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Professor David Flint AM read law and economics at Universities of Sydney, London and Paris. After admission as a Solicitor of the NSW Supreme Court in 1962, he practised as a solicitor (1962-72) before moving into University teaching, holding several academic posts before becoming Professor of Law at Sydney University of Technology in 1989.

He is an Emeritus Professor of Law, Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Authority, and Associate Member Australian Competition and Consumer Commission from 1997 to 2004. He is also the President, English Speaking Union and National Convenor of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy.

He was Chairman of the Australian Press Council 1987 – 1997. In the same years he was Dean of Law of the University of Technology Sydney. During his term significant changes to Australian legal education were made, including:

- 12 months teaching through Summer and Winter programmes;
- the introduction of a range of graduate programmes for non lawyers;
- the first Australian professional doctorate, the SJD;
- the first Australian university programmes in Alternative Dispute Resolution;
- the inclusion of perods of study at foreign universities as part of the law programmes;
- the incorporation of Practical-Legal training into the LL.B – "one-stop" legal education; and
- the support for the introduction of AUSTLII, which gives open internet access to Australian statute and case law.

Professor Flint is the author of numerous publications. His publications include books and articles on topics such as the media, international economic law, Australia's constitution and on Australia's 1999 constitutional referendum. He was recognised with the award of World Outstanding Legal Scholar, World Jurists Association, Barcelona, in October 1991. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1995.