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ABA welcomes Michelle Gordon appointment to High Court of Australia

The Australian Bar Association (ABA) welcomes the announcement today by the Federal Attorney General George Brandis of the appointment of Justice Michelle Gordon to the High Court of Australia.

Justice Gordon replaces outgoing High Court Justice Kenneth Hayne, who retires on 5 June. Ms Gordon will be sworn in on 9 June.

“Justice Gordon is an excellent appointment. She has been an outstanding Federal Court judge since her appointment in 2007 and was a highly regarded advocate at the Victorian Bar with significant experience acting for corporate and regulatory matters, and on complex civil proceedings in the areas of commercial and taxation law,” said Fiona McLeod SC, President of the ABA.

Justice Gordon originates from Perth, graduating from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Jurisprudence in 1986 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1987 before joining a leading commercial law practice.

She moved to Melbourne in 1988, to practice at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (now Allens), signed the Bar Roll in November 1992, and took silk in 2003.

“Justice Gordon was a leader at the Victorian Bar with a practice specialised in commercial law, trade practices and taxation. She is widely regarded and respected, and we regard this is an outstanding appointment to the highest court in our nation,” Ms McLeod concluded.

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