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## **MEDIA STATEMENT – SENIOR COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS 2015**

The Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Hon Wayne Martin AC, today announced the appointment of two Senior Counsel for 2015, after 19 applications were received. The appointments are **Mr Paul Yovich and Mr John Blackburn.**

Mr Yovich and Mr Blackburn both practise as barristers. Mr Yovich formerly worked for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and now focusses on criminal law. Mr Blackburn specialises in the field of industrial and workplace relations.

Appointment as Senior Counsel is based on eminence in the practice of law, especially in advocacy, unquestioned integrity, availability and independence. A Committee advises the Chief Justice on applications for appointment.

The Committee, chaired by Chief Justice Martin, comprises the President of the Court of Appeal, the Senior Judge of the Supreme Court, the President of the State Administrative Tribunal, the Senior Judge of the Federal Court resident in Perth, the Chief Judge of the Family Court and the Chief Judge of the District Court.

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