## **New Appointments**

## Senior Counsel

n the 2nd October, Chief Justice Brian Martin announced the appointment of Dr Nanette Rogers and Mr Alistair Wyvill as Senior Counsel in the Northern Territory. Both Dr Rogers and Mr Wyvill have demonstrated all the attributes required for appointment as Senior Counsel which are summarised in the following terms:

- (a) exemplary knowledge and understanding of the law;
- (b) a high level of skill as an advocate;
- (c) integrity and trustworthiness;
- (d) commitment to the best traditions of the bar and to the administration of justice;
- (e) maturity of judgment acquired from substantial experience in legal practice.'

Dr Nanette Rogers SC obtained a Bachelor of Arts in 1977 and



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a Bachelor of Laws in 1979. In 1990 she obtained a Master of Laws with First Class Honours from the University of Sydney and became a Doctor of Philosophy from that University in 1999. After being admitted to practise as a solicitor in New South Wales in July 1979, Dr Rogers practised at the Redfern Legal Centre for ten years before being admitted to practise in the Northern Territory in 1990. Following her admission in the Territory. Dr Rogers worked for three years as an advocate at the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service. In 1998 Dr Rogers was appointed a Crown prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in the Northern Territory and has been in charge of the Alice Springs office since 2000. Dr Rogers has prosecuted many major trials in the Supreme Court and has regularly appeared as counsel for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Mr Alistair Wyvill SC obtained degrees in economics and law (with honours) from the University of Queensland in 1980 and 1984. In 1992 he obtained a Masters of Law with Distinction from the University of London and received the Herbert Smith Award from University College London for the highest overall Masters Degree. Mr Wyvill was first admitted to practise as a solicitor in Queensland in 1984 and then moved to the Territory where he was also admitted to practise. After two years as a litigation solicitor, Mr Wyvill travelled



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for several months before returning to Darwin in December 1986 where he signed the Bar Roll and commenced practise as a barrister with William Forster Chambers. Apart from the year in which he completed his Masters of Law, Mr Wyvill practised as a barrister in the Northern Territory and lectured in public international law. In July 1998 Mr Wyvill emigrated to the United Kingdom and in November that year was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple. He commenced practise as a barrister from St Philips Chambers in Birmingham in January 1999 and remained in practise in the United Kingdom, specialising in commercial law, until returning to Australia in 2008. Since July 2008 Mr Wyvill has practised as a barrister in the Northern Territory. Mr Wyvill has appeared in counsel in many large commercial cases and since returning to the Northern Territory has regularly appeared in all jurisdictions of the Supreme Court. 1