

AUSTRALIAN BAR ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES JUSTICE JAGOT ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

The Australian Bar Association welcomes today's announcement that the Hon. Justice Jayne Jagot has been appointed as the 56th person to be a judge of the High Court of Australia.

Justice Jagot will join the Court following a distinguished career as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Her Honour's appointment means that the High Court will have a majority of women judges for the first time in its history.

Justice Jagot will replace the Hon. Justice Patrick Keane AC, who retires next month.

President of the Australian Bar Association, Dr Matt Collins AM KC, said, "I warmly congratulate Justice Jagot on her appointment. Her Honour will serve as a member of Australia's ultimate appellate court with integrity and distinction. On behalf of the legal profession, I also thank Justice Keane for his outstanding service, and the contribution he has made to Australian jurisprudence as a judge of the High Court since March 2013 and in his former roles, and wish his Honour all the best for his forthcoming retirement. Australia is fortunate to have persons of their Honours' calibre who are prepared to serve the community as judicial officers."

Justice Jagot's appointment followed a comprehensive period of consultation by the Attorney-General, that included seeking the views of the ABA on suitable candidates. "The Attorney-General is to be thanked for the consultative way in which this important decision was approached," Dr Collins concluded.

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