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THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE AND DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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The Australian Bar Association (ABA) notes the Government's announcement regarding the appointments of the new Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia.

The new Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia and the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court is to be the Honourable William Alstergren, who is the current Deputy Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court.

Deputy Chief Justice Alstergren has served for many years on the Council of the ABA and has been its immediate past-President in 2017.

The new Deputy Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia is to be the Honourable Justice Robert McClelland.

The ABA pays tribute to the retiring Chief Justice, the Honourable John Pascoe AC CVO for his service to the law and to the judiciary.

ABA President Noel Hutley SC said: "The ABA looks forward to working with the new Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice to ensure the family court reform enables early and cost-effective resolution of family law disputes".