

## THE AUSTRALIAN BAR ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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The Australian Bar Association welcomes the appointment of Justice Debra Mortimer as Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia.

“As Chief Justice, Justice Mortimer will bring a wealth of experience from her time at the Federal Court and her significant career at the Bar,” said Peter Dunning KC, President of the ABA.

“Early in her career, her Honour served as associate to Sir Gerald Brennan of the High Court. Her Honour is a former member of the Victorian Bar, and acted in significant immigration and environmental matters before being appointed to the Federal Court in 2013. For her work in public interest law, her Honour was awarded the 2011 Law Council of Australia President's Medal, the Victorian Bar's Pro Bono Perpetual Trophy and the Australian Human Rights Commission Law Award. Her Honour will lead the Federal Court with distinction.”

The appointment will be effective from Friday 7 April 2023. Details of the welcome ceremony are yet to be released.