



## DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRARS GREGORY NAIRN AND LISEL AVEY

The District Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Gregory Nairn and Lisel Avey as registrars of the District Court of Western Australia.

Gregory Nairn joins the Court from the Construction and Infrastructure Team at Lavan. Mr Nairn joined Lavan in 2011 and has held a role as Partner since 2015. He has extensive appearance in litigation and alternative dispute resolution, both as an advocate and instructing solicitor, and has appeared before the courts at all levels in Western Australia. Mr Nairn assisted in delivering Lavan's Continuing Legal Education program, and has delivered numerous legal training seminars for lawyers and non-lawyers. Prior to Lavan, Mr Nairn held roles with Macdonald Rudder Lawyers, working for over a decade in general commercial litigation and personal injury matters, including public liability and work accident claims. He has an Honours degree in law from the University of Western Australia.

Lisel Avey joins the Court from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP). Ms Avey has over 15 years' experience at the ODPP, where she has held a role as Practice Manager and Senior State Prosecutor since 2019. She has appeared as counsel in the Supreme Court, District Court and Magistrates Court and has 10 years' experience prosecuting trials for sexual offences, large-scale drug offences, serious violence, and fraud. Ms Avey has managed a team of 30 prosecutors at the ODPP, has chaired the Office's Continuing Professional Development Committee since 2023 and contributed as facilitator of the 2024 ODPP Sexual Offences Advocacy Course. She has been an active member of the International Association of Prosecutors since 2016. In 2020, Ms Avey was awarded an International Fellowship by the United States National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute.

Both appointments take effect from 29 July 2024.

Dated 24 July 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Wager'.

**Her Honour Judge Julie Wager**  
Chief Judge of District Court of Western Australia