



**ADDRESS OF MR DOMINIC O’SULLIVAN QC
ON THE OCCASION OF A WELCOME CEREMONY
FOR HIS HONOUR JULIAN NOUD
AS A MAGISTRATE OF THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF QUEENSLAND
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020 AT 9:00AM**

1. May it please the court.
2. On behalf of the Bar Association of Queensland, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate your Honour, Magistrate Noud, on your appointment as a Magistrate for the State of Queensland. I extend a particular welcome to your wife, Dr Bianca Noud, your children Clancy and Margot, your parents, Michael and Marionne, and your brother Justin, who have been able to join us here today.
3. Magistrate Noud, you join this Honourable Court following a distinguished career at the Bar. You graduated from the University of Queensland in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts, and in 2003, graduated from the Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Laws.¹ You commenced your career in the law in 2003 as an articled clerk at Boe Lawyers and Sciaccas Lawyers in Brisbane, and were admitted as a Solicitor in the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2005.²
4. After your admission, from 2006 to 2009 your Honour practised in the fused profession of the Northern Territory as both solicitor and advocate at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency. During this time your Honour practised exclusively in the criminal jurisdiction in Darwin and in remote bush courts. Your Honour regularly appeared for indigenous clients in the Youth Justice Court, Local Court and Supreme Court in various criminal matters.³ That your Honour chose to begin your career in the law focussed not upon your own material or professional advancement, but instead in serving others, by providing access to justice for vulnerable members of our society far from your home in Brisbane, is unsurprising for those who know your character and moral compass.
5. I am also aware that that Your Honour considers the time spent in the Northern Territory to have been a privilege and deeply rewarding. Your Honour was not alone during that time. Your wife, Dr Bianca Noud, was with you in the Northern Territory and performed important work in her own field for indigenous communities during that period. Indeed, Dr

¹ CV of Julian Noud.

² <https://www.innsocourt.com.au/julian-noud>

³ Note this paragraph was taken from Magistrate Noud’s profile on the Inns of Court website, see <https://www.innsocourt.com.au/julian-noud>; CV of Julian Noud.

Noud remained in the Northern Territory for almost a year when your Honour returned to private practice in Brisbane to complete an important role she had started, the resident District Medical officer in the remote community of Wadeye.

6. Your Honour was called to the Bar in March 2009, and it was then that I first got to know you, through our mutual friend Benedict Power, another member of the Bar Association who is also here today. For the last 10 years, you have acted for both defence and prosecution in a wide range of criminal law matters across Queensland and New South Wales. Your Honour regularly prosecuted for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and Queensland Government Agencies. You have also acted for clients in Royal Commissions of Inquiry, and at the Crime and Corruption Commission.⁴ The depth and breadth of your Honour's expertise in criminal law is recognised in your appointment as a member of Legal Aid Queensland's complex criminal case panel.
7. In addition to your work at the private bar, your Honour has given your time to the wider community through your work as a Sessional Academic at Griffith University. You have also served for some years as a member of the Bar Association's Indigenous Barristers Committee, and of the Management Committee at the South West Brisbane Community Legal Centre.⁵
8. Among your colleagues at the Bar you are known for your good judgment, your dedication to your client's cause, your thoroughness of preparation, and the enviable quality of being able to explain complicated issues to your clients succinctly and respectfully. As a barrister your Honour's services were highly valued by your clients, and your preparation and advocacy is respected by the Courts and Tribunals in which you appeared.
9. You are often described as a very humble person and one who is both fair and loyal. Your Honour has given freely of your time your colleagues over the years, in particular to other practitioners who have often sought your Honour's advice on matters arising in their own practices. It is said that Your Honour is always very generous with his time.
10. For myself, in the years that I have known you, what has struck me forcefully, is that when you might mention the cases in which you have been recently engaged, as barristers often do, your focus is never upon the points of law or procedure that the matter involved. Instead, the concern of your Honour was with the human condition of your client: who they were, how they came to be caught up in the criminal justice system, and what the future might hold for them. You displayed an empathy, and a genuine concern for your client as a person, that was both humbling and inspiring. I have no doubt that the humility and humanity that you displayed as Counsel will continue in your new role, and will in time come to mark you out as an exceptional Magistrate, in the discharge of the very important work of this Court.
11. Outside of work you have a young and boisterous family to which you and Bianca are devoted. You have taken up fishing with your son Clancy, and have had several memorable

⁴ <https://www.innsocourt.com.au/julian-noud>; CV of Julian Noud.

⁵ CV of Julian Noud.

adventures as you learn the mysteries of blood knots, bait and soft plastics together. Your Honour is a keen recreational swimmer and cyclist, although cycling has strictly been a mode of transport for your Honour, and your Honour has yet to embrace lycra in any form. Your Honour is also an avid reader, and any who spend any time with your Honour will know that you are very widely read indeed.

12. Your Honour is also keen on horse racing, something that your family has had a strong connection with, notably your late grandfather, Keith Noud, the highly respected race caller and journalist. On the topic of family, I should also record that you are not the first member of your family to serve the people of Queensland as a judicial officer. Your father, Judge Michael Noud, was a highly respected judge of the District Court, and served on that Court for almost 27 years.
13. The Bar Association and its members extend to you and your family, their very best wishes on this well-deserved appointment. We wish your Honour a long and fulfilling career on the bench.
14. May it please the court.