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## NEW JUDGE FOR SUPREME COURT STRONG STAND ON CHILD ABUSE

### Judge Fiannaca SC Western Australia

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**USPA NEWS** - DEPUTY DIRECTOR of Public Prosecutions Bruno Fiannaca SC has been appointed a Judge of the West Australian Supreme Court. Mr Fiannaca has spent more than 25 years as a state prosecutor . Fiannaca has strong views on child sex offenders and is not afraid to prosecute.

### Appointment starts on August 31, 2015

Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Bruno Fiannaca SC has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. Attorney General Michael Mischin said Mr Fiannaca was a highly experienced legal practitioner who had spent the majority of his career as a State prosecutor. "Mr Fiannaca has extensive legal acumen after spending more than 25 years prosecuting a number of high profile criminal cases on behalf of the State," Mr Mischin said.

"He has been the deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for the past five years and has acted in the position of DPP, making him suitably qualified for the Supreme Court."

Mr Fiannaca completed his legal education at The University of Western Australia in 1984

In 1992, Mr Fiannaca joined the office of the DPP as a Crown Prosecutor and was appointed Consultant Crown Prosecutor in 2001, senior counsel in 2005, acting DPP in 2009 and 2010 and deputy DPP in 2010.

Mr Fiannaca's appointment follows the recent appointments of Paul Tottle and former District Court of Western Australia Chief Judge Peter Martino as Justices of the Supreme Court of WA. Fiannaca has a reputation for his strong stand against violence and child abuse. In 2014 Fiannaca rejected a plea offer from Stefan Schmidt, 28, made at the start of his retrial on a charge of murdering Andrew Marshall, a musician, who died after being pushed out of a hotel window at Ocean Beach Hotel receiving full support from the community. Mr Fiannaca is well known for his firmness to criminals and understanding to victims.

This week the woman who set Dana Vulin alight causing her life-threatening burns has lost an appeal against the 17-year jail sentence. Dimitrovksa also appealed the sentence on the grounds that the 17 year sentence was "excessive". Dimitrovksa caused burns to more than 60 per cent of Ms Vulin's body after dousing her with methylated spirits and setting her alight.

George R.R. Martin once said, "The man who passes the sentence should swing the sword. If you would take a man's life, you owe it to him to look into his eyes and hear his final words. And if you cannot bear to do that, then perhaps the man does not deserve to die." Is Perth ready for the very serious Judge Fiannaca that can look a criminal in the eye? Social media says yes!.Namaste

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