

**Citation for The Hon John Ronald Mansfield AM, LLB(Hons), QC,  
Wednesday 16 August 2017 at 3:00pm**

**Officiator:** Mr Jim McDowell

**Award recipient:** The Hon John Ronald Mansfield AM LLB(Hons), QC,

**Award being conferred:** Honorary Doctor of the University (DUniv)

**Citation delivered by:** Professor Marie Wilson  
Pro Vice Chancellor (Business and Law,  
The UniSA Business School

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**Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service, or a field of academic endeavour or artistic pursuit. It is my pleasure to present The Hon John Ronald Mansfield AM, LLB(Hons), QC, for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished service to the community.**

John Mansfield has had a distinguished legal career and one which has demonstrated a strong sense of service and commitment to the law and wider community.

He retired last year from his position of Justice of the Federal Court of Australia where he sat in the court's South Australian registry. He was appointed to the court shortly after the Native Title Act came into place and his judicial in the areas of Native Title and Competition Law are highly regarded, and his many judgements are considered to have contributed significantly to both areas of law.

He graduated in Law from the University of Adelaide with Honours and was admitted as a practitioner in 1969. He was appointed Queen's Counsel for South Australia in 1985 and Queen's Counsel for the Northern Territory in 1988. He has served tirelessly on numerous Court committees that included the Policy and Planning Committee, the Finance Committee and the International Development Committee.

His international work was prodigious, working on his own time in Vietnam, China and the Pacific. His involvement in the Pacific Judicial Development Program helped improve the operation of the Pacific Court system and sat, on his own time, on the Court of Appeal in Vanuatu.

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John Mansfield was President of the South Australian Law Society from 1988 until 1989; President of the Law Council of Australia from 1993 to 1994; Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee for the Law Council of Australia from 1986 to 1994; and Chairman of the South Australian Legal Services Commission from 1995 to 1996;

During 1991-1993 Mr Mansfield held the role as Counsel assisting the Commissioner, and later was Commissioner of the Royal Commission into the State Bank of South Australia.

In 2009 his leadership and commitment to service was recognised at the Queen's Birthday Honours when he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to the law and to the judiciary, to a range of professional associations, and to the arts community of South Australia.

John Mansfield's commitment and long association with UniSA is particularly notable within the Business School. He provided invaluable advice during the initial establishment stage of the Law School, both to the Pro Vice Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Gerry Griffin and to the Foundation Dean, Professor Paul Fairall.

He has served as Chair of the Centre for Regulation and Market Analysis and is currently the Chair of UniSA's School of Law Advisory Board.

Following his retirement from the bench, Mr Mansfield will Chair the Independent Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Consultation and Response Advisory Board.

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