

**Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister
for Training and Skills
The Honourable Yvette D'Ath**

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Attorney-General announces new appointments

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Yvette D'Ath today announced two appointments to the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Justice Ann Lyons will be the new Senior Judge Administrator and District Court Judge Helen Bowskill QC will join the Trial Division as a Supreme Court Justice.

“These are significant appointments for Queensland and reflect the depth of the talent of our judiciary,” Mrs D'Ath said.

“Justice Lyons will be responsible for managing the trial division of the Supreme Court and will replace Justice John Byrne, who retires in August.

“I thank Justice Byrne again for his contribution, and the advance notice he provided, to ensure we have time for a smooth transition to take place.

“Judge Helen Bowskill QC will take up her post on July 10, and I will move quickly to fill the vacancy this creates in the District Court.”

The Honourable Justice Lyons holds a Bachelor of Laws from The University of Queensland (1977) and Master of Laws from Queensland University of Technology (1997). She has served admirably as a Justice of the Supreme Court since 2006.

Judge Helen Bowskill QC completed her Bachelor of Laws at QUT in 1995. She was admitted to the Bar in 1998 and appointed Queen's Council in 2013. She was appointed a judge of the District Court in 2014.

Mrs D'Ath thanked the members of the Judicial Appointments Advisory Panel for their consideration of these appointments.