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Retired judge of the District Court of New South Wales since February 2009.

After serving for approximately ten years as a judge on the Compensation Court of NSW, in February 2004 Christopher Geraghty joined the District Court of NSW where he continued working as a judge, mainly in the criminal jurisdiction.

Before studying law, Geraghty was ordained in 1962 at the age of twenty-three, and had worked as a Roman Catholic priest attached to the Sydney Archdiocese for about fifteen years. He has a master's degree from the Ecole Catholique in Paris, and a doctoral degree in theology from the Theological Institute of Sydney where he had lectured in sacramental theology and liturgical studies. He left his teaching post and his priestly ministry in October 1976.

While studying law in the late 70's, Geraghty worked for some years for the Health Commission of NSW (as it then was), as its public relations officer, and later for Channel 10 in Sydney as its legal reporter. Then after a few years employed as a solicitor by Blakes (known at the time as "Dawson Waldron, Solicitors"), he went to the bar in Sydney in 1984. His practice included several years acting as junior counsel assisting the Honorable Justice John Slattery AO, KGCSG, QC, during the Chelmsford Royal Commission, as well as counsel assisting in a number of enquires and regular briefings from the Attorney General's Department of NSW.

Geraghty is the author of three memoirs of his time in the seminary and in the priesthood - published in 2001, *Cassocks in the Wildness – Remembering the Seminary at Springwood*, in 2003, *The Priest Factory – A Manly Vision of Triumph, 1958-1962 and Beyond*, and more recently, in 2012, *Dancing with the Devil – A Journey from the Pulpit to the Bench*. He is also the author of a major essay on the future of the Catholic Church, entitled "Our Church Further Down the Track", published in *This Time in the Church*, ATF Theology, Adelaide, 2015, pp. 15-73.

Geraghty was born in REDACTED 1938 and married in October 1977. He and his wife have two adult boys and three grand-children. He lives in gentle retirement, attending his grand-children, reading novels and poetry, researching and writing on the origins of misogyny in the Catholic tradition, as well as walking and meditating.