

# Media Release

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## **NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA**

The Victorian Government today appointed Ms Fiona Steffensen - an Associate Judge and Senior Master - to the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Ms Steffensen has more than 19 years experience in practising law, specialising in commercial litigation and complex financial and insolvency matters.

Ms Steffensen has served as a Judicial Registrar of the Supreme Court of Victoria since 2020 where she conducted judicial mediations and specialised in the Corporations Act jurisdiction.

Ms Steffensen was a principal of Lipman Karas from 2012 in Adelaide and Hong Kong and held a leadership position in the oversight and management of the firm, in particular its Hong Kong office, whilst also litigating large commercial and insolvency disputes.

Ms Steffensen commenced her career with Kelly & Co Lawyers in 2002 where she was appointed a Partner in 2010.

Ms Steffensen was admitted to practise in South Australia in 2003, the High and Federal Courts of Australia in 2005, and Hong Kong in 2014. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide.

Ms Steffensen's appointment will commence on 12 April 2022 and she will succeed Associate Judge John Efthim following his recent retirement and appointment as a reserve Associate Judge of the Supreme Court.

### **Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes**

*"I congratulate Associate Judge Steffensen on her appointment – she brings a wealth of knowledge, diversity of experience and a proven commitment to the justice system."*

*I would like to also extend my thanks to Associate Judge Efthim for his service and commitment. I wish him well for the next chapter in his life."*