

Mr Bruce McWilliam

The title of Honorary Fellow of the University was conferred upon Bruce McWilliam at the Faculty of Law graduation ceremony held at 2.00pm on 22 May 2009.



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Citation

Pro Chancellor, I have the honour to present Bruce McWilliam for the conferral of the title of Honorary Fellow of the University.

Bruce McWilliam is a distinguished and active alumnus of this University, gaining the degrees of Bachelor of Economics in 1978 and Bachelor of Law in 1979. He has pursued an impressive career spanning both the legal and the commercial worlds.

He is currently the commercial director of the Seven television network and is on the board of directors of Seven Network Limited. While based in London, he was a director of British Sky Broadcasting, from 1995 to 2000 as well as the German broadcasters Vox and TM3. He worked for the News Corp group for nine years and was involved in most of their television acquisitions and transactions outside the USA.

Mr McWilliam was also a partner at the legal firm Gilbert and Tobin from 2001 to 2003. He was previously General Counsel of News International from 1997 to 2001.

In addition to these achievements, Bruce McWilliam has contributed significantly to community causes he cares passionately about.

He has been a member of the Board of Trustees, Historic Houses Trust, from 2003 until the end of 2008.

He was the Founding Director of the Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation helping to raise funds to support the Centre in the areas of patient care, research, education and capital works.

He has made a major contribution to the Faculty of Law at this University.

Between 2004 and 2006, he served as the inaugural Chair of the Sydney Law School Campaign Advisory Committee – a critical volunteer leadership position, at a time of change and opportunity.

From 2006 onwards, upon the untimely death of Mr Peter Cameron, Bruce McWilliam took over the chairmanship of the Faculty of Law Advisory Board – helping to advise the Dean on strategy, curriculum and other important matters - in addition to continuing to play a very active role on the Campaign Advisory Committee.

In particular, he has played a strong leadership part working closely with the former and current Deans, in representing the Law School's needs for resources to promote its growth and diversification, as a world class

institution for legal research and teaching.

Responding to the University's desire to develop additional finances in order to give the new Law School building the "margin of excellence" it needs, Bruce McWilliam enthusiastically promoted the project, and partnership opportunities, to legal firms, corporations, foundations, alumni and the wider community.

His participation in alumni activities, advice to the Dean, promotion of the interests and advancement of the Law School – all these contributions are delivered with unfailing good humour, pragmatism and enthusiasm.

Pro Chancellor, I present Mr Bruce McWilliam, loyal and active member of the University of Sydney community, and I invite you to confer the title of Honorary Fellow of the University upon him.