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## Appointment of FCFCOA Deputy Chief Judges

Law Council of Australia President, Dr Jacoba Brasch QC, today congratulated Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland and Deputy Chief Judge Patrizia Mercuri at a ceremony held to celebrate their recent appointments as Deputy Chief Judge (Family Law) and Deputy Chief Judge (General and Fair Work) of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) respectively.

“I welcome these appointments to Division 2 of the FCFCOA,” Dr Brasch said.

“In these roles, Deputy Chief Justice McClelland and Deputy Chief Judge Mercuri will support the Chief Justice, the Hon Justice William Alstergren, in ensuring the business of the Court is managed effectively across all jurisdictions.

“While Deputy Chief Justice McClelland and Deputy Chief Judge Mercuri will be the first to hold these new judicial offices, both have already proudly served the Courts and users of the Courts for a number of years.”

Deputy Chief Justice McClelland was appointed a Justice of the FCFCOA (Division 1) (formerly the Family Court of Australia) in 2015 and elevated to Deputy Chief Justice in 2018.

Since 2017, Deputy Chief Judge Mercuri has served as a Judge of the FCFCOA (Division 2) (formerly the Federal Circuit Court of Australia).