

## Bill Cornish citation

Chancellor, I am very pleased and proud to present to you William Rodolph Cornish.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws is being awarded to Professor Cornish in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to society and the law, particularly through his leadership in the development of intellectual property law.

William Cornish was educated at Adelaide's St Peter's College and the University of Adelaide, graduating from the Adelaide Law School in 1960. He was an outstanding student, winning a number of prestigious undergraduate prizes. In 1959 he was awarded the Angas Parsons Prize and also qualified as a Stow Scholar.

After graduating, Professor Cornish left for the United Kingdom as one of the first group of Commonwealth Scholarship holders and commenced postgraduate study at Oxford University. He completed the BCL in 1962.

That same year he was appointed to the Law Department of the London School of Economics. In 1969 he was made a Reader at Queen Mary's College London before being appointed Professor at the London School of Economics in 1970.

He remained at the LSE until 1990, when he was appointed to a professorship of Law at the University of Cambridge. He became Director of the Law Faculty's Centre for European Legal Studies, during which time he devised and delivered courses in central Europe.

Currently he is Emeritus Herchel Smith Professor of Intellectual Property Law at Magdalene College, Cambridge and an External Academic Member of the Max-Planck Institute for Intellectual Property Law.

Professor Cornish is recognised as one of the pioneers of Intellectual Property Law and has made a major contribution to the regulation of research and commercialisation of its results.

He has authored or co-authored five major monographs and a substantial number of articles and reports.

Professor Cornish became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1984 and an Honorary Queen's Counsel in 1997. In the 2013 Queen's New Year honours he was made a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George for "services to promoting understanding of British law in central Europe".

It is therefore with great pleasure that I present to you, Chancellor, Professor William Cornish, Companion, Order of St Michael and St George (CMG), Queen's Counsel, Fellow, British Academy (FBA) for admission to the Degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*).