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## **MEDIA STATEMENT – SENIOR COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS 2016**

The Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Hon Wayne Martin AC, today announced the appointment of three Senior Counsel for 2016, after 18 applications were received. The appointments are **Mr Darren Jackson, Ms Amanda Forrester and Ms Carmel Barbagallo.**

Mr Jackson practises as a barrister, specialising in the commercial fields of trade practices, intellectual property, insolvency and corporate regulation. Ms Forrester and Ms Barbagallo are criminal prosecutors, employed with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Ms Forrester is currently acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

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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