The Honourable Wayne Martin AC was appointed as Western Australia’s 13th Chief Justice on 1 May 2006. He joined the Independent Bar in 1988 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1993. From 2001 – 2003, he took on the role of counsel assisting the HIH Royal Commission in Sydney. The Chief Justice was President of the WA Bar Association between 1996 and 1999, and Chairman of the Western Australian Law Reform Commission from 1996 to 2001, when the commission completed the Review of the Criminal and Civil Justice System in Western Australia. The Chief Justice was also a member of the Council of the Law Society of Western Australia, and was President of the Society when appointed to his current office. In 2007, the Chief Justice was awarded WA Citizen of the Year for the Professions. In 2012, the Chief Justice was awarded a Companion (AC) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for eminent service to the judiciary and to the law, particularly as Chief Justice of Western Australia, to legal reform and education, and to the community.

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