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*Patron, The Honourable Justice Jacqueline Gleeson*

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS MEDIA RELEASE

### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS ANNOUNCES NEW PATRON

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Australian Women Lawyers (**AWL**) is pleased to announce The Hon. Justice Jacqueline Sarah Gleeson of the High Court of Australia as our new Patron.

Justice Gleeson has long supported the interests of women in the law throughout her career and we are honoured that she has accepted the role of Patron of the peak body for all women lawyers in Australia.

We deeply thank our outgoing Patron, the Hon. Susan Kiefel AC KC, former Chief Justice of the High Court, for her dedicated commitment and service to AWL.

Justice Gleeson is AWL's fourth patron, following on from the Honourable Mary Gaudron KC , the Honourable Diana Bryant AO KC and the Honourable Susan Kiefel AC KC.

Justice Gleeson was appointed to the High Court of Australia in March 2021. At the time of her appointment, she was a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, having been appointed to that position in April 2014. She has Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Sydney.

She was admitted as a solicitor in 1989 and practised as an employed solicitor at Bush, Burke & Company in Sydney from 1990 to mid-1991. She then practised as a barrister from mid-1991, leaving the Bar at the end of 2000. From 2001 to 2003 she was General Counsel at the Australian Broadcasting Authority. From 2004 to 2006, she was a Senior Executive Lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor. She returned to the Bar in 2007 and was made Senior Counsel in 2012. Her Honour is an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

Please join us in welcoming our new Patron.

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Australian Women Lawyers Ltd. (**AWL**) is a justice and equity champion advancing women within the legal profession and beyond. It is the peak body representing women lawyers in Australia with constituent bodies in every State and Territory. Established in 1997, the broader objects of AWL include ensuring that Australia's legal system protects and upholds women's rights; advocating for the legal profession to recognise and support the equality and advancement of women within the profession; and providing a professional and social network for women lawyers.

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