NT Chief Justice of Supreme Court to Retire

Attorney-General, Delia Lawrie, today announced the Northern Territory’s Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Brian Martin, will retire in September.

Ms Lawrie said during his tenure, Chief Justice Martin had modernised the Territory’s courts.

“It is with great sadness that I have accepted the retirement of Chief Justice Martin,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Chief Justice Martin has been a strong arbiter for the delivery of justice and brought an energetic legal intellect to courts in the Territory over the past six years.

“He has modernised the court system and demonstrated a strong work ethic, leading by example.

“Chief Justice Martin has also ensured the Territory’s courts are more open and accessible to the community.

“As the Chief Justice, His Honour has been active on the bench presiding over a range of cases including some high profile matters that have attracted international attention.

“Before his appointment to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 2004, Chief Justice was a judge in the Supreme Court of South Australia and came to the Territory with more than 30 years legal experience.

“I wish Chief Justice Martin well in his retirement and am sure he will continue to have strong ties with the Territory he has served so admirably.”

BIOGRAPHY:

Brian Ross Martin was appointed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in January 2004.

At the time of his appointment he was a judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

Chief Justice Martin was admitted to practice in 1970 after studying at the University of Adelaide.

Chief Justice Martin was appointed as an assistant Crown Prosecutor in Adelaide in 1974 and eventually the Senior Crown Prosecutor in 1982.
Chief Justice Martin was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 1984 and in 1991 was appointed as Senior Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into WA Inc.

Chief Justice Martin was appointed as the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in 1997 a position he held until taking up his appointment as a Judge of the South Australian Supreme Court.

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