



# Government Media Statement

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**JUDY JACKSON**  
**Attorney General**

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## **FIRST FEMALE JUSTICE FOR TASMANIA**

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Attorney General Judy Jackson announced today that prominent Hobart Lawyer and Magistrate, Shan Tennent, would be the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court in Tasmania.

Ms Jackson described the appointment as a watershed day for Tasmania.

“The appointment of Tasmania’s first female judge is an important moment in our history.

“This appointment strengthens our judicial system and ensures that Tasmania’s courts continue to reflect the society they judge – a society that contains an equal mixture of women and men,” Ms Jackson said.

“Shan’s appointment is one of absolute merit, coming from a wide field of experienced applicants.

“It is vindication of my view that there is a wealth of talented, well qualified, and experienced women practising law in this State,” Ms Jackson said.

“Shan Tennent has a striking intellect and an excellent grounding in Tasmanian Law. She will be a Justice of the highest order.”

Mrs Tennent was educated at the University of Queensland and has practiced in Tasmania since 1977. She was a partner for 15 years in the Hobart legal firm, Page Seager, and was appointed a Magistrate and Coroner in 1998.

“Her experience is exceptional and her involvement in the community and professionally stands her in good stead for her new role” Ms Jackson said.

Mrs Tennent is current Vice President of the Tasmanian Branch of the Association of Australian Magistrates and Secretary/Treasurer of the Tasmanian Magistrates Association.

She has twice been President of the Family Law Practitioners’ Association.

Mrs Tennent is married with one daughter.