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New Chief Justice of the High Court

The Law Council welcomes the appointment of Justice Stephen Gageler AC as the fourteenth Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and the appointment of Justice Robert Beech-Jones to the High Court.

Justice Gageler will succeed Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC upon her retirement on 6 November 2023 and Justice Beech-Jones fills the vacancy created.

“We commend the Commonwealth Government on their selections and the vigorous consultation undertaken,” Law Council of Australia President, Mr Luke Murphy said.

“Justice Gageler has served our community with distinction as a Justice of the High Court since 2012, as has Justice Beech-Jones on the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

“On behalf of the profession I congratulate Justice Gageler and Justice Beech-Jones on their appointments.

“I also pay my respects and thanks to Chief Justice Kiefel for her outstanding service. Chief Justice Kiefel is a highly respected jurist who has been an exceptional leader of the nation’s highest court and an unwavering supporter of the Australian legal profession. We wish her well for the future.”

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