

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**

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## NEW CHIEF JUSTICE FOR VICTORIA

Attorney-General Martin Pakula today announced the appointment of the Honourable Justice Anne Ferguson as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Justice Ferguson, a Victorian Court of Appeal judge, will take up her appointment in early October 2017, replacing retiring Chief Justice Marilyn Warren.

Justice Ferguson was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2010 and to the Court of Appeal in 2014. Prior to her appointment as a judge, Justice Ferguson was a partner at law firm Allens Arthur Robinson, working in insolvency and commercial litigation.

As a solicitor, Justice Ferguson worked on some of Australia's highest profile corporate cases, including the complex litigation that followed the collapses of Opes Prime and the Pyramid Building Society.

Justice Ferguson will be the twelfth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria. She is the first solicitor to be appointed Chief Justice and the second woman in the role.

Justice Ferguson was admitted to legal practice in 1984. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from Monash University, where she won the Supreme Court Prize for the top law student. She also holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Law from the University of Southampton, where she specialised in unfair contracts.

### Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

*"Justice Ferguson is widely respected in the Victorian legal profession and by her judicial colleagues for her intellect, leadership and extensive knowledge of the law."*

*"Justice Ferguson has a legal career spanning more than three decades and has a wealth of experience working as a judge of the Court of Appeal and as a leading solicitor. I congratulate her on this appointment."*

*"I'd also like to thank Marilyn Warren for her service and commitment to the Victorian justice system."*