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The President of the ACT Bar Association, Mr Ken Archer today welcomes the announcement of the appointment of Mr Glenn Theakston as a Magistrate of the ACT Magistrates Court, following the retirement of Magistrate Peter Dingwall, after serving the ACT community well for 25 years as a Magistrate.

Mr Theakston was admitted as a legal practitioner in NSW in 1994 and worked both with the ACT Legal Aid Office and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions as a solicitor. He joined the ACT Bar in 2012. Mr Theakston developed a criminal and family law practice as a barrister and regularly appeared as counsel for the Australian Defence Force. He has been an active member of the Bar and his involvement in various law reform issues has been valuable.

“On behalf of the Bar Association, I congratulate Mr Theakston on his appointment as a Magistrate. Mr Theakston has a varied background in the law and the Bar is particularly encouraged to see someone with such a solid Legal Aid background appointed as a Magistrate. In an environment when legal decision making and particularly sentencing is being undertaken in an increasingly complex environment, Mr Theakston’s balance and compassion will serve the Canberra community well”, concluded Mr Archer.

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