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**MEDIA RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The President of the ACT Bar Association, Mr Ken Archer, welcomes the appointment of Ms Amanda Tonkin to the Federal Circuit Court.

“Ms Tonkin is a very experienced barrister with considerable expertise in Family Law litigation. That experience will be available to the Canberra community from day one of her career as a judge. The Bar is confident that Ms Tonkin will bring the same good humour and intelligence that distinguished her as such a capable barrister to her judicial work. Her appointment is most welcome.

The Bar is grateful that the Attorney General Senator Brandis has moved so promptly to fill the vacancy created in the Canberra registry of the Federal Circuit Court by the retirement of Judge Brewster. The local registry is being overwhelmed with cases and the appointment of Ms Tonkin will go some way in ensuring the workload of the Court is appropriately and efficiently managed to the benefit of litigants, particularly in Family Law cases”, concluded Mr Archer.

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