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## **Victorian Bar applauds Silks appointments and process**

The Victorian Bar today applauded the appointment of 13 new silks by the Chief Justice, and the process taken to assess and confer the appointments to the highest level of seniority at the Bar.

‘The Bar is consulted by the Chief Justice during the confidential process to assess applicants and we are very pleased at the diversity in the new appointments – both in terms of the areas of practice of the new silks and the fact that three of the 13 are women,’ said Mr Michael Colbran QC, Chairman of the Victorian Bar.

Victoria’s newest silks include:

David Leslie **Brustman**  
Kirsty Marion **Macmillan**  
Francis James **Tiernan**  
Michael Damien **Wilson**  
Nicholas **Papas**  
Andrew James **Tinney**  
Maryanne **Hartley**

Michael Damian **Wyles**  
Andrew John **Keogh**  
Philip David **Crutchfield**  
Simon Harry **Steward**  
Peter James **Morrissey**  
Rachel Marie **Doyle**

‘The appointment process for Senior Counsel is characterized by great thoroughness and care. A great deal of effort and consideration goes into each application. ,’ he said. ‘We congratulate all our new Silks’

The applications have been under consideration by the Chief Justice since August.

‘The Bar thanks the Chief Justice, and the Judges of the Supreme Court who assist her, for the time, care and thoroughness given to considering the applications and making the selection,’ Mr Colbran concluded.

Unsuccessful applicants can seek feedback from the Chairman of the Bar Council, who consults with the Chief Justice in accordance with the protocol for appointment of Silk established by the Court.

More about the process can be found in the “Applications for Silk” guidelines which accompany the application form available on the Supreme Court website

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