

Andrew Collett AM

Education

1971 - 1973	LLB, University of Adelaide
1968 - 1971	BA (University of Adelaide) majoring in Politics and Psychology
1963 - 1967	St Peter's College, Adelaide

Employment

1999 to date	Practising as a barrister in the areas of administrative, Aboriginal, environmental, governance and trusts, personal injuries and industrial law
December 2014 to date	Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law, Flinders University
June to Nov 2007	Assistant Commissioner, <i>Children on APY Lands Inquiry</i>
2004 to 2007	Counsel Assisting to Commissioner EP Mullighan in <i>Children in State Care Inquiry</i>
July 1999 to 2004	Retained as one of the counsel in the first South Australian 'stolen children' action
July 1999 to 2006	One of the team of counsel acting for the claimants in Federal Court proceedings in the De Rose Hill Native Title Claim
July 1999	Joined the independent bar in South Australia as a member of Murray Chambers
1994 to 1995	Counsel for Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in the Federal Court, Supreme Court of South Australia and Hindmarsh Island Bridge Royal Commission in relation to Aboriginal issues arising from Hindmarsh Island Bridge construction
1988 to 1989	Counsel for nine of the twelve South Australian Aboriginal families represented before the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
1986 to date	Retained as counsel by the traditional owners of the Maralinga Lands in relation to negotiations with the Australian and British Governments for the clean up and compensation arising from the residual radioactive contamination at the Maralinga Lands. Established the Trust Fund to administer the negotiated compensation sum
October 1985	Barrister with Johnston Withers practising in areas of personal injury, workers compensation, Aboriginal, industrial and administrative law
Aug 1984 to Sept 1985	Junior counsel retained to act for all Aboriginal interests before the Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia

April 1979 to Aug 1984	Solicitor/Barrister with Johnston Withers McCusker & Co practising in the areas of workers compensation, personal injury, industrial, criminal, Aboriginal and administrative law
April 1997 to April 1979	Barrister and Solicitor retained by Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement to establish and service Port Augusta office
March 1976 to Feb 1977	Articles of clerkship with Johnston Withers McCusker & Co
Aug 1974 to Feb 1976	Executive Secretary, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc
Nov 1973 to Aug 1974	Research officer, Commonwealth Commission of Enquiry into Poverty (Law and Poverty Section)

Other

1 December 2014	Appointed Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law, Flinders University
26 January 2014	Awarded AM in Australia Day Honours List for significant service to the law, as a supporter of Indigenous rights, and through contributions to professional organisations
2009 to date	Member, Claims Committee, Law Claims
2005 to date	Member, Adelaide University Student Elections Tribunal
2003 to 2012	Member, Law Society of SA, Aboriginal Issues Committee
2003 to 2006	Member, Law Society of SA, Human Rights Sub-Committee
1994 to 1995	Board member, SA Mental Health Services
1988 to 1994	Member, Social Security Appeals Tribunal
1990 to 2000	Committee member, SA Aboriginal Health Research Ethnicity Committee
1984	Chairperson, South Australian Campaign against Racial Exploitation
1980 to 1981	Member of Council, Norwood Community Legal Service
1976	Treasurer, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
1973 to 1976	Member of Council, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

Interests

Grape growing, jogging, wine, cricket, political and sporting history

Personal

Married with two children