



**SENATOR THE HON GEORGE BRANDIS QC
ATTORNEY-GENERAL
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MEDIA RELEASE

APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jonathan Beach QC as a Judge to the Federal Court of Australia.

Mr Beach will be appointed to the Melbourne registry of the Federal Court and will fill the vacancy left on the resignation of the Hon Justice Julie Dodds-Streeton on 1 April 2014.

Mr Beach will be a great asset to the Federal Court bench and I congratulate him on his appointment.

He has extensive experience across a range of areas, including administrative, commercial and corporations law, as well as energy and resources and trade practices law.

Mr Beach graduated with a Bachelor of Laws, a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne in 1982. In 2009, he received a Masters of Arts from the University of Melbourne.

Mr Beach was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria as a solicitor and barrister in 1984, serving as a solicitor with Blake & Riggall in Melbourne from 1985 to 1987. He began practising at the Victorian Bar in 1987 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1999.

Mr Beach has represented parties in various Royal Commissions, including the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission, the Royal Commission into the Tricontinental Group of Companies (Victoria) and the Longford Royal Commission (Victoria). His recent practice has involved various bushfire class actions in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Mr Beach has served both as a member of the Bar Council and as a member of a professional standards committee of the Victorian Bar Association since 2010.

Mr Beach's appointment will commence on 30 June 2014.

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