

of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 1920. He had earlier joined the Political Labor League (later the Labor Party) in 1910. Sir Edward became Attorney-General of New South Wales in 1920 at the age of 28, the youngest person ever to be appointed to that position. He served as Attorney-General from 1920 to 1922 and again from 1925 until 1927 when he retired from State politics and returned to the Bar. He then became part-time Challis lecturer in Roman Law at the University of Sydney for 2 years. In 1929 he was elected to the House of Representatives. He was appointed, together with Dr HV Evatt, to the High Court in 1930 and served as a Justice of that Court for 46 years. Sir Edward was appointed to the High Court at a time when the court had to contend with an extraordinary range of litigation in public and private law, applicable to the circumstances sometimes of peaceful prosperity, sometimes of peaceful adversity and sometimes of war. His was renowned for his sensitivity for individual human rights. He acted as Chief Justice of the High Court on many occasions and for substantial periods. His judgments were distinguished by their clarity and lack of convoluted language. His extensive knowledge of constitutional law and of the common law made an invaluable contribution to the High Court. Sir Edward was appointed Privy Councillor in 1963 and sat on the Privy Council in 1972.

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family court of australia. The Hon Justice John Ellis has been assigned to the Appeal Division of the Family Court of Australia. The Hon Justice Alwynne Rowlands has been appointed a Judge Administrator of the Family Court of Australia. The office of Judge Administrator was created in 1988 and is unique to Australian courts. Judge Administrators assist the Chief Justice and the Deputy Chief Justice in ensuring the orderly and expeditious discharge of the business of the court. The Chief Justice has indicated that

he will assign Justice Rowlands to administer the eastern region of the Court. Justice Ellis, who is the current Judge Administrator for this region, has been assigned to the Appeal Division of the Court and will assist the Chief Justice on other matters. Justice Ellis is the most senior judge of the Court after the Chief Justice and Deputy Justice. In announcing the appointments, the Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney-General, Mr Bowen, said 'Justice Ellis will bring considerable experience to the Appeal Division having previously served two 2-year terms. He will continue to assist the Court in administrative tasks assigned by the Chief Justice. During his time as Judge Administrator of the Eastern Region, the Court has seen a marked reduction and, some cases elimination of delay in the very busy registries under his care. The Chief Justice has indicated the Court's indebtedness to him for this service. Justice Rowlands was appointed a Judge of the Court in April 1988. He has previously been a judge of the County Court of Victoria for four and a half years and the first President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Victoria which he set up. Prior to his appointment to the County Court he was a Queens Counsel practising widely in all jurisdictions.

Mr Alan Hogan, Master of the Supreme Court of the ACT. Mr Alan Hogan, until recently a Special Magistrate on the ACT Magistrate's Court and also served a term as director of the Australian National University Legal Workshop. In 1988, the Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act was amended to provide for the position of Master. Funds were allocated in the 1989 Budget to enable the appointment of a Master. This will be the first appointment of a Master to the Court. The Master will exercise the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court subject to such conditions as are specified in the rules of the court. It is anticipated that he will deal with personal injury and other such matters leaving the judges of the court more time to devote to the more complex and time consuming cases.

Mr Jim Howard and Mr David Schulz. Mr James Thomas Howard has been appointed Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia and Mr David Frank Schulz has been appointed Registrar of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. These are the first Registrar appointments made under the separate administrative arrangements for the Federal Court, the Family Court and the Administrative Appeal Tribunals which came into effect on 1 January 1990 when the Courts and Tribunals Administration Amendment Act 1989 came into operation. The Act gives effect, amongst other things, to the government's intention to confer administrative independence on the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court of Australia and provides a statutory basis to fully implement self-management. The Chief Justices of the Federal Court and the Family Court and the President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal are now responsible for managing the administrative affairs of their court or tribunal. Each is assisted by a Registrar or, in the case of the Family Court, a Chief Executive Officer. No appointment has yet been made to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Family Court. Mr Howard was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1966 and has held the position of Registrar of the Federal Court since 1977. Mr Schulz was admitted to the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in 1979 as a Barrister and Solicitor. He was Registrar of the Security Appeals Tribunal prior to taking up his appointment as Registrar of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in 1989.

judicial registrars of the family court of australia. The Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney-General has announced the appointment of Ms Colleen Anne Moore, Mr William Phillip Johnston, Mr Maxwell Knibbs and Mr Constantine George Nikakis as full time Judicial Registrars of the Family Court of Australia. The appointments of Ms Moore and Mr Nikakis took effect on 18 December 1989. Mr Johnston took up his appointment on 22 January 1990 and Mr

Knibbs will take up his appointment on 5 February 1990. All the appointees except Mr Nikakis will be attached to the Eastern Region of the Family Court which covers Sydney, Parramatta, Newcastle, Wollongong and Dubbo. Mr Nikakis will be attached to the Southern Region which covers Albury, Canberra, Hobart, Launceston, Bendigo, Dandenong and Melbourne. Ms Moore was admitted to the Supreme Court of Queensland as a Solicitor in 1980. She has specialised in family law since 1979. She is a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia. Mr Johnston was admitted to the Supreme Court of Queensland as a Solicitor in 1972. He has specialised in family law since the commencement of the Family Law Act in 1976. He was Principal Registrar of the Family Court from 1986 to 1988 before going to private legal practice in 1989. Mr Knibbs was admitted to the New South Wales Supreme Court in 1953. He has been in private practice since that time and has specialised in family law matters since 1971. Mr Nikakis was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria as a Barrister and Solicitor in 1961. He has spent most of his legal career at the Bar and since 1978 has practised exclusively in family law. Judicial Registrars will perform work of a kind similar to that performed by Masters of the State Supreme Courts. They will relieve the judges of the court of the more minor and routine work that they presently perform and this enable the judges to concentrate on more important and difficult cases.

Professor Cheryl Saunders. Professor Cheryl Saunders, a Melbourne lawyer and academic, has been reappointed as President of the Administrative Review Council. Her reappointment will take effect on 9 February 1990 for a period of three years. Professor Saunders is a Professor of Law at Melbourne University. She has specialist research and teaching interests in public law, including comparative public law. She has been a member of the Council since 1981 and President of the Council since 1987.

administrative appeals tribunal. The Hon TE Barnett has been appointed a full-time senior member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He is attached to the Perth Registry of the Tribunal. Mr Barnett was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1960. After several years in private practice, Mr Barnett lectured in law at Melbourne University and the University of Papua New Guinea before joining the Department of Chief Minister, Papua New Guinea. In October 1984, Mr Barnett was appointed as acting judge of the Papua New Guinea National Court of Justice. He was appointment judge of the National Court of Justice and Supreme Court in 1985.

australian law reform commission. Professor James Crawford and Mr Nicholas Seddon have been reappointed as part-time members of the ALRC. The reappointment of Professor Crawford, the Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney, will enable him to continue his contribution on the Customs and Excise and Choice of Law projects and to complete the second report on the Admiralty reference. Mr Seddon, a senior lecturer at the Australian National University, will continue with his work on major law reform projects in the Australian Capital Territory. Professor Crawford has been reappointed until 31 December 1990 and Mr Seddon has been reappointed until 31 December 1991. Robin McKenzie was appointed Associate to the President in November 1989 and a Law Reform Officer on 15 January 1990. Evelyn McWilliams and Connie Rae-Ballhause were appointed Project Assistants on 2 January 1990 to help on the Customs and Excise and Multiculturalism references respectively. Lynne Munnich, a personal secretary, returned from a very successful period of study leave on 2 January 1990. She has almost completed her Arts Degree at the University of Sydney. Tom Hume commenced as an Administrative Services Officer on 20 November 1989. Mr Greg Boyd has been seconded to the Commission from the Australian Customs Service for 6 months. The Commis-

sion's roving librarian, Ms Joanna Longley, has returned from long service leave in Italy narrowly escaping matrimony to several Italian counts. Judy Bennett ceased working as a Law Reform Officer on 3 November 1989 and now works as a solicitor with the Sydney firm Craddock, Murray and Neumann.

nswlrc. Since 30 September 1989 the NSWLRC has been constituted by Mr Keith Mason QC, Chairman, Mr Ronald Sackville and Professor Helen Gamble, Commissioners. The former part-time Commissioner whose terms expired on 30 September 1989 were Dr JW Carter, Professor JLR Davis, Professor Brent Fisse, Mr Greg James QC. Mr Eva Learner, Justice Jane Mathews, Professor Colin Phegan and Mr HD Sperling QC. It has been announced that Mr Justice Hope, who retires from the NSW Court of Appeal on 2 February 1990 will commence as part-time Chairman of the Commission on 5 February 1990. The Commission has two new members of its legal staff. Joanne Bunt, formerly with the Legal Aid Commission, joins the Commission as a senior legal officer. Alexandra Shehadie, who has worked for the last two years at Macquarie Legal Centre, joins the Commission as a legal officer. Bailey Compton who has previously worked with the Commission, has returned on secondment for a number of months.

ntlrc. Linda Weatherhead has been appointed acting Executive Officer of the Committee until 30 November 1990. The Executive Officer, Stephen Herne, will be on long service leave until then. Ms Weatherhead is currently a Research Officer with the VLRC.

vlcc. An officer of the VLCC, Ms Gail Furness, resigned on 11 October 1990.

walrc. Robert Broertjes, Senior Research Officer, has resigned from the staff of the Commission. He joined the Commission in 1975.