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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**NEW JUDGES APPOINTED TO FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT OF AUSTRALIA**

Today, I announce the appointment of two new judges to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia: Ms Jane Costigan to the Newcastle Registry and Ms Patrizia Mercuri to the Melbourne Registry.

Ms Costigan will commence in the Newcastle Registry on 8 October 2017. Ms Costigan graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and was admitted to practice as a legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1986. She is currently Solicitor in Charge of the Gosford Office of Legal Aid NSW.

Ms Mercuri will commence in the Melbourne Registry on 25 September 2017. Ms Mercuri graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws from Monash University, and was admitted to practice as a legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1991. She is currently a Partner at Landers & Rogers.

On behalf of the Government, I congratulate Ms Costigan and Ms Mercuri on their appointments, and thank them for their willingness to serve the Australian people in this capacity.

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