

Law Council congratulates newly appointed New South Wales Chief Justice

The Law Council has congratulated Mr Tom Bathurst QC on his appointment as New South Wales Chief Justice.

Law Council of Australia President Alexander Ward said Mr Bathurst's appointment to the position was richly deserved and gave recognition to his already distinguished legal career.

"As a senior Silk, President of the New South Wales Bar Association and Director of the Law Council of Australia, Mr Bathurst QC has been a respected contributor to the Australian legal profession.

"He is very highly regarded and will bring to the position of New South Wales Chief Justice a wealth of experience, sound judgment, innovative thinking and a complete understanding of both the state and national justice systems."

Mr Bathurst QC will be the 17th Chief Justice of the NSW Supreme Court and replaces current NSW Chief Justice James Spigelman who will step down on May 31 after 13 years in the job.

"The Law Council welcomes the appointment of Mr Tom Bathurst QC. We congratulate him and are confident he will provide outstanding leadership to the New South Wales Supreme Court," Mr Ward said.

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