



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

MEDIA RELEASE

APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

I am pleased to announce that his Excellency the Governor-General has agreed to Cabinet's recommendation of the appointment of Brigitte Sandra Markovic as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, based in the Sydney registry.

Ms Markovic will bring exceptional experience as one of Australia's foremost litigation lawyers to the Federal Court bench. I congratulate her on her appointment.

Ms Markovic graduated from the University of New South Wales with the degrees of Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws in 1987. She has been a legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and High Court of Australia since 1988 and the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory since 1997.

Ms Markovic's career has been with the leading commercial law firm Clayton Utz, where she began as a solicitor in 1988. In 1997, at age 32, she became a partner of the firm and was the national managing partner for litigation and dispute resolution for four years.

Ms Markovic's areas of practice include administrative law, corporations law, directors' and officers' duties, professional negligence, commission of inquiry, securities enforcement and insolvency. She has been recognised as a leading individual for Dispute Resolution by both the Chambers Asia Pacific and Chambers Global. Ms Markovic was voted by her peers as one of Australia's Best Lawyers in litigation from 2009 to 2015, Public Law from 2014 to 2015, Regulatory Practice from 2013 to 2015 and Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2015.

Ms Markovic will be sworn in at the Federal Court in Sydney on 24 August 2015.

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