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Full-Time

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Ongoing

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Executive Level 2

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Job Category
Legal

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Federal Court of Australia National Judicial Registrar and District Registrar

Brisbane QLD

The key duties of the position include:

The Court has successfully implemented a number of important reforms through the National Court Framework (NCF). The NCF is a fundamental reform of the Court and the way it operates with the key purpose to reinvigorate the Court's approach to case management and further modernising its operations so it is better placed to meet the demands of litigants and can operate as a truly national and international Court. The NCF reforms have focused on matters relevant to the work undertaken by the judges of the Court, including the allocation of case work to judges on a national basis, the organisation and management of the Court's work nationally through the introduction of nine National Practice Areas (NPAs) and reform of the Courts practice and procedure through the introduction of a suite of new practice notes, including the Central Practice Note. The Court is now extending the NCF (and its core principles) to registrar work, in its aim to ensure an efficient, effective and nationally consistent approach to the allocation and management of that work and to create opportunities for the advancement and career development of Judicial Registrars.

Judicial Registrars are registrars of the Federal Court of Australia (FCA) and Federal Circuit Court of Australia (FCC) and undertake a diverse range of work. In the FCA, Judicial Registrars undertake work across all nine NPAs and sub-areas, primarily by conducting mediations, as well case management support, such as conducting expert conferences. They also carry out delegated judicial functions in the area of corporations law, presiding in Court over winding up and other corporations insolvency cases. In the FCC, Judicial Registrars undertake similar work, including conducting mediations and presiding in Court over bankruptcy cases. In addition, some Judicial Registrars have separate appointments requiring them to undertake specific work with various Courts or Tribunals such as the Registrar of the Australian Competition Tribunal.

The National Judicial Registrar and District Registrar (NJR) is a multi-faceted position and plays a key role within the reformed structure of the Court, both locally and nationally, including in the following areas:

- performing delegated judicial functions at a high level, including conducting complex mediations and case management;
- supporting National Coordinating NPA Judges with the management of NPAs;
- supporting the development of a nationally consistent approach to the conduct of Judicial Registrar practice; and

- performing a mentoring role for Judicial Registrars and legal support staff on a local and national level.

In addition, undertake the statutory responsibilities and functions, in particular the leadership role, of the “District Registrar” pursuant to the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976 (Cth) in the QLD Registry.

This role is suitable for Partner level lawyers and will expose candidates to a high calibre of legal work, while offering an enviable work environment within a national superior Court.

Eligibility

This position requires the occupant to perform statutory legal functions, as required, including conducting mediations and case management. Therefore, legal qualifications and admission as a practitioner of the High Court and/or the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of Australia is essential.

In addition, it is highly desirable for the applicant to:

- have extensive experience in civil litigation in superior courts of Australia; and
- be accredited as a mediator with experience in conducting mediations.

Notes

A competitive remuneration package will be negotiated for the successful candidate based on qualifications, skills and experience.

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Getting to know the Federal Court of Australia

The Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar of the Federal Court, together with officers and staff identified under the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976, the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021 and the Native Title Act 1993, constitute a single Statutory Agency for the purposes of the Public Service Act 1999.

Employees are engaged to work in support of the following courts or tribunal:

- Federal Court of Australia,
- Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, and
- National Native Title Tribunal.

Employees are covered by the Federal Court of Australia Enterprise Agreement

2018–2021.

The Federal Court and the Federal Circuit and Family Court each maintain a distinct statutory identity, with separate functions and judicial independence.

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