

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MAGISTRATES COURT

JUDGE BUTLER, Chief Magistrate

IN THE MATTER OF THE SWEARING-IN OF MAGISTRATES

JOHN JOSEPH MCGRATH,
KERRY THERESE MAGEE AND
VIRGINIA ELLEN STURGESS

AS MAGISTRATES OF QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE

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Also present:

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On behalf of the Government of Queensland:

The Honourable Kerry Shine, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

On behalf of the Bar Association:

Mr M J Byrne QC, Vice-President

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On behalf of the Queensland Law Society:

Mr I Berry

On behalf of the Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General:

Ms J Grantham

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The Honourable Justice Atkinson

The Honourable Justice Holmes

Her Honourable Justice Wilson

Chief Judge Wolfe

His Honour Judge Irwin

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Her Honour Judge Clare

Federal Magistrate Anne Demack

Mr Philip Hack, Deputy President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

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MICHAEL MOLONEY APPOINTED AS RECORDER

HIS HONOUR: I'll now ask Ms Magee to take the oath of office.

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OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

HIS HONOUR: I'll ask Mr McGrath to take the oath.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

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HIS HONOUR: I'll call on Ms Sturgess.

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HIS HONOUR: We warmly welcome Magistrates Magee, McGrath and Sturgess upon their appointment to this Court. In doing so, I speak on behalf of all the Magistrates of the Court, those present and many - especially those in regional Queensland who cannot be present today. At the outset I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we gather today. I note with pleasure the presence of the Attorney-General; Vice-President of the Bar Association; the President of the Law Society; Justice Holmes; Justice Atkinson of the Supreme Court; Chief Judge Wolfe; Judge Irwin and Judge Clare of the District Court; Federal Magistrate Anne Demack; Tribunal Members; the Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, and the Crown Solicitor. The Honourable Justice Kiefel of the High Court, Justice Barry and Federal Magistrate Baumann, all of whom cannot be present today, ask their apologies be noted.

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I would, in particular, like to welcome the relatives and friends of our three new Magistrates. I make special mention of Magistrate Magee's sisters, Christine Fentiman and Bernadette and Paula Magee; Magistrate McGrath's mother, Lucy McGrath, and brothers Dan and Tim McGrath and sister Mary Brodie; and Magistrate Sturgess' husband, Brett, and her son and daughter, William and Charlotte.

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With these appointments the number of current serving Magistrates will be 86. Magistrates are appointed to 31 different centres in Queensland and circuit to 83 other locations throughout the State. These appointments demonstrate once again the decentralised nature of the Magistrates Court, with the appointees taking up positions at Rockhampton, Southport and Ipswich respectively.

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Each of these three new Magistrates brings to the Bench long experience in the law. Magistrate Magee practised as a solicitor on the Gold Coast for 10 years before moving to private practice as a barrister. Her Honour has, for the past 14 years, been a respected member of the local Bar and has served as Vice-President of the Gold Coast Bar Association. Her Honour's extensive experience in civil litigation will enhance the quality of our Bench. Magistrate Magee will preside at the Southport Magistrates Court from next week.

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Magistrate McGrath spent many years in the Magistrates Court service, followed by periods as a solicitor and then a barrister. He has served with the Legal Aid office and, more recently, the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in

Rockhampton. His Honour has practised law in Rockhampton since 1991 where, I'm advised, he is held in high regard by his colleagues in the profession. Magistrate McGrath will return to Rockhampton to take up his position on the Bench there.

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Magistrate Sturgess brings both practical and theoretical legal skills to her new position. After commencing practice as a solicitor, Magistrate Sturgess became a Prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions where she served as Crown Prosecutor for five years and progressed to being a Senior Crown Prosecutor. For the past 13 years, Magistrate Sturgess has held positions in the Department of Justice where she was responsible for developing proposals for legislation, particularly in regard to the criminal law. Immediately prior to Her Honour's appointment, she was Assistant Director, Strategic Policy, in the department. Magistrate Sturgess' wealth of knowledge about the criminal law and the legislation which we're required to interpret will be of great value to the Court. Her Honour will preside in the Ipswich Magistrates Court.

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These three appointments continue the high quality of the Magistrates Court Bench. I wish each of their Honours well as they enter this significant new stage in their legal careers. Mr Attorney?

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Thank you. May it please the Court, I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land in which we gather today. Might I also acknowledge, of course, the Chief Magistrate; Deputy Chief Magistrate; upper Magistrates; Supreme and Federal and Family Court Judges and the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court; members of the Tribunals; Michael Byrne QC, representing the Bar; Mr Ian Berry, representing the Queensland Law Society; Crown Solicitor, Mr Cooper; Director-General of my department, Julie Grantham.

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Chief Magistrate, today we welcome three new Magistrates to the Bench of the Magistrates in Queensland. As you can see from the number of people attending this ceremony, these new members of your Bench are highly regarded by the profession and will bring a range of skills and experience to their new positions.

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Appointments to the Magistrates Court are of significant importance, particularly in the criminal justice system. It is the Court with which the greatest majority of people who come before the Courts in Queensland will have contact. In fact, the former Chief Magistrate, Judge Irwin, who's here today, has previously observed the Magistrates Court is the place where most members of the community form their first impressions of and their perceptions of the Queensland criminal justice system. So the role of the Magistrates is diverse with the range of matters that come before a Magistrate on any given day that range from complex civil or industrial disputes to straightforward criminal matters.

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Now that the former Chief Magistrate is not the Chief Magistrate I feel at liberty to quote him and without fear of taking his wind out of his sails in any subsequent comments that he made. In a speech he gave to the students of the Bar practice course in 2004, the former Chief Magistrate gave the following examples to illustrate the point that I made. "In the short time I have been on the Court I have had the experience of having complex litigation with senior counsel appearing on one end of the scale and, on the other, presiding over cases where people have been assaulted by watermelons, a police officer who was assaulted by having a dog thrown at him, and somebody else whose choice of weapon was not a mallet but a mullet." It is to this Court that we welcome you, Magistrate's Magee, McGrath and Sturgess.

Magistrate Magee, of course, was born in Melbourne but moved to Queensland with her family whilst at primary school, making the Gold Coast your home. I'd like to acknowledge your family members who have been able to join you for today's ceremony. After receiving your Bachelor of Laws degree with honours from the University of Queensland, you worked as a solicitor for 10 or 12 years at firms on the Gold Coast before being admitted as a barrister. Magistrate Magee, you are not unfamiliar with the Courtroom, of course, having practised exclusively in litigation both as a solicitor and as a barrister, predominantly, as I understand it, in the civil area.

Your Honour's also an accredited mediator and case appraiser of the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts. Your Honour's community service to the legal profession has also been commendable. You have served as a member of the Accident Compensation Committee of the Queensland Law Society and Vice President of the Gold Coast Bar Association. Magistrate Magee, your appointment to Southport brings the Court back to its full complement following the transfer of Magistrate Lee to Brisbane. On behalf of the Governor of Queensland, I welcome you and wish you well.

Magistrate McGrath, you've been appointed, as has been mentioned, to the Court at Rockhampton. Your Honour, of course, is no stranger, as we've heard, to Rockhampton, having worked in both the Magistrates Court and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in that city. Your service in the Magistrates Court, in fact, has led you to many and vast parts of the state, from Thursday Island to Longreach, in drought and flooding rain. On one occasion, driving from Windorah to Isisford, the dirt road had been covered with grass and debris after a flood so that it was barely discernable. I'm advised that this meant that you had to stop every now and then, climb a tree to ascertain where the road went before climbing down and heading on your way. So that trip of 150 kilometres took about 12 hours.

Rockhampton, situated as it is almost on the tropic of Capricorn, has a very tropical climate which can sometimes be a little daunting for those from moderate climes. We are informed that the British novelist Anthony Trollope visited Rockhampton in the latter part of the 19th century and

famously described it as a city of sin, sweat and sorrow. He went on to describe Rockhampton, "I too died and went to hell." The first night he was there, Trollope was certain he was yelling for blankets. However, Rockhampton today is a thriving regional city, the unofficial capital of central Queensland, with a buoyant economy based on rural industry, mining and tourism.

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The legal profession in Rockhampton will, I am confident, welcome you with a warm appreciation of the wealth of experience that you bring to your new role. To your mother, Lucy, and your brothers, Don and Tom, and your sister Mary, we welcome them to this ceremony to mark this most important milestone in your career.

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Magistrate Sturgess, your appointment to the Bench has been warmly welcomed by all who have had the pleasure of working with you over the years. I'm pleased that your husband, Brett, and your children, William and Charlotte, are able to join us today. You have graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with honours from the University of Queensland. You embarked on your legal career on the solicitors branch of the profession but the lure of the Courtroom saw you transfer to practice as a barrister. You have worked as a Crown solicitor, as has been mentioned, in the office of the DPP, more recently within the Strategic Policy Unit of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General where you have contributed to policy development and legislation that has been passed in Parliament.

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In recognition of your contribution to the department you have received two Australia Day Achievement Awards from the department in 2000, and again in 2008. You have provided advice to Government over many years, including a personal request for advice from the former Premier, Mr Beattie. I will borrow from the words of one your colleagues in congratulating you on your appointment. He opined that you have always brought an ethical and principled approach to your policy advice and, from my personal knowledge, I support those sentiments. These are attributes which you will bring to your new role as a Magistrate together with a sound knowledge of the law, particularly the criminal law. You will, however, be very sadly missed by your colleagues at Justice and Attorney-General, including myself.

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I welcome the three new Magistrates to the Bench. Your Honours bring a range of career and life experience to the Magistrates Court which will be richer for your having joined its ranks. I thank you for your preparedness to take on what is an important and demanding role in the administration of justice in Queensland. Your daily work will touch the lives of many Queenslanders. I have no doubt that you will be reminded daily of the importance of your decisions. I have every confidence you will shoulder the responsibility of your role with the dignity that it deserves. May it please the Court.

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HIS HONOUR: Mr Byrne.

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MR BYRNE: Your Honour, Judge Butler; Chief Magistrate; Deputy Chief Magistrate Hine; Magistrates of this Court; the Judges and judicial officers of other jurisdictions; Mr Attorney; Mr Ian Berry of the Law Society. May it please the Court, the person at the Bar, Michael Stewart SC, has asked me to convey his regret at not being able to attend today. His absence, however, means my pleasure in being able to welcome to the Bench three outstanding appointments, in the Bar's view.

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It's abundantly clear that each of you bring to the Court a depth of experience throughout and across the legal jurisdiction. Your Honours not only have Courtroom experience; you have experience in the world of life and have lived the law for many years. The Attorney has said how important this Court is to the life of the law in the State. It is the principle interface between the citizens and the legal system. It covers a width and breadth of jurisdiction which can only be imagined by others not sitting in the jurisdiction.

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Digressing if I may, briefly, to particulars and in my own particular order, may I address each of your Honours briefly. Your Honour, Magistrate McGrath has a wealth of experience in the justice system and would, I think, be one of the very few in the legal world who has experience in all of the following; the Magistrates Court service, a solicitor in private practice in a regional area, a barrister in private practice in another regional area, a barrister in the Legal Aid office and then in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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Your Honour's characteristic, if I may respectfully say so, of being positively friendly and welcoming to both colleagues and erstwhile opponents will, I believe, give the legal profession and citizens of Rockhampton a considerable asset in your new judicial role. On a personal note, your Honour, if I may so, it's not inappropriate, I would observe that one could bet on your Honour's successful transition to this Court.

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Your Honour, Magistrate Sturgess also has the benefit of having worked in both branches of the profession during your career. As a solicitor that too was in a regional area and in your role as a barrister it has extended, as the Attorney has said. Your Honour's extensive experience in the criminal law includes your role as a senior Crown Prosecutor, a role in which I was fortunate enough to work beside your Honour and see you perform, with respect, with aplomb in that important role in the justice system. Since that time, your Honour has had a pivotal role in drafting many of the laws which you in your new role will have to apply. The Bar looks forward in such circumstances to informed and authoritative interpretations of those laws from your Honour's Bench.

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Your Honour, Magistrate Magee completes the clean sweep of new Magistrates and have practised in both branches of the law. You have, as has been said by the Attorney, been a

Vice-President of the Gold Coast Bar Association with a practice at all levels, including the appellant level. My sources inform me, your Honour, that as a solicitor and moving into practice as counsel, you worked closely and were to a degree mentored by the late Mr Alan Couper of Primrose Couper Cronin and Rudkin. On a personal note, may I convey the best wishes and congratulations of Mrs Elizabeth Couper to your Honour on your appointment and, as your Honour would be aware, as part of that legal background, Mr Couper also regularly briefed as junior counsel, as your Honour then was, the then Bill Pincus and the then Susan Kiefel who sends an apology today. Your Honour's only role then as a judicial officer is happily anticipated by the Queensland Bar.

Your Honours, may I indicate that in carrying out your new and important roles, each of you will have the support and assistance of members of the Queensland Bar. On behalf of the Bar counsel and of the members of the Queensland Bar I extend to your Honours our best wishes for a fulfilling, challenging and happy time on the Bench. May it please the Court.

HIS HONOUR: Mr Berry.

MR BERRY: If it may please the Court, Mr Kerry Shine, the Attorney-General; the Minister for Justice and the Minister assisting the Premier in Western Queensland; Judge Butler; the Deputy Chief Magistrates; Supreme Court Justices; the Chief Judge and Judges and other Federal Magistrates and honourable Magistrates not at the Bench and, of course, your Honours on the Bench, it is always a very great pleasure to come to this Court and represent as President of the 7,600-odd solicitors that we have now in our branch of the profession, so we collectively congratulate you on your appointments.

That three Magistrates should be sworn in the same day, while it's not a unique event, is nevertheless an indication of how busy and demanding this Court is. The fact that one of you have been elevated to the Magistrates Court of Ipswich is, of course, another matter, and no doubt I'll probably meet you in due course. All three of you come from different backgrounds and I believe this is important. It maintains the diversity in the Court and I believe that's essential for it truly represents the perspectives and the experiences of all Queenslanders.

Magistrate McGrath, formerly a senior legal officer with the Rockhampton office of Director of Public Prosecutions, you were admitted as a barrister in 1990 and worked as a barrister having an extensive practice in Rockhampton prior to joining the local Legal Aid office in 1995 and then progressing to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 1996. To have experience in prosecution, defence and as a barrister in private practice can only be described as a thorough apprenticeship for the Magistracy and we wish you the best.

Magistrate Magee, you were admitted in 1984 and subsequently in 1994 admitted as a barrister and you've had a busy practice at Southport appearing practically in every Court from the

Magistrates Court to the Federal Court. I'm not going to ask you as to how you got that injury, only for the reason that I understand bicycles are a little bit of a problem with judicial officers. When Magistrate Magee was a solicitor she had a substantial involvement with the QLS, for which we thank you, and being a member of the Accident Compensation Committee and as a presenter of QLS continue in legal education seminars and, again, we thank you for that, and I might say that many of your friends are very pleased to hear of your appointment and I join with them on that.

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Magistrate Sturgess, I understand you've drawn the short straw in coming to Ipswich. Can I say that your experience in the Department of Justice and Attorney-General where you were a senior officer, indeed, admitted as a barrister in 1988, I noted that your work at the Justice and Attorney-General's Department required interaction, among other things, with the Magistracy and this required an understanding of the practical and operational issues facing the Court and you have that perspective to bring to this Court for which we thank you. Certainly, your Honour, you're about to find out, I suppose, of the Magistracy from the inside and you're well equipped to do so.

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To all three Magistrates I extend both my personal congratulations and best wishes, and certainly on behalf of the 7,600 solicitors of Queensland, and wish you an excellent mutual respectful professional relationship and we wish you well. Thank you, your Honour.

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HIS HONOUR: I now ask Magistrate Magee to respond.

MAGISTRATE MAGEE: Thank you. I would like to thank the Chief Magistrate, Judge Butler; the Attorney-General; Mr Byrne and Mr Berry for your kind words. I would also like to thank members of other judicial bodies who have attended here today and my colleagues of the Magistrates Court.

In 1977 when I announced my intention to study law someone close to me advised me against it on the basis that no-one would employ a woman lawyer. Today, as on many occasions over the last 30-plus years, I am inordinately pleased that I ignored that advice. I am also pleased that I have demonstrated the advice to be ill-founded and that no-one announcing today their intention to study law would receive such advice.

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I'd like to use this occasion to publicly acknowledge a few of my colleagues from whom I have obtained assistance and inspiration throughout my career. I was extremely fortunate to have been articulated to Frank McLaughlin of McLaughlin Gordon & Lennon at Surfers Paradise. Frank was and is a man very learned in the law, but most significant for a person just embarking on their career was Frank's approach to the practice of law. Frank regarded the practice of law as a profession as distinct from a business.

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He demonstrated a high standard of integrity and professionalism in his practice and sought to instil those high standards in all of those who worked with him. Not that Frank always succeeded. For example, his insistence that papers belong in file and files belong in filing cabinets eluded me, as anyone who has ever seen my office or Chambers can attest.

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In recent times I have all too frequently read briefs which contain a rude and bullying exchange of correspondence between solicitors and I am evermore appreciative of the example and guidance which I received from Frank, whilst I lament that not every young practitioner receive the benefit of such example and guidance. When I left McLaughlin Gordon and Lennon I went to work for Primrose Couper Cronin Rudkin at Southport. Again I was extremely fortunate in that that firm had, as its consultant, Alan Couper. Like Frank McLaughlin, Alan was extremely learned in the law and extremely professional in his practise of it. As a young practitioner, I would often consult Alan. He was always extremely generous in sharing his knowledge and experience.

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As a solicitor practising almost exclusively in litigation, I briefed and befriended a then junior counsel named Kate Holmes. I was fortunate to have Justice Holmes as a role model and mentor. When I went to Bar, her assistance was particularly valuable too, and after her appointment I valued her continuing encouragement which has been of incalculable benefit to me.

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I would also like to thank my Chamber colleagues for their assistance throughout my career.

Finally, I'd like to thank my family. On this, the eleventh anniversary of my father's death, I think it appropriate to express my appreciation for his unwavering belief in the value of education and his instilling in me from a very young age a belief that I could and would go on to tertiary education. My mother is currently overseas and, unfortunately, can't be here today, but I thank my four siblings for travelling from the Gold Coast to share this very special occasion with me.

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HIS HONOUR: Now I call on Magistrate McGrath.

MAGISTRATE MCGRATH: Mr Attorney, your Honour the Chief Magistrate, your Honour the Deputy Chief Magistrate, Mr Byrne, Mr Berry, distinguished visitors, I think I can now say colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, thank you all for your attendance here today. It's wonderful to see so many people who will take time out of what are probably busy schedules to be here. I think that displays the respect that you all hold for the Court and for those that staff it.

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I thank all of the speakers for their kind words which are both comforting and encouraging. I thank his Honour the Chief Magistrate and his staff, particularly Nicola and Rachel, for their assistance since my appointment has been announced. Their help has been invaluable in securing what has really

been a seamless transition. My thanks also go to the many Magistrates who have this week proffered advice and encouragement, particularly his Honour Mr Nunan, who has been and will be guiding us through this week.

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Returning to this Court is, in some ways, a homecoming for me. As you know, I commenced my working life in this Court, before moving on to other things in 1990. As I look around the room I see a number of people with whom I've worked. His Honour the Deputy Chief Magistrate is a person I worked with in Mount Isa. Others who are now Magistrates are people with whom I worked with as a depositions clerk here in Brisbane, and there are still others who I worked with in different capacities. If my time on this Bench is as fulfilling as my previous service in the Court, I will be very fortunate. One thing I've always admired of the Court and, consequently, those that staffed it, was a willingness and determination for justice to be delivered, particularly in times of adverse and trying conditions.

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I well remember going to a small town in western central Queensland to do a committal. It was quite some time ago, before section 110A of the Justices Act had been enacted. Tapes were things that only Brisbane Courts had the luxury of and therefore everything had to be recorded on a noiseless typewriter. While the committal was happening a storm came over. Storms were a rarity in that town. The upshot of it was that, when it came, the rain washed bird lice down out of the ceiling, all over everyone. As a result, the Court had to be adjourned so that the defendant, the witness, those at the Bar table, the Magistrate and myself could all be doused with methylated spirits to stop the itching. After that was done the Court was resumed and the proceedings concluded.

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If I was to publicly acknowledge everyone who has played a part in my being here today, we would be here for quite a long time. Whilst I don't intend to do that, there are some people who must be mentioned and recognised. I am grateful to the many Magistrates with whom I have worked for extended periods of time, particularly the late Jim Gaffney and Bill Paige. A long time ago I formed the opinion that, if ever I was appointed a Magistrate, I would mould myself on them, particularly in the way they conducted themselves and also their Courts.

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I am delighted to have my brothers and sister, Dan, Mary and Tim and their families here. They have always been a wonderful source of support and help. I am particularly pleased to have my mother present. Dad died some years ago. When we were growing up, Mum taught up two important creeds to live by. Firstly, to respect others and trust - and treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves; and secondly, to help those who were less fortunate than we were. The debt I owe my parents is immeasurable and one I will never be able to repay.

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Finally, I congratulate my colleagues sworn-in with me today. I hope their time on the Bench is both enjoyable and fulfilling. May it please the Court.

HIS HONOUR: Magistrate Sturgess?

MAGISTRATE STURGESS: Thank you, Judge. Judge, my fellow Magistrates, Attorney-General, Mr Byrne and Mr Berry, judicial officers, my fellow Magistrates - if I didn't already say that - and particularly my friends, former colleagues and family, I thank you for the welcome that you've extended to me today in joining the ranks of the Queensland Magistracy. I have a very great respect for the strengths and traditions of Queensland's justice system and I am both honoured and conscious of the confidence that's placed in me by the community to do this role and to administer justice according to law, and I'm very grateful for the comments that have been made about me by the Attorney and Mr Byrne and Judge Butler.

I have worked in the justice system for over 20 years in the various capacities of solicitor, Crown Prosecutor and, most recently, in the development of justice policy and legislation for the Department of Justice, and I am very much looking forward to this next stage in my legal career. I have had the good fortune to work with very many good and talented people over the years who have taught me, mentored me and supported me, and time simply would not permit me to name them all and as many of them I can see here in this room today I will be able to thank you in person later.

As Mr Byrne acknowledged, I did work with him in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. I was also fortunate in my time as a Crown Prosecutor to coincide with the time that Judge Butler was the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, so I'm looking forward to working with Judge Butler again; and going even further back before I became a solicitor, when I was a clerk in the DPP I worked with Magistrate Hennessy. So there are some nice confluences of events bringing us back together again.

As has been noted, for the last 12 years I have worked in the strategic policy unit in the Department of Justice and some people might not know the role of that unit, but it is responsible for the development of legislative and policy initiatives for the Attorney-General and the Justice Department, and my particular role was as head of the criminal law team and so I have worked on a wide variety of amendments to legislation that impact on this Court and the administration of justice generally. So I am confident that my experience in that area will be an asset to this Court.

I certainly know that I will miss working with all of the wonderful people who work in strategic policy. I do not regard an appointment at Ipswich as 'drawing the short straw', in fact, I am really looking forward to having the opportunity to make a contribution to the community of Ipswich and one of my more selfish reasons for accepting the appointment was that

I in fact, live a lot closer to Ipswich than I do to Brisbane
and I will enjoy a shorter commute than I currently do.

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Finally, I would like to thank my family for all the support
they have given me all throughout my life. My sister, Elaine
and her husband Scott are here today, but unfortunately my
father, Peter and my brother, Alex are on holidays in New
Zealand; my brother, Jonathan has work commitments and my
sister, Isobel is living in the UK so they were unable to
attend. My mother sadly passed away 10 years ago, but I know
she would be very proud. My husband, Brett has always been a
tower of strength to me and supportive of my career, in
particular at times such as this when, on short notice the
family life and routine is disrupted. He has been with me for
almost all of my professional career and has often times been
a bit more ambitious for me than I have been for myself and I
thank him for his unending support. And finally, I thank my
children, William and Charlotte who very kindly agreed to take
an afternoon off school just so they could share this special
day with me. Thank you.

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HIS HONOUR: Thanks. In my opening remarks I failed to
acknowledge Justice Wilson of the Supreme Court and Mr Hack,
Deputy President of Administrative Appeals Tribunal, and I do
so now. Thank you all for your presence today. You're
invited to join the new Magistrates for some refreshments on
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