



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 Mr Matthew Howard SC as a judge of the Court.

Mr Howard SC, who will commence on 17 July 2023, brings over three decades of legal experience to the Court. He is currently practising as a member of the Independent Bar, where he has practised since 1996. Mr Howard was appointed Senior Counsel in 2009.

Mr Howard SC has practised extensively as counsel in a wide range of matters including in criminal law, corporations and commercial law, administrative and constitutional law, and general civil litigation. Mr Howard SC has also held positions as Adjunct Professor at the Law School of the University of Western Australia and has been the Acting Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission since 2016. He was President of the Western Australian Bar Association from 2015 to 2018 and President of the Australian Bar Association from 2019 to 2021.

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

'We are pleased to welcome Justice Howard to the Court and his family to the community of the Court,' Chief Justice Quinlan said. 'Justice Howard's strong reputation for legal excellence and his wide experience across all of the areas of the Court's jurisdiction will make a great contribution to the work of the Court. We look forward to working with his Honour as he takes up this new role in the service of the community and to the administration of justice.'

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

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