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Latest in series of exceptional “firsts” for Her Excellency

The University of Tasmania community is today celebrating the official swearing-in of Kate Warner to the post of first female Governor of Tasmania.

Her appointment to the role is the latest in a series of admirable “firsts” for Her Excellency, who was also the first female University Law Faculty Professor and first female Law Faculty Dean.

University Acting Vice Chancellor Professor Mike Calford said today was a proud day for the University.

“It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the swearing-in of Professor, now Her Excellency, Kate Warner to her new role as Governor; she is a shining example of both a University of Tasmania graduate and academic,” Professor Calford said.

“Her Excellency will now take her considerable expertise and wisdom into the broader Tasmanian community and beyond.”

Her Excellency was one of the Law Faculty’s most successful academic supervisors. She contributed to numerous journals and books and wrote the definitive text, *Sentencing in Tasmania*. She also attracted dozens of significant research grants, and accepted many fellowships and other honours.

Her outstanding contribution was honoured with the awarding of the University of Tasmania Distinguished Service Medal in 2012 and she was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2014.

“We are certain Her Excellency’s devotion to justice and the law, and her graciousness and her intellect, will translate well to her new duties as Governor,” Professor Calford said.

Her Excellency will retain an association with the University to continue her globally recognised research into the delivery of justice.

Her Excellency’s appointment follows the late Governor Peter Underwood, who served from 2008 to his passing earlier this year. A greatly respected former Chief Justice of Tasmania, he too graduated from the University and retained a life-long devotion to the institution and to education in Tasmania.

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