

# Simon Corbell MLA

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### New Judicial Appointments to ACT Supreme Court

Attorney General Simon Corbell MLA is pleased to today announce two new appointments to the ACT Supreme Court.

"I am pleased today to announce the appointment of two new resident judges with Hilary Penfold PSM QC and Richard Refshauge SC agreeing to accept positions on the ACT Supreme Court left vacant by the sudden death of Justice Terry Connolly and the retirement of Justice Ken Crispin," Mr Corbell said.

"In accordance with a new ACT judicial appointment process, a strong field of possible judicial candidates was identified following advertising and community and legal stakeholder advice. Following consultation with the Chief Justice, offers were made to Ms Penfold and Mr Refshauge.

"I am delighted that Ms Penfold and Mr Refshauge have accepted appointment to these important judicial roles, their expertise and experience will be valuable additions to the Court.

"Both are long standing citizens of our city and have made significant contributions in their respective fields. They have reached the pinnacle of achievement in their chosen careers and it is fitting that their skills and capacity will now be dedicated to the work of the Court."

Resumes of Ms Penfold and Mr Refshauge are as follows.

#### *Hilary Penfold PSM QC*

Hilary Ruth Penfold PSM QC completed Arts and Law (Honours) degrees at ANU before being admitted to practice in the ACT.

Ms Penfold joined the Commonwealth Office of Parliamentary Counsel in 1977 and worked there for more than 20 years, as a legislative drafter and for ten years as First Parliamentary Counsel. She was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2000 and appointed a Commonwealth Queen's Counsel in 2001. She has been a member of the Board of Taxation (2000-2004) and President of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel (1999-2003).

In February 2004 Ms Penfold was appointed Secretary of the newly-created Department of Parliamentary Services, which is responsible for managing Parliament House and its art collection, and for most support services for the Parliament, including

security, ICT, Hansard and parliamentary broadcasting, and the Parliamentary Library. She chairs the Parliament House Security Management Board and is the Secretary of the Historic Memorials Committee.

*Richard Refshauge SC*

Richard Refshauge is a long time ACT legal practitioner. He has held the office of Director of Public Prosecutions for the Australian Capital Territory since 1998 (prior to this he was senior litigation partner at the national firm of Deacon Graham & James (and its predecessors Sly & Weigall and Macphillamy Cummins and Gibson), from 1981). He is an Adjunct Professor at the Australian National University and the University of Canberra.

As a member of the Rules Advisory Committee, he worked closely with the late Justice Connolly on the development of harmonised Court Rules. He has also been Chair of the ACT Law Society's Criminal Law Committee and Deputy Chair of its Civil Law Committee.

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