



# SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Appointment of New Supreme Court Judge**

The Supreme Court of Western Australia welcomes the appointment of Mr Sam Vandongen SC as a judge of the Court.

Mr Vandongen SC, who will commence on 2 November 2022, brings to the Court 30 years of experience in the legal profession. Having served as a Crown Prosecutor in both Western Australia and New South Wales and for 14 years at the Independent Bar, Mr Vandongen is a recognised leader of the criminal Bar. He has also practised widely in administrative law and civil law.

Mr Vandongen completed his Bachelor of Laws at the University of Western Australia and was admitted to practice in Western Australia in 1992. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2010.

Chief Justice Peter Quinlan, on behalf of the Court, congratulated Justice Vandongen on his appointment.

'The Court has great pleasure in welcoming Justice Vandongen and his family to the community of the Court,' Chief Justice Quinlan said.

'Justice Vandongen has appeared, with distinction, across the full range of the Court's criminal and civil jurisdiction. We look forward to working with his Honour as he takes up this new role in serving the community and the administration of justice.'

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

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