—Year Last Served

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1LastYear

This variable identifies the year the justice last served on judiciary.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—Year Last Served--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—Party Appointing

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1Party

This variable identifies the name of the political party who appointed the justice to this role.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—Party--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 1—Person(s) Appointing

Variable Label: priorJudicialService1Person

This variable identifies the name of the Prime Minister/Premier AND Attorney-General who appointed the justice to this role.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 1—Person(s) Appointing--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—General

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2General

See above variable description.

Values:

1 Federal court—trial level [Any federal court not the FCA or Family Court]

2 Federal court—appellate level [Federal Court of Australia]

3 Family Court of Australia

4 State supreme court—trial level

5 State supreme court—appellate level

6 State district court (county court)

7 State local court (magistrates court)

8 State speciality court

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—General--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—Location

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2Location

See above variable description.

Values:

1 Australia (federal actor)

2 Australian Capital Territory

3 New South Wales

4 Northern Territory

5 Queensland

6 South Australia

7 Tasmania

8 Victoria

9 Western Australia

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—Location--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—Specific

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2Specific

See above variable description.

Values:

1 Family Court of Australia

2 Federal Magistrates Court

3 Federal Circuit Court of Australia

5 Federal Court of Australia

6 Australian Industrial Court

7 Australia Military Court

8 Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration

9 Commonwealth Industrial Court

10 Federal Court of Bankruptcy

11 Industrial Relations Court of Australia

12 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Common Law Division

13 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Equity Division

14 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Court of Appeal

15 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Court of Criminal Appeal

16 Land and Environment Court of New South Wales

17 District Court of New South Wales

18 Local Court of New South Wales

19 New South Wales Industrial Court

20 The Children’s Court of New South Wales

21 New South Wales Dust Diseases Tribunal

22 Drug Court of New South Wales

23 New South Wales Chief Industrial Magistrate’s Court

24 New South Wales Coroner’s Court

25 Supreme Court of Queensland—Court of Appeal

26 Supreme Court of Queensland—Trial Division (Criminal)

27 Supreme Court of Queensland—Trial Division (Civil)

28 Industrial Court of Queensland

29 Queensland Planning and Environment Court

30 Queensland Land Appeal Court

31 District Court of Queensland

32 Magistrates Court of Queensland

33 Queensland Children’s Court

34 Queensland Mental Health Court

35 Queensland Murri Court

36 Queensland Domestic Violence Court

37 Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court

38 Queensland Coroner’s Court

39 Supreme Court of Victoria—Court of Appeals

40 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Common Law Division

41 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Commercial Division

42 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Criminal Division

43 County Court of Victoria

44 Magistrates’ Court of Victoria

45 Children’s Court of Victoria

46 Victorian Coroner’s Court

47 Supreme Court of South Australia—Trial Division

48 Supreme Court of South Australia—Criminal Appeal Division

49 Supreme Court of South Australia—Civil Appeal Division

50 District Court of South Australia

51 Magistrates Court of South Australia

52 Environment, Resources, and Development Court of South Australia

53 South Australia Industrial Relations Court

54 Wardens Court of South Australia

55 Youth Court of South Australia

56 South Australia Coroner’s Court

57 Supreme Court of Western Australia—Court of Appeals

58 Supreme Court of Western Australia—General (Trial) Division

59 Family Court of Western Australia

60 District Court of Western Australia

61 Magistrates Court of Western Australia

62 Aboriginal Community Court of Western Australia

63 Children’s Court of Western Australia

64 Drug Court of Western Australia

65 Geraldton Family Violence Court, Western Australia

66 Western Australia Coroner’s Court

67 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Criminal Division

68 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Civil Division

69 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Court of Appeals

70 Magistrates Court of Tasmania

71Tasmanian Coroner’s Court

72 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Court of Appeal

73 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Court of Criminal Appeal

74 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Civil Trial

75 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Criminal Trial

76 Northern Territory Local Court (Magistrate’s Court)

77 Coroner’s Court of the Northern Territory

78 Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

79 Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory—Court of Appeal

80 Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory

81 Coroner’s Court of the Australian Capital Territory

82 Supreme Court of Norfolk Island

83 Court of Petty Sessions for Norfolk Island

84 Nauru Supreme Court

85 Other

86 Family Court of Australia—Full Court

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—Specific--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—Year First Served

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2FirstYear

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—Year First Served--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—Year Last Served

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2LastYear

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—Year Last Served--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—Party Appointing

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2Party

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—Party--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 2—Person(s) Appointing

Variable Label: priorJudicialService2Person

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 2—Person(s) Appointing--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—General

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3General

See above variable description.

Values:

1 Federal court—trial level [Any federal court not the FCA or Family Court]

2 Federal court—appellate level [Federal Court of Australia]

3 Family Court of Australia

4 State supreme court—trial level

5 State supreme court—appellate level

6 State district court (county court)

7 State local court (magistrates court)

8 State speciality court

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3—General--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—Location

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3Location

See above variable description.

Values:

1 Australia (federal actor)

2 Australian Capital Territory

3 New South Wales

4 Northern Territory

5 Queensland

6 South Australia

7 Tasmania

8 Victoria

9 Western Australia

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3—Location--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—Specific

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3Specific

See above variable description.

Values:

1 Family Court of Australia

2 Federal Magistrates Court

3 Federal Circuit Court of Australia

4 Federal Court of Australia

6 Australian Industrial Court

7 Australia Military Court

8 Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration

9 Commonwealth Industrial Court

10 Federal Court of Bankruptcy

11 Industrial Relations Court of Australia

12 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Common Law Division

13 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Equity Division

14 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Court of Appeal

15 Supreme Court of New South Wales—Court of Criminal Appeal

16 Land and Environment Court of New South Wales

17 District Court of New South Wales

18 Local Court of New South Wales

19 New South Wales Industrial Court

20 The Children’s Court of New South Wales

21 New South Wales Dust Diseases Tribunal

22 Drug Court of New South Wales

23 New South Wales Chief Industrial Magistrate’s Court

24 New South Wales Coroner’s Court

25 Supreme Court of Queensland—Court of Appeal

26 Supreme Court of Queensland—Trial Division (Criminal)

27 Supreme Court of Queensland—Trial Division (Civil)

28 Industrial Court of Queensland

29 Queensland Planning and Environment Court

30 Queensland Land Appeal Court

31 District Court of Queensland

32 Magistrates Court of Queensland

33 Queensland Children’s Court

34 Queensland Mental Health Court

35 Queensland Murri Court

36 Queensland Domestic Violence Court

37 Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court

38 Queensland Coroner’s Court

39 Supreme Court of Victoria—Court of Appeals

40 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Common Law Division

41 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Commercial Division

42 Supreme Court of Victoria—Trial Court Criminal Division

43 County Court of Victoria

44 Magistrates’ Court of Victoria

45 Children’s Court of Victoria

46 Victorian Coroner’s Court

47 Supreme Court of South Australia—Trial Division

48 Supreme Court of South Australia—Criminal Appeal Division

49 Supreme Court of South Australia—Civil Appeal Division

50 District Court of South Australia

51 Magistrates Court of South Australia

52 Environment, Resources, and Development Court of South Australia

53 South Australia Industrial Relations Court

54 Wardens Court of South Australia

55 Youth Court of South Australia

56 South Australia Coroner’s Court

57 Supreme Court of Western Australia—Court of Appeals

58 Supreme Court of Western Australia—General (Trial) Division

59 Family Court of Western Australia

60 District Court of Western Australia

61 Magistrates Court of Western Australia

62 Aboriginal Community Court of Western Australia

63 Children’s Court of Western Australia

64 Drug Court of Western Australia

65 Geraldton Family Violence Court, Western Australia

66 Western Australia Coroner’s Court

67 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Criminal Division

68 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Civil Division

69 Supreme Court of Tasmania—Court of Appeals

70 Magistrates Court of Tasmania

71Tasmanian Coroner’s Court

72 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Court of Appeal

73 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Court of Criminal Appeal

74 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Civil Trial

75 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory—Criminal Trial

76 Northern Territory Local Court (Magistrate’s Court)

77 Coroner’s Court of the Northern Territory

78 Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

79 Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory—Court of Appeal

80 Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory

81 Coroner’s Court of the Australian Capital Territory

82 Supreme Court of Norfolk Island

83 Court of Petty Sessions for Norfolk Island

84 Nauru Supreme Court

85 Other

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3 Specific--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—Year First Served

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3FirstYear

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3—Year First Served--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—Year Last Served

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3LastYear

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3—Year First Served--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—Party Appointing

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3Party

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3—Party--*

1. Prior Judicial Service 3—Person(s) Appointing

Variable Label: priorJudicialService3Person

See above variable description.

--*End Content for Variable Prior Judicial Service 3—Person(s) Appointing--*

1. Admission to the Bar

Variable Label: barAdmission

This variable identifies whether the justice was admitted to the bar.

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

--*End Content for Variable Admission to the Bar--*

1. Year of First Admission to the Bar

Variable Label: barAdmissionYear

This variable identifies the year the justice was admitted to the bar.

--*End Content for Variable Year Admitted to the Bar--*

1. State in Which First Admitted to the Bar

Variable Label: barAdmissionState

This variable identifies the state in which the justice was admitted to the bar.

Values:

1 Australian Capital Territory

2 New South Wales

3 Northern Territory

4 Queensland

5 South Australia

6 Tasmania

7 Victoria

8 Western Australia

9 Overseas

--*End Content for Variable State in Which Admitted to the Bar--*

1. Promotion to Senior Counsel

Variable Label: barPromotion

This variable identifies whether the justice promoted to senior counsel status after admission to the bar.

Values:

1 Yes, SC/QC

2 No

--*End Content for Variable Promotion to Senior Counsel--*

1. Year Promoted to Senior Counsel

Variable Label: barPromotionYear

This variable identifies the year the justice was promoted to senior counsel status.

--*End Content for Variable Year Promoted to Senior Counsel--*

1. High Court Appearances

Variable Label: hcaAppearance

Variable captures whether the nominee appeared before the High Court as a barrister.

Values:

1 No

2 Yes—Infrequent [1-5 appearances]

3 Yes—Moderate frequency [6-15 appearances]

4 Yes—Frequent (more than 15 appearances]

--*End Content for Variable High Court Appearances--*

1. Practice as Solicitor

Variable Label: solicitor

This variable identifies whether the justice practiced as a soliticor.

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

--*End Content for Variable Practice as a Solicitor--*

1. Year First Practiced as Solicitor

Variable Label: solicitorFirstYear

This variable identifies the year the justice first practised as a solicitor.

--*End Content for Variable Year First Practiced as a Solicitor--*

1. Year Last Practiced as Solicitor

Variable Label: solicitorLastYear

This variable identifies the year the justice last practised as a solicitor.

--*End Content for Variable Year Last Practiced as a Solicitor--*

1. State Where First Admitted as Solicitor

Variable Label: solicitorState

This variable identifies the state the justice first practised as a solicitor.

Values:

1 Australian Capital Territory

2 New South Wales

3 Northern Territory

4 Queensland

5 South Australia

6 Tasmania

7 Victoria

8 Western Australia

9 Overseas

--*End Content for Variable State Where Admitted as a Solicitor--*

1. Law Teaching

Variable Label: teaching

This variable identifies whether the justice was engaged in law teaching (legal academia).

Values:

1 Yes—Fulltime academic

2 Yes—Adjunct/casual academic

3 No

--*End Content for Variable Law Teaching--*

1. High Court Associateship

Variable Label: hcaAssociate

This variable identifies whether the justice served as an associate (law clerk) on the High Court.

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

--*End Content for Variable High Court Associateship--*

1. Year of High Court Associateship

Variable Label: hcaAssociateYear

This variable identifies the year justice the justice served as an associate (law clerk) on the High Court.

--*End Content for Variable Year of High Court Associateship--*

1. Justice for High Court Associateship

Variable Label: hcaAssociateJustice

This variable identifies the High Court justice that the justice served as an associate (law clerk) for on the High Court.

--*End Content for Variable Justice for High Court Associateship--*

1. Other Judicial Associateship

Variable Label: otherAssociate

This variable identifies whether the justice served as an associate (law clerk) on any court other than the High Court.

Values:

1 Yes

2 No

--*End Content for Variable Other Judicial Associateship--*

1. Other Judicial Associateship Court

Variable Label: otherAssociateCourt

This variable identifies the court where the justice served as an associate (law clerk) on any court other than the High Court.

--*End Content for Variable Other Judicial Associateship Court--*

1. Year of Other Judicial Associateship

Variable Label: otherAssociateYear

This variable identifies the year the justice served as an associate (law clerk) on any court other than the High Court.

--*End Content for Variable Year of Other Judicial Associateship--*

1. Government Appointment Type

Variable Label: govAppointmentType

This variable denotes the type of government appointment previously held by a justice. Only specific appointments are captured.

Values:

1 Commonwealth Solicitor-General

2 State Solicitor-General

3 Commonwealth tribunal appointment (e.g., AAT)

4 Commonwealth commission (major commission only, e.g., Human Rights Commission, Law Reform Commission)

999 Not applicable (i.e., no relevant prior government position held by the justice)

--*End Content for Variable Government Appointment Type--*

1. Government Appointment Party

Variable Label: governmentAppointmentParty

Denotes the political party who appointed the justice to their government role.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Government Appointment Party--*

1. Political Party Commonwealth

Variable Label: politicalPartyCth

Variable denotes whether the justice has political experience in federal politics, standing or holding office as a member of parliament.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Political Party Commonwealth--*

1. Known Political Identification

Variable Label: politicalIdentification

Variable denotes whether the justice is known to have membership in, or overtly express support for a specific political party. Includes youth party groups at university.

Values:

1 Liberal

2 Labor

999 Not applicable

--*End Content for Variable Known Political Identification--*