

# Media Statement



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## Court appointments welcomed

*All comments to be attributed to Law Council President, Dr Jacoba Brasch QC.*

“The Law Council of Australia commends Attorney-General Michaelia Cash’s announcement of Judge Terrence McGuire’s elevation from his current position as Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia (FCC) to Justice of the Family Court of Australia (FCoA), and the appointments of Ms Sandra Taglieri SC and Mr Marcus Turnbull SC to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

These are excellent appointments; people of great expertise, skill and experience. Tasmanians will be well served by these appointees. I congratulate each of them.

The timely appointments follow the government’s budget announcement of an additional \$100 million to the FCoA and the FCC, which will allow the court to appoint two additional judges to the FCoA and eight judges to the FCC bench, quite apart from replacing retiring judges.

The funding package will also provide for 27.4 registrar-related positions, 25 registrar-related support positions, 10 family consultants plus support staff, four Indigenous Liaison Officers, and 10 legal associates across the country.

The Law Council has long called for the timely replacement of retiring judicial officers. That has happened with these appointments, and I acknowledge the Attorney-General’s prompt action.”

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