

Australian Capital Territory

# Legal Aid (Commissioner - Bar Association Nominee) Appointment 2009

Disallowable Instrument DI2009-86

made under the

*Legal Aid Act 1977*, s7 (3) (Constitution of Commission)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act), at section 6, provides for the establishment of the Legal Aid Commission. The Commission shall provide legal assistance in ACT matters in accordance with the Act. This may include arranging for the services of private legal practitioners to be made available at the expense of the Commission or by making available the services of officers to the Commission.

Paragraph 7(1)(c) of the Act provides that the Commission must be constituted by a commissioner chosen from a panel of not less than three people nominated by the council of the bar association.

This instrument appoints John David Harris SC, a nominee of the ACT Bar Association, as part-time Commissioner of the Legal Aid Commission for a period of three years commencing on 19 April 2009.

Pursuant to section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, this appointment required consultation with the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety. The Committee has advised that it has no recommendations to make.