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Law Council of Australia appoints Secretary-General

Law Council of Australia President, Mr Joseph Catanzariti, today announced the appointment of Mr Martyn Hagan to the role of Secretary- General of the Law Council.

Mr Catanzariti said the appointment was made following an extensive and rigorous national recruitment search.

"I am pleased to announce Mr Hagan has been appointed as Secretary-General.

"Mr Hagan has been Acting Secretary-General of the Law Council since 8 January 2013.

"Prior to taking up the Acting position, he was the Executive Director of the Law Society of Tasmania.

"I am delighted Mr Hagan has accepted the Secretary-General position permanently and wish to thank the Law Society of Tasmania for making him available to the Law Council over the past four months, Mr Catanzariti said.

Mr Hagan has a long track record of effective and constructive contribution to the Law Council and has established relationships with the Law Council's constituent bodies.

"The Law Council Executive and I are confident Mr Hagan is well placed to lead the Australian legal professions national representative body.

"Mr Hagan's management experience ensures he will provide exceptional leadership to the staff of the Law Council," Mr Catanzariti said.

Mr Hagan holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales, Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and Masters of Business from the University of Tasmania.

He is a practising solicitor and has previously worked as a court registrar, government lawyer and as a legal policy advisor to government departments.

Mr Catanzariti said the Law Council is very pleased to secure Mr Hagan in this important role.

"Following four months acting in the position, the Law Council looks forward to Mr Hagan's continued leadership as Secretary-General," Mr Catanzariti said.

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