



Australian Government

Opportunity Type

Full-Time

Opportunity Status

Ongoing

APS Classification

Executive Level 2

Closing Date

18/09/2020

Job Category

Legal

Federal Court of Australia

Senior National Judicial Registrar and National Operations Registrar

 Melbourne VIC

The key duties of the position include:

The Court has successfully implemented a number of important reforms through the National Court Framework (NCF). The NCF is a fundamental reform of the Court and the way it operates with the key purpose to reinvigorate the Court's approach to case management and further modernising its operations so it is better placed to meet the demands of litigants and can operate as a truly national and international Court. The NCF reforms have focused on matters relevant to the work undertaken by the judges of the Court, including the allocation of case work to judges on a national basis, the organisation and management of the Court's work nationally through the introduction of nine National Practice Areas (NPAs) and reform of the Court's practice and procedure through the introduction of a suite of new practice notes, including the Central Practice Note. The Court is now extending the NCF (and its core principles) to registrar work, in its aim to ensure an efficient, effective and nationally consistent approach to the allocation and management of that work and to create opportunities for the advancement and career development of Judicial Registrars.

The Senior National Judicial Registrar and National Operations Registrar (SNJR and NOR) is a multi-faceted position and plays a critical leadership role within the reformed structure of the Court, particularly in relation to the ongoing implementation of national arrangements for legal operations. In addition, the SNJR and NOR actively supports the achievement of the Court's key initiatives and objectives and is an integral member of the Court's executive management group.

The SNJR and NOR undertakes a diverse range of high level legal work across all nine NPAs and sub-areas, including conducting complex mediations and case management in support of judges. The SNJR and NOR performs delegated judicial functions including in the area of corporations law, presiding in Court over winding up and other corporations insolvency cases. In addition, the SNJR and NOR will support one or more National Coordinating NPA Judge's with the management of NPAs.

The SNJR and NOR may also take responsibility for a specific area of national operations, or alternatively work in collaboration with another SNJR and NOR, regarding their national operations responsibilities. National operations includes the national allocation and management of first instance and appellate judicial work, the national allocation and management of Judicial Registrar work and the strategic review and development of the Court's policy and

practice. The SNJR and NOR will need to work flexibly, and with other senior registrars, across these areas of responsibility.

This role is suitable for Partner level lawyers and will expose candidates to a high calibre of legal work, while offering an enviable work environment within a national superior Court.

Eligibility

This position requires the occupant to perform statutory legal functions, as required, including conducting mediations and case management. Therefore, legal qualifications and admission as a practitioner of the High Court and/or the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of Australia is essential.

In addition, it is highly desirable for the applicant to:

- have extensive experience in civil litigation (including exposure to high level case management) in superior courts of Australia; and
- be accredited as a mediator with experience in conducting mediations.

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Notes

A competitive remuneration package will be negotiated for the successful candidate based on qualifications, skills and experience.

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Agency Employment Act

PS Act 1999

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Getting to know the Federal Court of Australia

The Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar of the Federal Court, together with officers and staff identified under the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976, the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021 and the Native Title Act 1993, constitute a single Statutory Agency for the purposes of the Public Service Act 1999.

Employees are engaged to work in support of the following courts or tribunal:

- Federal Court of Australia,
- Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, and
- National Native Title Tribunal.

Employees are covered by the Federal Court of Australia Enterprise Agreement 2018–2021.

The Federal Court and the Federal Circuit and Family Court each maintain a distinct statutory identity, with separate functions and judicial independence.

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