



**OFFICE OF THE INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR  
INDUSTRIAL COURT OF QUEENSLAND  
QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS**

His Excellency the Governor acting on the advice of Executive Council has today made the following appointments to the Industrial Court of Queensland and the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission:

**Vice President - Industrial Court of Queensland**

The new Vice President – Daniel O’Connor – was originally appointed a Deputy President of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission in 2012 and a Deputy President of the Industrial Court of Queensland in 2013.

**Deputy President - Industrial Court of Queensland**

Deputy President John Merrell was called to the Queensland Bar in 2000 and has practised as a barrister at the private bar predominantly in the area of Industrial and Employment Law. His Honour holds the degrees of Bachelor of Business majoring in Industrial Relations, Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Master of Laws.

**Industrial Commissioner – Queensland Industrial Relations Commission**

Industrial Commissioner Samantha Pidgeon was, until her appointment, the Vice President of the Queensland Teachers’ Union of Employees. Ms Pidgeon has previously worked in various roles in the education sector including in Queensland state schools and in the Department of Education. Commissioner Pidgeon is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Vice President O’Connor, Deputy President Merrell and Industrial Commissioner Pidgeon will be formally sworn-in at a joint sitting of the Industrial Court of Queensland and the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission on Monday 17 December 2018 at 9.30am.

Madonna Shelley  
**Industrial Registrar**  
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