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A WELCOME BACK FOR TERRITORY MAGISTRATES

Vince Luppino and Michael Ward have recently been appointed as magistrates in the Northern Territory. It is the second stint as a member of the Territory legal community for each of them. *Balance* joins the profession in welcoming the magistrates, and provides readers with a brief profile on them both.

Mr Luppino has admitted to "craving to move back to the Territory ever since leaving Darwin." He first worked here in 1995 as a Senior Associate at Darwin's Ward Keller and loved it.

"I am very pleased and proud to be appointed as a magistrate for the Territory," Mr Luppino said. "Being a magistrate is something I have been thinking about for the last few years."

Hailing originally from South Australia Mr Luppino spent 17 years in Adelaide in private practice as a principal of his own law firm, Zacharoyannis Luppino. He practised widely in a diverse range of areas, including family law and criminal and civil matters.



Vince Luppino from Ward Keller days

After three years in Darwin, between 1995 — 1998, Mr Luppino returned to South Australia where he took up Senior Associate positions with law firms Gun & Davey and Finlaysons.

He will move to the Territory with his wife and one of three sons, Tom, and will be based in Darwin.

Mr Ward is not new to either the Territory or the magistracy. He has already served more than 22 years as a magistrate in the Territory, ACT and South Australia.

In 1969 Mr Ward was admitted as a barrister and solicitor in Darwin and a year later was appointed stipendiary magistrate. He remained in Darwin until his home was destroyed by Cyclone Tracey in 1975 only to return again in 1980 to practice as a barrister. During his time at the Territory bar Mr Ward developed a civil practice including workers compensation, industrial accident and motor vehicle compensation, as well as a criminal practice.

Between 1983 and 1985 Mr Ward acted as counsel assisting the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, Sir William Kearney, in the Jawoyn land claim, the Warramungu claim at Tennant Creek and the Ti-Tree land claim.

The following thirteen years Mr Ward worked as a magistrate in the ACT until his resignation and subsequent move to Adelaide where he practised as a barrister in criminal and civil law at Edmund Barton Chambers.

Mr Ward joins a son and daughter-in-law in Alice Springs and took up his post as magistrate in the Alice on Monday 9 October 2000.



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