

## **Counsel assisting the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry announced.**

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Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry has today announced counsel assisting the Inquiry.

Kathryn McMillan SC and Michael Copley SC will commence with the Commission on Tuesday 17 July.

Ms McMillan was called to the Bar in 1987 and was appointed senior counsel in 2006.

She is a member of the Conduct Sub-Committee and Bar Association of Queensland. She is also a part-time member of the Human Research Ethics Committee at the Royal Brisbane Hospital and a former member of the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal and Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Her main areas of practice include family law, where she has appeared on behalf of the independent children's lawyer; child protection; adult guardian and human rights; professional disciplinary matters; inquests; and alternative dispute resolution.

Michael Copley SC was called to the Bar in 1988 and was appointed senior counsel in 2008.

He was a Crown Prosecutor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Qld) between 1991 and 2011.

From 1991 he principally conducted criminal trials and from 2001 he was primarily involved in appellate prosecutions in the Court of Appeal and the High Court. He is best known as one of the most experienced and able criminal appeal advocates in the state.

He joined the private bar twelve months ago where his practice has primarily involved criminal defence work.

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