



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Appointment of Master to the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Western Australia welcomes the appointment of Her Honour Judge Sarah Russell as the Master of the Court.

Judge Russell has been serving as a judge of the District Court of Western Australia since 2 December 2020 and will join the bench of the Supreme Court on 29 January 2024. Her Honour previously practised, for 10 years, as an independent barrister from Francis Burt Chambers and prior to that practised as a solicitor at Clayton Utz and Mallesons Stephen Jaques.

Prior to her appointment as a judge, Judge Russell practised extensively in corporations law and commercial litigation, including competition and consumer law and building and construction disputes. She served for many years as a member of the Bar Council of the Western Australian Bar Association.

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

'We are pleased to welcome Judge Russell to the Court in the vital role as Master', Chief Justice Quinlan said. 'The role of the Master of the Supreme Court is critical to the efficient and just management of the civil jurisdiction of the Court. Judge Russell's decades of experience in commercial and corporate law, together with her proven experience as a judicial officer, make her ideally suited to the office of Master. We look forward to working with her Honour as she takes up this new role.'

Master Russell will be formally welcomed to the Court at a ceremonial sitting on a date to be announced.

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