



**ADDRESS OF DAVID CHESTERMAN ON THE  
OCCASION OF A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR  
MAGISTRATE JASON SCHUBERT AT 9.00 AM  
ON WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. May it please the court.
2. On behalf of the Bar Association of Queensland, it gives me great pleasure to address the Court on this important occasion.
3. **Magistrate Schubert**, your Honour joins the court following a distinguished career in the legal profession. Your Honour is of course no stranger to this court, having been appointed as Acting Magistrate since May 2014, and prior to that as Acting Judicial Registrar from 2011 to 2015.
4. Your Honour obtained a Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology in 2006 and was admitted as a legal practitioner in January 2007. Prior to graduating, your Honour had worked at the courts and other significant organisations within the legal profession.
5. Upon your admission into the profession, your Honour already carried important responsibilities within the legal system including as Registrar in the District and Supreme Courts. This paved the way for you to demonstrate your leadership and management skills in your role as Regional Manager for South West Queensland, where you were responsible for 15 Magistrates Courts, nine District Courts, and two Supreme Courts. You were also Chair of the Appeal Cost Board for 2 years.
6. From 2009 to 2011, your Honour was the Director of Client Services at the Office of the Adult Guardian. Your Honour was recognised by the then acting Adult Guardian, Lindsay Irons, as deserving of special acknowledgment as a result of your Honour's significant contributions, including in overseeing a raft of structural and policy changes, strengthening the office culture, and advancing the interests of the Adult Guardian.
7. Following this, your Honour took up an important role as Senior Legal Officer at the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, and then as Executive Manager and Director at the Office of the State Coroner.
8. Your leadership in these roles was recognised when you were elevated to the role of Acting Judicial Registrar in 2011, and Acting Magistrate in 2014. As Acting Magistrate your

Honour has continued to work tirelessly for the people of Queensland, no doubt at some personal cost, sitting in 38 courthouses across Queensland, and relieving at several regional locations for extended periods at a time.

9. As Acting Magistrate your Honour was also regularly called upon by the Chief Magistrate to help train newly appointed Magistrates. Your generosity and willingness to impart your knowledge on others, along with your demonstrated capacity for hard work and strong sense of public service, make you an invaluable addition to this court.
10. The Bar and its members extend to you, your wife Marea, and your children Lachie and Ella, its congratulations and best wishes on this well-deserved appointment. We thank you for your continued service to the justice system and the people of Queensland.
11. We wish your Honour a long and successful career on the bench.
12. May it please the court.