



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Court of Appeal – Judicial Exchange

On 15 July 2019, in what will be an Australian first, the Supreme Court of Western Australia and the Supreme Court of Queensland will commence a judicial exchange initiative.

The Hon Justice Walter Sofronoff, the President of the Court of Appeal in Queensland, was today sworn-in as an acting judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. Justice Sofronoff will spend two weeks sitting on the Court of Appeal, hearing cases in both the civil and criminal jurisdiction.

In October, the Hon Justice Michael Buss, President of the Court of Appeal in Western Australia will sit on the Court of Appeal in Queensland.

WA Chief Justice, the Hon Justice Peter Quinlan, said the judicial exchange was an important way for the Courts in different States to share information and experience so as to better improve the delivery of justice to the community. It will also contribute to a common approach to uniform Australian laws and the continuing professional development of the judiciary in Australia.

"The Court warmly welcomes Justice Sofronoff to the bench of the Supreme Court", Chief Justice Quinlan said.

The Chief Justice also gratefully acknowledged the governments of Western Australia and Queensland for their support of this important initiative.

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