

# Law Reform Commission of Western Australia



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### **The Law Reform Commission of Western Australia announces the appointment of a New Commissioner**

The Law Reform Commission of Western Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Joseph McGrath as the private legal practitioner member.

Mr McGrath is a graduate of the University of Western Australia (BA (Hons), LL.M), the Australian National University (LLB) and the London School of Economics (LL.M). He was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1991 and has been at the independent bar since March 2001. Prior to this, Mr McGrath was a Senior Assistant Director at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. He is currently a member of the Council of the Western Australian Bar Association and practices primarily in the area of complex criminal matters (corporate) and law enforcement issues arising in the criminal justice system.

Ms Mary Anne Kenny has also been elected Chair of the Law Reform Commission, replacing Ms Gillian Braddock SC who completed her six year term with the Commission on 22 October 2008. Mary Anne Kenny, the academic member, was appointed to the Commission on 15 February 2006 and is a Senior Lecturer in Law. She is a graduate of the University of Western Australia (B.Juris, LLB (Hons)) and from the University of Iowa (LL.M International and Comparative Law). She was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1993 and is a registered Migration Agent. Ms Kenny has been at Murdoch University since 1997 when she was involved in establishing the clinical legal education program at SCALES in 1997. She was the Director of the clinical program from 2000-2005. Prior to working at Murdoch University Ms Kenny worked for Legal Aid WA and for the Youth Legal Service.

The Commission would like to take the opportunity to welcome Joe to the Commission and to thank Gillian for her tireless efforts and strong commitment to law reform. It was both an honour and a privilege to have worked with Gillian during her term at the Commission and we wish her every success in the future.

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