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APPOINTMENT OF CEO OF THE FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock today announced the appointment of John Mathieson as Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Magistrates Court.

“I welcome Mr Mathieson’s appointment,” Mr Ruddock said.

“He is an experienced court administrator who is well-equipped to oversee the administration of the Federal Magistrates Court.”

Mr Mathieson has been the District Registrar of both the New South Wales Registry of the Federal Court of Australia since 1995, and of the Court’s ACT Registry, since 1997.

Prior to commencing with the Federal Court, Mr Mathieson was Assistant Registrar of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for six years and a Deputy Registrar (Legal) for three years in the Family Court of Australia.

Previously, Mr Mathieson had 11 years in private practice as a solicitor, predominantly in family law and general litigation.

He will take up his five-year appointment on 26 April 2005.

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