



The Right Honourable Sir Zelman Cowen AK GCMG GCVO QC DCL DUniv The Development of Law at Griffith

In 1990 Sir Zelman Cowen became the Vice Chancellor's Advisor on Legal Education and a member of the Legal Education Advisory committee. This committee was responsible for the planning and development of the law curriculum for the University's Law School. In the search for a distinctive, innovative and contemporary approach to legal education, Sir Zelman introduced the idea that the students' courses should be integrated. This approach ultimately resulted in a law curriculum which was strongly supported by the legal profession and one that Sir Ninian Stephen hailed as a 'revolution in legal education'. Sir Zelman chaired the Law Visiting Committee from 1992 – 2003; was a member

of the Advisory Board of the Key Centre for Ethics, Law Justice and Governance 1999 – 2004 and is Patron of the Socratic Forum.

Sir Zelman's brilliant career included terms as University of Melbourne's Dean of Law and Vice Chancellor of University of New England then University of Queensland before serving as Governor General from 1978 to 1982. He returned to Oxford as Provost of Oriel College and Chair of the Press Council before returning to Australia and accepting the Honorary position at Griffith University.