

The Hon Robert Clark MP Attorney-General Minister for Finance Minister for Industrial Relations

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## **New appointments to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court**

Attorney-General Robert Clark today announced the appointment of the Honourable Justice Anne Ferguson to the Court of Appeal and Joanne Cameron to the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Mr Clark said both Justice Ferguson and Ms Cameron brought a wealth of experience to the bench.

"Justice Ferguson brings over 29 years of experience as a solicitor and a judge," Mr Clark said.

"Justice Ferguson graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, and was a Supreme Court Prize winner."

Justice Ferguson was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2010. She is heavily involved in the Supreme Court's Commercial Court and Corporations Users Groups and has predominantly sat as a judge in the Corporations List

"Justice Ferguson was the first practising female solicitor and third solicitor appointed directly as a Supreme Court judge, and has made a highly regarded contribution to the Court, particularly in corporations and commercial matters," Mr Clark said.

Mr Clark said Ms Cameron had over 25 years' extensive experience in the law, specialising in complex commercial litigation. She became a partner at Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons) in 1999 and has been the Partner in Charge of the firm's Melbourne office since 2009.

"Ms Cameron brings many years of both legal and management experience to her role on the Court, not only having been a leading partner in a major law firm, but also having served the legal profession and the community in numerous honorary roles."

Ms Cameron has been a Board Member of the Board of Examiners of the Supreme Court since 2007 and previously held the position of Chair of the Board.

Ms Cameron is also currently the Chair of the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army Southern Territory, which delivers over 600 social programs to people in need.

"Ms Cameron was voted by her peers as one of 'Australia's Best Lawyers' in the Financial Review in three consecutive years from 2012 to 2014," Mr Clark said.

"I congratulate both Justice Ferguson and Ms Cameron on their appointments and look forward to their further significant contributions to Victoria's justice system in the years ahead."

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