



The New South Wales Bar Association

The Hon. Sir Kenneth Sydney Jacobs KBE (1917-) is a former Justice of the High Court of Australia and was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the NSW Bar Association on 19 June 1979.

His Honour was born in 1917 at Gordon on the upper north shore of Sydney. He was educated at Knox Grammar School and the University of Sydney where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938.

During World War II, His Honour served in the Middle East and New Guinea with the second A.I.F. between 1940 and 1945. Following war service, His Honour returned to the University of Sydney where he completed a Bachelor of Laws degree, being awarded the University's Medal for Law in 1946 and graduating in 1947.

His Honour was admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 14 February 1947 and took silk on 30 November 1957. In 1958, his book on the Law of Trusts in New South Wales was first published.

In 1960, His Honour was appointed to the Bench as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and in 1966 was appointed a Judge of Appeal of that same Court. In 1972, His Honour was elevated to President of the Court of Appeal, a position which he held until 1974 when he was appointed a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

In 1976 His Honour was appointed a Knight of the British Empire (K.B.E).

Due to illness, His Honour resigned from the High Court of Australia in 1979. He now resides in the United Kingdom where he more recently studied ancient history at London University.