



Dr Robert Austin

Robert (Bob) Austin held an academic position in the fields of equity and company law at the University of Sydney from 1969 to 1990, becoming Professor (1984) and Head of the Department of Law (1985). He has continued to teach, with emphasis in recent years on corporate takeovers, fundraising and corporate governance.

He was a partner with Minter Ellison from 1990 to 1998. He took responsibility for major matters with high legal analytical content. He was a member of the Takeovers Panel from 2001 to 2006.

Thereafter he served as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales from 1998 to 2010 and has now returned to legal practice as a Senior Legal Consultant with Minter Ellison, and is Head of its Corporate HQ Advisory Team. In his recent role he heads a team of approximately 15 partners and six other senior lawyers, advising the corporate headquarters of Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) listed companies on boardroom, management and shareholder relations, plus all Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules issues.

Austin is the Challis lecturer in corporate law and adjunct professor at the University of Sydney. He is the co-author of Ford's Principles of Corporations Law and his other publications include Austin, Ford and Ramsay, *Company Directors: Principles of Law & Corporate Governance* (2005); and Austin & Black's Annotations to the Corporations Act (with AJ Black).