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JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

Overview:

- The Honourable Diana Bryant was appointed Chief Justice on 05/07/04.
- The Honourable Justice Faulks was appointed Deputy Chief Justice on 25/06/04.

- As at **18 February 2008** there are a total of **41 Family Court of Australia** Judges, including the Chief Justice, Deputy Chief Justice and FCoA Appeal Division Judges.
- There are currently **3** Judicial Registrars.
- The Family Court of WA has **5** Judges including the Chief Judge

- The Following Judges have informed the Governor-General of their intent to resign their Commissions:
 - Justice Kay (Melbourne) 25/02/2008
 - Justice Guest (Melbourne) 05/05/2008
 - Justice Carmody (Brisbane) 08/07/08

- Judicial Registrar Forbes (Adelaide) has informed the Governor-General of his intent to resign his office as a Judicial Registrar on 22 February 2008

Appeal Division

- On appointment, the Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice were also assigned to the Appeal Division
- Chief Judge Stephen Thackary (FCWA) was formally assigned to the Appeal Division on 16/11/06, replacing Chief Judge Michael Holden (WA).
- There are **9** Judges assigned to the Appeal Division

Appointments

- Ten (**10**) Judges have been appointed since March 2002:

Young J	appointed to Melbourne on 26/08/02
O'Reilly J	appointed to Brisbane on 10/01/03
Carmody J	appointed to Brisbane on 7/07/03
Watts J	appointed to Sydney on 14/04/05
Benjamin J	appointed to Hobart on 19/08/05
Bennett J	appointed to Melbourne on 30/11/05
Ryan J	appointed to Newcastle on 31/07/06
Cronin J	appointed to Melbourne on 20/12/06
Murphy J	appointed to Brisbane on 11/10/2007
Fowler J	appointed to Sydney on 16/11/2007

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Retirements

- 17 FCoA Judges have retired on or since March 2002

Smithers J	(Melbourne)	15/03/02	(Young J appointed)
Jerrard J	(Brisbane)	29/05/02	(O'Reilly J appointed)
Robinson J	(Adelaide)	19/06/02	
Lindenmayer J	(Brisbane)	31/12/02	(Carmody J appointed)
Frederico J	(Melbourne)	24/04/03	
Chisolm J	(Sydney)	03/06/04	(Watts J appointed)
Ellis J	(Sydney)	23/08/04	
Wilczek J	(Melbourne)	11/02/05	
Hannon J	(TAS)	20/09/05	(Benjamin J appointed)
Purdy J	(Parramatta)	23/09/05	
Joske J	(Melbourne)	22/11/05	(Bennett J appointed)
Rowlands J	(Sydney)	10/01/06	(Ryan J appointed)
Morgan J	(Melbourne)	24/02/06	(Cronan J appointed)
Buckley J	(Brisbane)	31/08/06	(Murphy J appointed)
Murray J	(Adelaide)	16/12/06	
Lawrie J	(Sydney)	09/03/07	(Fowler J appointed)
Steele J	(Sydney)	15/01/01	

- Justice Steele resigned on 15 January 2008
- Justice Lawrie resigned on 9 March 2007
- Chief Judge Michael Holden (FCWA) retired 8 February 2007 and Justice Thackray (FCWA) was appointed Chief Judge FCWA
- Justice Kemerl Murray AO retired on 16 December 2006
- Justice Neil Buckley, Judge Administrator, resigned on 31 August 2006.
- Judicial Registrar Ramsden (Melbourne), Judicial Registrar Halligan (Parramatta), and Judicial Registrar Smith (Brisbane) have retired/resigned since June 2006 and not replaced.

ANNEXURES:

Annexure A: Detailed listing of Judicial Officers by location and including members of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA JUDGES AND JUDICIAL REGISTRARS

	Date Appointed	Total to the Bench
Chief Justice		
The Honourable Justice Diana Bryant	05/07/2004	1
Deputy Chief Justice		
The Honourable Justice John Faulks	12/10/1994	1
Judges Assigned to Appeal Division (included by location below) (Appeal Division)		
The Honourable Chief Justice Diana Bryant	(05/07/2004)	
The Honourable Deputy Chief Justice John Faulks	(25/06/2004)	
The Honourable Justice Mary Madeleine Finn	(10/08/1993)	
The Honourable Justice Joseph Victor Kay	(04/01/1994)	
The Honourable Justice Ian Roy Coleman	(31/03/1999)	
The Honourable Justice Bernard John Warnick	(12/12/2002)	
The Honourable Justice Michelle May	(06/02/2003)	
The Honourable Justice Jennifer Margaret Boland	(08/07/2004)	
The Honourable Justice Stephen Ernest Thackray (Chief Judge Family Court of Western Australia)	(16/11/2006)	
JUDGES		
Melbourne (10)		
The Honourable Justice Joseph Victor Kay	12/06/1986	
The Honourable Justice Nahum Mushin (Regional Coordinating Judge, Victoria and Tasmania)	26/10/1990	
The Honourable Justice Sally Elizabeth Brown AM	23/11/1993	
The Honourable Justice Linda Marion Dessau	20/06/1995	
The Honourable Justice Paul Marshall Guest	01/05/1998	
The Honourable Justice Heather Barbara Carter	01/06/1998	
The Honourable Justice Michael Raymond Brock Watt	14/12/1998	
The Honourable Justice Peter Young	26/08/2002	
The Honourable Justice Victoria Jane Bennett	30/11/2005	
The Honourable Justice Paul Cronin	20/12/2006	10
Brisbane (8)		
The Honourable Justice Bernard John Warnick	02/09/1991	
The Honourable Justice Michelle May	05/09/1995	
The Honourable Justice Graham Rodney Bell	27/02/1976	
The Honourable Justice James Patrick O'Hara Barry	12/12/1983	
The Honourable Justice Brian Edward Jordan	26/07/1994	
The Honourable Justice Elizabeth Madonna O'Reilly	10/01/2003	
The Honourable Justice Timothy Francis Carmody (Regional Coordinating Judge, Queensland)	07/07/2003	
The Honourable Justice Peter John Murphy	11/10.2007	8
Townsville (1)		
The Honourable Justice Alexander Robert Monteith	28/11/2000	1
Adelaide (3)		
The Honourable Justice Christine Elizabeth Dawe (Regional Coordinating Judge, South Australia and Northern Territory)	03/03/1997	
The Honourable Justice Rodney Keith Burr AM	02/04/1998	
The Honourable Justice Steven Strickland	22/11/1999	3

Canberra (1 - excluding DCJ)		
The Honourable Justice Mary Madeleine Finn	02/07/1990	1
Hobart (1)		
The Honourable Justice Robert James Charles Benjamin	19/08/2005	1
Sydney (8)		
The Honourable Justice John Morris Cohen	01/02/1989	
The Honourable Justice Colleen Ann Moore	18/04/1991	
The Honourable Justice Stephen Richard O'Ryan	11/10/1994	
The Honourable Justice Peter Isaac Rose	21/12/1998	
The Honourable Justice Jennifer Margaret Boland	29/10/1999	
The Honourable Justice Mark Frederick Le Poer Trench	10/10/2001	
The Honourable Justice Garry Allan Watts	14/04/2005	
The Honourable Justice Stuart Grant Fowler AM	16/11/2007	8
Parramatta (5)		
The Honourable Justice Ian Roy Coleman	18/04/1991	
The Honourable Justice Lloyd Dengate Stacy Waddy RFD	01/07/1998	
The Honourable Justice Robyn Sylvia Flohm	17/05/1999	
The Honourable Justice David John Collier	19/07/1999	
The Honourable Justice Janine Patricia Hazelwood Stevenson	18/05/2001	5
Newcastle (2)		
The Honourable Justice Graham Robert Mullane (Regional Coordinating Judge, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory)	28/07/1986	
The Honourable Justice Judith Maureen Ryan	31/07/2006	2
Total Judges (FCoA) including Chief Justice & DCJ		(41)

JUDICIAL REGISTRARS (3)

Adelaide

Mr Andrew Alderman Forbes 15/02/1989

Sydney

Mr William Philip Johnston 22/01/1990
Mr Ian James Loughnan 06/11/1995 (3)

FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (5)

(The following judges of the Family Court of Western Australia also hold Commissions in the Family Court of Australia)

Chief Judge

The Honourable Justice Stephen Ernest Thackray 01/12/2004

Judges

The Honourable Justice Carolyn Elvina Martin 19/11/1996
The Honourable Justice Julianne Penny 09/06/1999
The Honourable Justice Jane Crisford 24/10/2006
The Honourable Justice Stephen Dexter Crooks 22/10/2007 5

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

(Presidential Members of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal)

The Honourable Justice Mary Madeleine Finn 02/07/1990
The Honourable Justice James Patrick O'Hara Barry 12/12/1983
The Honourable Justice Nahum Mushin 26/10/1990
The Honourable Justice Christine Elizabeth Dawe 03/03/1997
The Honourable Justice Robert James Charles Benjamin 19/08/2005

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FIRST INSTANCE JUDICIAL OFFICERS

FAMILY COURT of AUSTRALIA

	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	Current (18 February 2008)	Indicated retirements 2008
First Instance Judges	36.5	33.5	32.5	33.5	-2
Appeal Division Judges					
Chief Justice	1	1	1	1	
Deputy Chief Justice *	0.5*	0.5*	0.5*	0.5*	
Appeal Judges	6.	6.	6.	6	-1
Total Judges	44	41	40	41	-3
Judicial Registrars	6	6	3	3	-1
Senior Registrar/s	5	4	1	1	

Comments:

- DCJ Faulks holds a Commission as a Judge of the Appeal Court (50% first instance 50% Appeal)
- Appeal Division excludes Chief Judge Thackray (FCWA) who holds a Commission as a Judge of the Appeal Court (FCoA)

Recent Retirements

1. **Buckley J** retired 31/08/2006 (Brisbane)
2. **Murray J** retired 16/12/2006 (Adelaide)
3. **Lawrie J** retired 9/03/2007 (Sydney)
4. **Ramsden JR** retired 3/07/2006 (Melbourne)
5. **Halligan JR** resigned & appointed FM Parramatta (31/07/2006)
6. **Smith JR** retired 3/08/2007 (Brisbane)
7. **Steele J** (Sydney) 15/01/2008

Recent Appointments

1. **Ryan J** (formally FM) appointed 31/07/2006 (Newcastle)
2. **Cronin J** appointed 20/12/2006 (Melbourne)
3. **Murphy J** appointed 11/10/2007 (Brisbane)
4. **Fowler J** appointed 16/11/2007 (Sydney)

Retirements Pending

1. **Kay J** (Melbourne) 25/02/2008
2. **Forbes JR** (Adelaide) 22/02/2008
3. **Guest J** (Melbourne) 05/05/08
4. **Carmody J** (Brisbane) 08/07/08