



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Appointment of New Supreme Court Judge

The Supreme Court of Western Australia welcomes the appointment of Ms Fiona Seaward SC as a judge of the Court.

Ms Seaward SC, who will commence on 7 March 2023, brings to the Court over two decades of legal experience. She is currently Senior Assistant State Counsel and Acting Deputy State Solicitor – Public and General Litigation. She was appointed Senior Counsel in 2022.

Ms Seaward SC has practised as counsel in a wide range of matters, including administrative law, land compensation, mining, and general civil litigation. She has practised extensively in constitutional law, in which she has appeared in a number of significant cases in the High Court of Australia. Ms Seaward SC has also served as a Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia and on Expert Ministerial Panels on matters of law reform.

Chief Justice Peter Quinlan, on behalf of the Court, congratulated Justice Seaward on her appointment.

'It is with great pleasure that we welcome Justice Seaward to the Court and her family to the community of the Court,' Chief Justice Quinlan said. 'Justice Seaward has a strong reputation for legal excellence and a distinguished record of service to the community. We are fortunate to have her join us in our work and look forward to working with her Honour in her continuing service to the community and to the administration of justice.'

Justice Seaward will be formally welcomed to the Court at a ceremonial sitting on a date to be announced.

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