

# Media Release

## Doors opening 5 December

THE OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSIONER WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016.

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The office of the Judicial Conduct Commissioner will commence operations on Monday 5 December 2016.

The office will receive complaints about the conduct of serving judicial officers.

In August 2016 the Attorney-General announced that the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, the Hon. Bruce Lander QC had been appointed South Australia's first Judicial Conduct Commissioner.

"Members of the Judiciary, like other public office holders, are expected to conduct themselves professionally. For the most part I am sure that they do. However, in circumstances where they do not meet acceptable professional standards, there should be an independent person who can address that conduct," said Commissioner Lander.

Commissioner Lander's appointment as the JCC will run concurrently with his appointment as the ICAC. In his role as the ICAC, Commissioner Lander has jurisdiction over the conduct of judicial officers should that conduct raise a potential matter of corruption. His corresponding role as the JCC widens that scope so that the Commissioner, in his capacity as the JCC, may receive complaints about the conduct of serving judicial officers that is relevant to their judicial duties.

Since the appointment was announced the Commissioner has been preparing the new office for commencement.

"I think we are now suitably prepared to start receiving complaints," said Commissioner Lander.

From 5 December complaints can be made in writing via the online form on the JCC website:

[www.jcc.sa.gov.au](http://www.jcc.sa.gov.au)