



FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE

MEDIA RELEASE

7th February, 2001.

Ms Jennifer Rimmer will be sworn in tomorrow as the second Federal Magistrate to be located in Brisbane .

The Federal Magistrates Service is the first lower level Commonwealth court. It has been established to deal with less complex federal disputes, providing a quicker, cheaper and simpler alternative to litigation in the Federal Court or Family Court.

Ms Rimmer was admitted to practise as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1982. Since then she has worked extensively in family law, having held senior positions within the Family Court.

Until recently, Ms Rimmer, worked as a Senior Executive Service Band 2 Registrar with the Family Court of Australia in Brisbane. In this capacity she determined parenting applications, divorce applications, child and spouse maintenance applications and delivered reasons for decisions in each state.

Ms Rimmer took up her appointment on Monday 5th February, 2000 to join Federal Magistrate Michael Baumann as a Brisbane-based federal magistrate. Her appointment will also see her travel throughout Queensland and other Australian states if the need arises.

The swearing in will be held at 9.30am tomorrow at the Commonwealth Law Courts in North Quay, Brisbane.

Attached: Federal Magistrate Rimmer biography.

BIOGRAPHY

Jennifer Rimmer, 40, was admitted to practise as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1982.

Ms Rimmer is currently a Senior Executive Service (SES) Band 2 Registrar with the Family Court of Australia in Brisbane. In this capacity she has determined interim parenting applications, divorce applications, child and spouse maintenance applications and delivered reasons for decisions in each case.

Ms Rimmer's experience as a Registrar of the Family Court extends over a period of approximately nine years. From 1994 to 1998, she was Deputy Principal Registrar of the Court and in this role provided senior professional leadership to all SES Registrars who preside in Family Court registries in New South Wales, Queensland, the Northern Territory and the Australia Capital Territory.

She has also served in Registrar positions at various levels with the Family Court in Brisbane and Parramatta. She took leave from the Court from July 1998 until May 1999 and worked in private practice to further develop and broaden her experience and skills in family law and general legal practice.

Ms Rimmer was a senior solicitor with Queensland Legal Aid from 1988 until 1989 and for the six years prior to that, she worked in private practice as a family lawyer. She has an in-depth knowledge of the jurisdiction of the Family Court and is highly regarded by the judiciary and the legal profession in southern Queensland. She also has a strong commitment to the provision of legal services to rural and regional Australia.