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TERRITORIANS NAMED TO TOP LEGAL SPOTS

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One of the Territory’s most experienced and respected barristers has been appointed to the NT Supreme Court.

Graham Hiley QC, a co-founder of the Northern Territory Bar Association and a Nationally Accredited Mediator, will replace retiring Justice Mildren.

Mr Hiley was among four high-profile justice appointments announced today by the Attorney-General John Elferink. The other appointments are:

- Wojciech Jacek Karczewski QC as the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- Sally Sievers as the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner.
- Elizabeth Armitage as a permanent stipendiary magistrate.

“I am proud to announce these appointments,” Mr Elferink said today.

“Each is a respected and highly-experienced Territorian and I am confident they will carry out their duties with dignity and professionalism.”

- Justice Hiley is married with four children. He became a member of the NT Law Society in 1976 and was president of the society from 1987 and 1988. An inaugural member of the NT Bar Association in 1981, Justice Hiley was president from 1990 to 1993 and has practised across Australia since 1994 in a wide range of areas, including commercial, administrative law and native title.

- Mr Karczewski QC joined the NT Bar in 1984 and in the following year was admitted to practise as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of Australia, and the Federal Court of Australia. He has worked in senior legal positions for the NT Government from 1984 to the present, including as the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for the past 14 years.

- Ms Sally Sievers has practised as a solicitor advocate in the Northern Territory for the past 24 years, including as a Crown Prosecutor, litigator and a relieving magistrate. Ms Sievers has extensive experience across legal jurisdictions most recently in the area of health law with an interest in the areas of mental health and disability.

- Ms Elizabeth Armitage is a senior practitioner specialising in criminal law with 20 years experience in public prosecutions. Ms Armitage has developed expertise in all aspects of criminal law, including murder and manslaughter, sex crime, drug prosecutions, fraud, offences against the administration of justice and juvenile justice. She is currently vice-president of the Criminal Lawyers Association NT.

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