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**ACT BAR WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (ACT)**

The ACT Bar Association has welcomed the appointment of Mr Shane Drumgold as the new ACT Director of Public Prosecutions.

“Shane Drumgold is an experienced trial advocate whose significant professional and life experience will serve him well in this most important and challenging of roles. Mr Drumgold not only has the necessary experience and intellect for this role but a genuine commitment to the rule of law and justice”, said Steven Whybrow, President of the ACT Bar Association.

“Shane has been a member of the ACT Bar Association for over 10 years and a prosecutor within the ACT DPP Office for over 15 years. It is pleasing to see such a significant appointment made from within the ACT Legal Community. A prosecutor’s role is often a lonely one which requires judgement, courage, and humanity in equal measure. As the newly appointed Director, I am confident Mr Drumgold will provide the leadership and inspiration for all his prosecutors to discharge their duties with diligence, fairness and fearlessness.”

“The ACT Bar looks forward to working with the new Director and renewing the traditionally close and collegiate relationship that exists between the private Bar and the in-house advocates within the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions,” said Mr Whybrow.

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