



**SENATOR THE HON GEORGE BRANDIS QC  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
MINISTER FOR THE ARTS**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE HONOURABLE MICHELLE GORDON  
TO THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA**

Today, his Excellency the Governor-General accepted the advice of the Government to appoint the Honourable Michelle Marjorie Gordon, a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, as the next Justice of the High Court of Australia. Justice Gordon will replace the Honourable Justice Kenneth Hayne AC, who will reach the statutory retirement on 5 June 2015.

Justice Gordon has enjoyed a distinguished career in the law, both at the Bar and on the Bench.

Her Honour graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Jurisprudence in 1986 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1987.

Justice Gordon was born and educated in Perth and started her legal career at the then leading commercial law practice Robinson Cox (now Clayton Utz) in 1987. In 1988, she moved to Melbourne to practice at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (now Allens). She worked in commercial litigation, and was appointed a Senior Associate at that firm in July 1992. Her Honour was then called to the Victorian Bar in November 1992.

Justice Gordon quickly became one of the leaders at the Bar, establishing a busy practice specialising in commercial law, trade practices and taxation. In 2003, Her Honour took silk after only eleven years.

Justice Gordon was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia in April 2007. The contribution Her Honour has made to the development of the law, particularly in commercial law, is widely recognised by her colleagues on the Bench and at the Bar.

On behalf of the Government, I congratulate Justice Gordon on her appointment. She will be sworn in on 9 June 2015.

May I also take the opportunity to thank Justice Hayne for his many years of distinguished judicial service to the Australian people, and wish him a long, happy and active retirement.

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## THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE MICHELLE GORDON

<b>Current Office</b>	2007-	Judge, Federal Court of Australia
<b>Previous Offices</b>	2003-2007	Senior Counsel, Victorian Bar
	1992-2003	Barrister, Victorian Bar
	1988-1992	Solicitor, Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (now Allens)
	1987-1988	Solicitor, Robinson Cox, Perth (now Clayton Utz Perth)
<b>Degrees</b>		Bachelor of Jurisprudence, University of Western Australia
		Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia