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APPOINTMENT OF THE FAMILY COURT AND FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR

The Morrison Government has appointed Mr David Pringle as the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar of the Family Court of Australia and CEO of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

Mr Pringle has been appointed for a term of five years, commencing on 17 April 2020.

In these roles Mr Pringle will have responsibility for assisting the Chief Justice/Chief Judge, The Hon William Alstergren, with the effective and efficient operation of all aspects of the management and administration of the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court, including the structural reforms of the courts.

Mr Pringle is currently the acting CEO of both courts and has extensive experience in judicial administration, with ten years' experience in various senior positions at the Federal Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court.

Mr Pringle graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1996 from Monash University in Melbourne and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1998, and also has experience as a legal practitioner

On behalf of the Government I congratulate Mr Pringle on his appointments.

See attached for Mr Pringle's biography.

MR DAVID PRINGLE

Mr Pringle is an accomplished court administrator with ten years' experience in the federal courts. Between 2009 and 2019, as well as serving as a Registrar of the Federal Circuit Court, he also undertook roles as the Acting National Operations Registrar & Principal Judicial Registrar, Deputy National Operations Registrar & Deputy Principal Judicial Registrar and Deputy District Registrar of the Federal Court.

Mr Pringle has been the acting CEO of the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court since September 2019.

Mr Pringle previously worked as a lawyer with firm Meerkin & Apel, where he was a Partner from 2002 to 2009.

Mr Pringle has a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from Monash University. In 1998, Mr Pringle was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Victoria and enrolled as a legal practitioner in the High Court of Australia.

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