



Media Release

Victorian Bar elects junior vice chair

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Fiona McLeod SC is the new Junior Vice Chair of the Victorian Bar Council following a vote of the Victorian Bar Council last week. It is the first time both Vice Chair positions have been filled by women.

Following the recent Council by-election, seven of the 21 member Council are women.

Fiona joins Chairman Mark Moshinsky SC and Senior Vice Chair Melanie Sloss SC (who were appointed in November 2010) in the 2011 executive team.

With more than 20 years experience in the profession Fiona signed the Bar roll in 1991 and was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2003. Her practice includes a range of commercial, administrative and common law matters.

She was engaged to act in the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, and also acted in public interest matters including the 'Gunns 20' case acting for Tasmanian environmental protestors, the 'Blue Wedges' dredging of Port Phillip Bay case in Victoria and currently she has been engaged by the Commonwealth to act in the Queensland Floods Inquiry.

Fiona has a long standing commitment to women in the profession, including as a chair of the Bar's Equality and Diversity Committee and authoring a history of women barristers 'Raising the Bar'.

View detailed profiles: Fiona McLeod SC <http://www.vicbar.com.au/Profile?2679>
Melanie Sloss SC <http://www.vicbar.com.au/Profile?2153> and Mark Moshinsky SC
<http://www.vicbar.com.au/Profile?3026>

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