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NEW COURT OF APPEAL JUDGE APPOINTED

The Andrews Labor Government today announced the appointment of Richard Niall QC as a Judge of the Court of Appeal.

Mr Niall has been the Solicitor-General for Victoria since 2015, following a distinguished career as one of Australia's leading advocates and public lawyers.

Mr Niall has appeared regularly in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Federal Court and High Court, maintaining a broad practice in constitutional law, administrative law, industrial law, customs, environmental protection, trade practices, anti-discrimination and human rights law.

He was awarded the inaugural John A Gibson AM Award in 2014 for Distinguished Human Rights and Refugee Advocacy by the International Commission of Jurists (Victoria).

As Solicitor-General, Mr Niall has advised and represented the Victorian Government in a range of matters including constitutional law, administrative law, planning law, integrity and law enforcement.

Mr Niall is a Senior Fellow at the Melbourne Law School, where he teaches constitutional law.

Mr Niall's appointment fills a vacancy on the Court of Appeal created by the recent appointment of Chief Justice Anne Ferguson, who had been a Judge of Appeal since 2014.

Mr Niall was admitted to practice in 1991, signed the Bar Roll in 1995, and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2010. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Economics from Monash University.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

"Richard Niall is recognised as one of Australia's leading advocates and public lawyers and I know he will make an outstanding contribution to the Court of Appeal."

"Mr Niall has provided exemplary legal advice and advocacy to the Victorian Government during the past two years as the State's Solicitor-General."

"I thank him for his service and congratulate him on his new appointment."