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MEDIA RELEASE

APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT

Today I announce the appointment of Ms Amanda Tonkin to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. She will commence in the Canberra Registry on 1 January 2017.

Ms Tonkin graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts in 1976 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1990. She commenced her career as Assistant Parliamentary Counsel with the Office of Parliamentary Counsel in 1990 before serving as a Prosecutor with the Director of Public Prosecutions in the Australian Capital Territory from 1991 to 1994.

Ms Tonkin signed the bar roll in 1995 and commenced as a barrister at Blackburn Chambers in the Australian Capital Territory. Her principal areas of practice include family law, de facto and child protection proceedings, criminal law, coronial inquiries, proceedings under mental health and guardianship legislation and common law proceedings including personal injury matters.

On behalf of the Government, I congratulate Ms Tonkin and thank her for her willingness to serve the people of Australia as a federal judge.

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