



## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
SUPREME COURT  
STATE SQUARE  
DARWIN NT 0800

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

The Chief Justice of the Northern Territory Supreme Court is pleased to announce he has appointed John B Lawrence as Senior Counsel in the Northern Territory.

Chief Justice Riley said Mr Lawrence was selected as he has demonstrated all of the attributes required for appointment as Senior Counsel. These include an exemplary knowledge and understanding of the law; a high level of skill as an advocate; integrity and trustworthiness; commitment to the best traditions of the bar and the administration of justice; and maturity of judgment acquired from substantial experience in legal practice.

#### **Biography**

John B. Lawrence graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Strathclyde, Scotland in 1979 and then a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne in 1985.

From 1986 to 1992 Mr Lawrence worked initially as a Junior Crown Prosecutor then as Senior Crown Prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

From 1992 Mr Lawrence worked as the Solicitor in Charge of what was then NAALAS and is now NAAJA and then joined the Independent Bar in 1997.

Mr Lawrence has appeared in many major trials and appears regularly in the Northern Territory Court of Criminal Appeal, the Northern Territory Court of Appeal and has also appeared in the High Court of Australia.

Mr Lawrence has been a member of William Forster Chambers (1997), James Muirhead Chambers (1998-2004) and with John Toohey Chambers since 2004.

Mr Lawrence is the current President of the Criminal Lawyers Association.

Trevor Riley  
Chief Justice