

Law Council regarding reports that a lack of pension access is affecting the retention and recruitment of federal judges:

The following statements can be attributed to Stuart Clark AM, President, Law Council of Australia:

- It is vital that federal court appointments are made so as to avoid a lack of continuity in the courts.
- Delays in the replacement of judges creates severe knock-on effects through the legal system.
- The federal government should investigate whether judicial pensions for federal appointees who do not currently have access to them would make the retention and recruitment of federal judges easier.
- Given the current delays in the replacement of federal judges the Law Council suggests that the Attorney-General should urgently make an open call for expressions of interest.

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