



## **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **Supreme Court judge appointed to Court of Appeal.**

Supreme Court judge Geoffrey Miller has been appointed as a judge of appeal at the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Attorney General Jim McGinty said Justice Miller was highly regarded within the judiciary and the legal profession for his vast experience in criminal law.

“He is ideal for the new position as criminal cases comprise an important part of the work of the Court of Appeal,” Mr McGinty said.

“Not only was Justice Miller one of the State’s most accomplished criminal lawyers while in practice, he has specialised in criminal law since his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1998 and presided over numerous criminal trials during that time.

“He has also sat as a member of the Court of Criminal Appeal on many occasions.

“Apart from his prowess in the criminal law area, Justice Miller is seen as a very proficient judge in other areas of the law and is highly regarded for his judicial work across the whole spectrum.”

Justice Miller graduated from UWA in 1963 with first class honours in a Bachelor of Laws.

He was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor after completing articles with HA Craven in 1965.

In 1965, he joined Boulton Godfrey & Virtue as an associate, before becoming a partner of the firm in 1967 and then working as a sole practitioner between 1974 and 1980.

Justice Miller was appointed as a Queen’s Counsel in 1980 and practised until 1998, when he was appointed to the Supreme Court of WA.

Justice Miller fills a vacancy left by retired Supreme Court judge Len Roberts-Smith, who recently became head of the Corruption and Crime Commission.

He will take up his new position on June 7.

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