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UNIFORM LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

Megan Pitt, former Director of the Australian Government Solicitor's Sydney Office, will be appointed the new Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation and Chief Executive Officer of the Legal Services Council.

Ms Pitt has more than three decades of experience in the legal industry, the vast majority in national management roles.

NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman said, "Ms Pitt has an excellent knowledge of the machinery of government and experience operating in a national legal environment, which she will bring to this key role."

Victorian Attorney-General Martin Pakula said, "Ms Pitt has extensive experience working in the legal industry and I congratulate her on this appointment."

For more than 22 years, Ms Pitt has helped lead legal services for the Australian Government Solicitor's Sydney Office, fostering client and stakeholder relationships. In addition, she has been the Chair of the Australian Government Leadership Group (NSW Chapter) since 2003 working to link Commonwealth agencies in NSW so they work seamlessly together.

As Commissioner, Ms Pitt will uphold the standards applying to all lawyers in NSW and Victoria oversee the implementation of consumer protections in participating jurisdictions and help ensure complaints against lawyers are investigated rigorously, fairly and efficiently.

As Chief Executive Officer of the Legal Services Council, she will be responsible for providing strategic and policy advice.

The two Attorneys General thanked outgoing inaugural Commissioner Dale Boucher for his outstanding contributions in helping to implement the uniform legal profession reforms in Victoria and NSW.

NSW and Victoria have been fortunate indeed to have a practitioner of Mr Boucher's eminence in the role of Commissioner. He has championed the economic and consumer benefits of uniform legal services. The two Attorneys General look forward to Ms Pitt continuing this important work, including encouraging other states and territories to join the scheme.

Ms Pitt will commence in the new role on a date to be agreed.