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NT SUPREME COURT BUILDING BECOMES HOME TO FAMILY COURT AND FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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The Northern Territory Supreme Court will receive more than $1 million in capital upgrades to accommodate the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

The announcement follows negotiations between Northern Territory Attorney-General John Elferink and Federal Attorney-General George Brandis in Canberra late last month.

“As a result of the agreement, a new courtroom, chambers, registry and offices will be constructed and will be fully funded by the Commonwealth,” Mr Elferink said.

“The move will make the Northern Territory the only jurisdiction in the country to combine the Supreme Court, Federal Court, Family Court, and Federal Circuit Court of Australia in one building.

“The Supreme Court is the perfect location to accommodate the two additional courts, with plenty of space and modern facilities.

“The building in Darwin’s CBD is accessible and close to public transport for people who need to visit the courts.

“It is expected that construction will begin later this year with completion by mid-2015, enabling the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court of Australia to depart their current location at the TCG Building.”

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