



**AIOP NT DIVISION PATRON  
HER HONOUR SALLY GORDON THOMAS AM  
(FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE)  
CHANCELLOR OF  
CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY**

Sally Gordon Thomas was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 1992.

At the time of her appointment, Justice Thomas was the Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory, having held that position since 1986. Prior to that, Justice Thomas had been a magistrate in the Northern Territory. She had been a partner in a legal firm in Sydney before coming to the Territory in 1978.

Justice Thomas was a Member of the Northern Territory University Council from 1989 to 2003. In 2003 the Northern Territory University changed its name and became part of the expanded Charles Darwin University. Justice Thomas was appointed to the Council of Charles Darwin University and elected Deputy Chancellor, a position she still holds.

Her Honour was Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission from 1990 to 1996. She was Chairman of the Northern Territory Winston Churchill Fellowship Committee from 1992 to 2004. In 2004 she was appointed Deputy National Chairman - Fellowship, of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and currently holds this position.

Justice Thomas is patron of numerous organisations and was an Honorary Colonel in the NT Cadet Corp of the Australian Army from 1993 to 1997.

In June 2000, Her Honour was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia.

Justice Thomas retired from the Supreme Court in 2009 and has since taken up the position as Chancellor at Charles Darwin University.



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