

## AUSTRALIAN BAR ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HON. JUSTICE BROMBERG AS PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

The Australian Bar Association welcomes the appointment of and congratulates the Justice Hon. Mordecai (Mordy) Bromberg on his appointment as President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

Justice Mordy Bromberg is a notable Australian with a long held and deep commitment to the development of the law in Australia.

President of the Australian Bar Association Peter Dunning KC said, "From the ALRC's distinguished first President, the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, to its distinguished most recent President the Hon. Justice Sarah Derrington AM, each President has brought to the role her or his unique legal experience and perspective on the ways in which the law can be meaningfully developed. The ALRC is a better institution for that.

It is important that the President of the ALRC is somebody committed to exploring the ways in which our legal system can be improved, and its boundaries. Justice Mordy Bromberg is well equipped for that task.

Justice Mordy Bromberg brings the attributes of decency, experience on the Federal Court and a commitment to law reform that will ensure that the ALRC continues its task of provoking discussion not only of what the law is, but what it should be."

The Australian Bar Association notes the statement made today by Chief Justice Mortimer regarding certain media coverage concerning Justice Bromberg's appointment. Suffice it is to say in addition to her Honour's statement, the office is disrespected when the officeholder is.

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