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TO: ALL NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

**LACHLAN SPARGO-PEATTIE, ELIZABETH FARQUHAR, AND NICOLA
MACCARRON JOIN WILLIAM FORSTER CHAMBERS**

Dear colleagues

We are delighted to announce that Lachlan Spargo-Peattie, Elizabeth Farquhar, and Nicola MacCarron have joined William Forster Chambers.

Lachlan Spargo-Peattie

Lachlan practises in public law and adjacent areas. He regularly appears in the High Court of Australia, the Federal Court, and the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, principally in constitutional law, administrative law, human rights and native title matters. He has appeared in the High Court approximately 30 times, on several occasions unled.

Prior to commencing at the private bar, Lachlan was Crown Counsel for the Northern Territory, having held that position since 2020. He came to the Territory in 2015 as the Associate to Justice Stephen Southwood and commenced practice at the Solicitor for the Northern Territory in 2016, working in native title and general civil litigation. He joined the Solicitor-General's Chambers in 2018 and has practised as counsel since that time.

Lachlan has lectured in administrative and constitutional law and is the convenor of the Northern Territory Chapter of the Australian Association of Constitution Law.

Lachlan can be contacted via reception or at lspargo-peattie@williamforster.com

Elizabeth Farquhar

Liz is a Territory local and was called to the bar and joined William Forster Chambers in July 2026, having worked as a solicitor-advocate from 2010 with the Litigation Division of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory and as a Prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (NT) from 2007. Liz served as the Associate to the Honourable Chief Justice Brian Ross Martin from 2005-2006.

Liz has comprehensive government experience having worked in the Departments of Health, Housing, Education and the Attorney-General.

Liz has extensive experience as a Solicitor-Advocate within Government, including as Principal Lawyer, Civil Claims within the Solicitor for the Northern Territory. She has appeared as an advocate in the Supreme Court, Local Court and various tribunals across the Northern Territory.

She was a Commissioner of Legal Aid from 2021-2026, a member of the Serious Sex Offender Referral Committee from 2019-2026, an ad hoc member of the Promotion and Grievance Review Tribunal in the Northern Territory Government and the legal member of various Health ethics committees.

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Nicola MacCarron

Nicola is an experienced Criminal Lawyer having worked as a Federal Prosecutor with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions before commencing at Legal Aid NT in 2012 where she practised as a criminal solicitor (including as a specialist Youth Justice lawyer) and then went on to hold roles that included Manager of the Darwin Crime Practice and Manager Client Services.

Nicola has extensive experience in all types of criminal matters in the Supreme and Local Courts and a particular expertise in Youth Justice Court matters. She has appeared as counsel in criminal trials for offences ranging from serious violence and sexual offences, to drug matters and fraud.

Nicola is the Treasurer of the Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT and has held that role since 2011.

Nicola can be contacted via reception or at nmaccarron@williamforster.com

Lachlan, Elizabeth, and Nicola are available to accept instructions immediately.