

ACT BAR SENIOR COUNSEL APPOINTMENT - 2019

The President of the Australian Capital Territory Bar Association, Mr Steven Whybrow, today announced the appointment of Shane Drumgold as Senior Counsel (SC) for the Australian Capital Territory.

Mr Drumgold is a graduate of the University of Canberra and has been a leader in the criminal law for many years, having worked as both a prosecutor and as a Public Defence in the Solomon Islands in a career spanning almost 20 years. In 2004 Mr Drumgold was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study indigenous incarceration rates in the US, Canada and New Zealand and maintains a strong commitment to addressing the issue of rising indigenous incarceration rates in this country.

Mr Drumgold has appeared as counsel in over 100 trials including as lead counsel in many of the most serious and significant prosecutions in the Territory in recent years including *R v Al Hazri*, *R v Vojneski* and *R v Rappel*.

Mr Drumgold is now the current Director of the DPP (ACT) and brings more than 16 years of experience at the Office of the DPP (ACT) to this role. He is an experienced trial advocate whose significant professional and life experience has served him well. Mr Drumgold provides leadership and inspiration to his prosecutors to discharge their duties with diligence and fairness and a commitment to justice.

“After a wide ranging consultation process, I am delighted to announce Shane Drumgold’s appointment as Senior Counsel”, said Mr Whybrow.

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