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NEW JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

The new Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory will be Steve Southwood QC.

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne said Mr Southwood will bring extensive experience in law and the Territory to the Supreme Court.

“Steve Southwood has made an outstanding contribution to the law since commencing practice in the Northern Territory 14 years ago,” Dr Toyne said.

“His love of law and the Northern Territory make him an ideal choice to sit on the Supreme Court.

“He faces a job full of challenges and I am confident he will meet every one of them with his expertise, passion and commitment,” Dr Toyne said.

Mr Southwood said he is looking forward to sitting on the other side of the bench.

“The Northern Territory holds a special place in my heart and I am greatly honoured to be asked to be the new Justice of the Supreme Court,” Mr Southwood said.

Mr Southwood is President of the Law Council of Australia, a past Vice President of the Northern Territory Bar Association and Past President of the Law Society Northern Territory.

He commenced practice at the Northern Territory Bar in 1990 and was appointed Queens Counsel on 30 November 2000.

He practices from Myilly Point Chambers which he and Jon Tippett QC founded on 1 July 2003.

Mr Southwood has a general practice, which include commercial litigation, contract, tort, equity, building and construction, professional negligence, trade practices, work health, administrative law and constitutional law.

Mr Southwood will be sworn in at the official start of the Northern Territory legal year on January 31.

He replaces Justice Steve Bailey who passed away late last year.

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